MINUTES of the **EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber on **Monday 8th June 2026**

Present:	Stuart Condie	Town Mayor
	David Eggleton*	Deputy Town Mayor
	Diane Black	
	Matthew Cornish	
	Cedric de Souza	
	Robert Eggleston	
	Anne Eves	
	Bob Foster	
	Jon Gardner	
	Matthew Goldsmith	
	Janice Henwood	
	Simon Hicks*	
	Trevor Hines	
	Mohammad Hossain*	
	John Orchard	
	Andy Stowe*	
	Brenda Williams*	
	Peter Williams*	
	Adam White	

* *Denotes non-attendance.*

Meeting commenced at: 8.12pm

11. **OPEN FORUM**

There were no members of the public present.

12. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

RESOLVED to accept the apologies from:
Cllr Eggleton - Work Commitment
Cllr Hicks – Personal Commitment
Cllr Hossain - Personal Commitment
Cllr Stowe – Personal Commitment
Cllr B Williams - Personal Commitment

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Cllr P Williams – Personal Commitment

13. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none

14. **FINANCIAL RESULT FOR THE 2025/26 YEAR**

The Finance Committee of 8th June having accepted the Financial Outturn had recommended that the surplus be returned to the General Reserve, in lieu of recommendations to be considered later in their agenda.

RESOLVED: That the surplus is transferred to the general reserve.

15. **APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2025/26 PART 3**

As part of the end of year audit requirements, the Town Council, under The Accounts and Audit Regulation 2015, must complete an Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) with supporting documentation for the year 2025/26. The purpose of the AGAR is to summarise the Council's activities and governance responsibilities, in a specified format, at the completion of each financial year. The AGAR has been considered by the Finance Committee on 8th June and they have recommended that the Council Approve this for signing.

RESOLVED: That the Annual Governance and Accounting Statement 2025/26, be approved and signed accordingly.

16 **RISK REGISTER**

A new risk Register had been considered by the Finance Committee and subject to a request to change some of the IT related risks to a higher risk at this time while the Councils IT is addressed and updated, it is recommended for adoption.

RESOLVED: To adopt the Risk Register as considered at the Finance Meeting of 8th June.

17 **CHURCH WALK BUILDING REPAIRS AND PLANNED RENEWALS (INCLUDING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)**

The Finance Committee having received a report as to the need to spend unplanned sums on building repairs and IT upgrades had recommended to Council that General Reserves be utilised for the

most emergent works.

RESOLVED: to approve the withdrawal from general reserves of up to £33,000 to enable the replacement of the boiler, the fire risk space assessment, urgent building repairs and commencement of priority IT upgrades.

18 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION – RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION

The Chairman introduced the report and opened it for comments. It was requested to insert “as set out in the Governments modifications” be inserted in paragraph 3 on page 4 of the agenda to read; *Whilst we understand the rationale behind the proposed grouping of the coastal and inland unitary authorities as set out in the Governments modifications, we are concerned that the inland unitary would cover an exceptionally large geographic area*.

The Chief Executive thanked the Councillors who had contributed to the draft.

RESOLVED:
1) To approve the submission of the consultation, with the amended paragraph 3

The meeting closed at 8.19pm

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