

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE, AMENITIES AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16th MARCH 2026 at 6.00pm

Members' Present : Cllr C Stewart
Cllr K Cernik
Cllr C Fox
Cllr J Macdonald
Cllr A Kent
Cllr S Naylor
Cllr T Melville

Also Present : Chris Shaw – Chief Officer
Cath Kirwan – Deputy Chief Officer/RFO

FIN26/89 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr R Waterman, Cllr R Cernik and Cllr L Siddall.

FIN 26/90 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Sam Naylor declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester and Mid Cheshire Hospital Trust.
Councillor Julie Macdonald declared an interest in any matters relating to Northwich Metals.

FIN 26/91 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the Finance, Amenities and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 16th February 2026 and noted at Full Council meeting on Monday 2nd March 2026.

Proposed Cllr A Kent, seconded Cllr S Naylor, all agreed

F IN 26/92 DETAILED INCOME & EXPENDITURE BY BUDGET

RFO answered various members questions relating to budget headings.

Cllr Andy Kent proposed that monthly meetings be held with Rudheath Parish Council, and that all correspondence should be directed through the Clerk.

Proposed Cllr J Macdonald, seconded Cllr C Fox, all agreed

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**Cllr Kate Cernik
Chair**

FIN 26/93 BACS DUE FOR PAYMENT

Bacs payments and direct debit figure approved £95,171.75

Proposed Cllr C Fox, seconded Cllr J Macdonald, all agreed

FIN 26/94 FINANCE COMMITTEE TO CHECK PAYMENTS

Members chose two payments from both February 2026 payments. DCO/RFO provided the evidence for:

Northwich Tree Surgery - £144.00
Steve Pugh Gravediggers - £1050.00

FIN 26/95 ASSET DISPOSALS

Members were presented with the Asset Disposal List and were approved.

Proposed Cllr C Fox, seconded Cllr J Macdonald, all agreed

FIN 25/96 REFRESHMENTS AND PADDLING POOL HIRE INCREASE

Members were presented with Refreshments and Paddling Pool Private Hire Increase.

Members agreed to accept the new price increases.

Proposed Cllr A Kent, seconded Cllr C Stewart, all agreed

FIN 25/97 CREMATED REMAINS

Members were presented with a report prior to the meeting.

Members agreed to accept the recommendation to proceed with the installation of a concrete plinth for additional cremated remains vaults.

Proposed by Cllr C Fox and seconded by Cllr T Melville, all agreed

FIN 25/98 DANE VALLEY CEMETERY PATH EXTENSION

Members were presented with a report prior to the meeting.

Members agreed to award the contract to Groundwork and Leisure services at a total cost of £9,1000.00, plus VAT.

Proposed by Cllr A Kent and seconded by Cllr C Stewart, all agreed

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**Cllr Kate Cernik
Chair**

FIN 25/99 HEADSTONE REGULATIONS REVIEW

Members were presented with a report prior to the meeting.

Members agreed to approve the increase to the new memorial sizes for Dane Valley Cemetery.

Proposed by Cllr S Naylor and seconded by Cllr C Stewart, all agreed

FIN 26/100 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of the next meeting Monday 20th April 2026 at 6.00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.45pm.

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**Cllr Kate Cernik
Chair**