

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 26 AT 7.15PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER



PRESENT:

Cllr P Batstone
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: 0

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25/26/317	To receive comments and questions from members of the public
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No comments or questions were received.

25/26/ 318	Apologies for absence
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Apologies were received from Cllr Dobson. These apologies were accepted by members.

25/26/319	To approve declarations of interest and written applications for dispensation
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No interests were declared and no written requests for dispensation received.

25/26/320	To approve the minutes of the previous Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 26 January 26
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The minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 26 January 26, having been circulated and published prior to the meeting, were taken as a true and correct record and duly signed by the Chair.

25/26/321	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.

2. To approve the income and expenditure report as at 31 March 26
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The Committee resolved to recommend approval of the income & expenditure report as at 31 March 26 to the Town Council, subject to explanation of a discrepancy of 26p between two versions of the report. The Clerk confirmed that the report circulated to members of the Committee was correct, her working papers had been printed prior to making a vat adjustment on the petty cash account.

3. To approve the balance sheet as at 31 March 2026

The Committee resolved to recommend approval of the balance sheet as at 31 March 26 to the Town Council.

4. To approve the reserves as at 31 March 26

The Committee resolved to recommend approval of the reserves report as at 31 March 26 to the Town Council.

25/26/322 To approve payments made under delegation between 1 January 26 – 31 March 26 and confirm a sample of payments made between these dates had been checked by Cllrs Batstone and Rose

The Committee resolved to approve payments made under delegation between 1 January 26 – 31 March 26 and confirmed a sample of payments made between these dates had been checked.

25/26/323 To review the following policies:

- Subject Access Request

The Committee resolved that GDPR training should be completed before approving the policy but agreed to use the information contained in the proposed policy as guidelines to be reviewed in six months after completion of training.

- Data Protection Impact Assessment

The Committee resolved to adopt the Data Protection Impact Assessment Policy.

25/26/324 To receive information from members and proposals for future business

Cllr Lacey – Asked when the DAPTC governance review report would be received.
Cllr Batstone – Reminded the Committee about asking the Town Council to put together a business plan for the youth club.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.08pm

Chairs Signature..... Date Approved