

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28TH JANUARY 2026 AT 7.15PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER



PRESENT:

Cllr A Donaldson
Cllr H Lacey
Cllr D Mantock
Cllr J Rose (Chair)
Cllr S Trim

IN ATTENDANCE:

K Squire (Town Clerk)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 1

MINUTE NO	COMMENTS
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25/26/234	To receive comments and questions from members of the public No comments or questions were received.
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25/26/235	Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllrs Batstone and Dobson. These apologies were accepted by members.
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25/26/236	To approve declarations of interest and written applications for dispensation Cllr Lacey declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 25/26/240 as a Trustee of the SN Community Building Trust.
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25/26/237	To approve the minutes of the previous Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 26 Nov 25 The minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 26 Nov 25, having been circulated and published prior to the meeting, were taken as a true and correct record and duly signed by the Chair.
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25/26/238	Financial Matters:
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	1. To approve any payments over £2000
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	There were no payments over £2000 to approve.
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	2. To approve the income and expenditure report as at 31 Dec 25
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	The Committee resolved to recommend approval of the income & expenditure report as at 31 Dec 25 to the Town Council.
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	3. To approve the balance sheet as at 31 Dec 25
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4. To approve the reserves as at 31 Dec 25

The Committee resolved to recommend approval of the reserves report as at 31 Dec 25 to the Town Council.

25/26/239 To approve payments made under delegation between 1 Oct 25 – 31 Dec 25 and confirm a sample of payments made between these dates had been checked by Cllrs Lacey and Trim

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25/26/240 To consider applications for grants for 25/26

Following discussion regarding the grant applications that had been previously circulated to members. The total grant funding available was £3900 and total applications was £8931.50. The Committee took into consideration previous awards and financial information.

The Committee resolved to recommend the following to the Town Council:

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Granted</u>
1st SN Brownies Contribution to insurance and subsidising membership fees	£750.00	£596.00
1st SN Guides Contribution to insurance and subsidising membership fees	£750.00	£596.00
SN Amateur Dramatic Society Investment in youth membership	500.00	NIL
SN Allotment Association Capture & store water at Chinnocks Allotments	£257.50	£258.00
SN Community Benefit Society Roof Repairs John Romans Building	£750.00	NIL
SN Community Building Trust Room Hire for Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) one day per week for one year	£750.00	£500.00
SN Choral Society Contribution to costs of concert 9 May 26	£500.00	£350.00
SN Football Club Youth Contribution to training facilities and referee fees	£750.00	NIL
SN & Hinton Cricket Club Contribution to replacing nets	£750.00	£600.00

St Marys Church	£750.00	NIL
Purchase of photocopier		
Stepping Stones Preschool	£750.00	£250.00
Purchase of Storage		
Stur Litfest	£750.00	£750.00
Contribution to 'The Art & Poetry of War' event		
Riverside Fest	£750.00	NIL
Contribution to event workshop and display		
William Barnes Primary School	£174.00	NIL*
Speech & Language Therapy Resources		
* This application will now be covered by The Charity of William Williams		

25/26/241 To receive information from members and proposals for future business
 Cllr Lacey – Asked for an update on the progress of the governance review by the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils (DAPTC). The Mayor will contact DAPTC and report to Council.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.53pm

Chairs Signature..... Date Approved