



**Minutes of a Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held in the Market Hall,  
The Square, Holsworthy, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 on at 5.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors; J., Allen, N. Kenneally & J. Hutchings

**In Attendance:** Town Clerk (TC), Assistant to the Town Clerk (ATTC)

**Absentees:** P. Brown & D. De ste Croix

**1664. Apologises for absences**

Councillors; H. Parker

**1665. Declaration of Interest**

Councillor J. Allen asked Councillors to declare any relevant interests as they arose.

**1666. Public question time**

No members of public in attendance

**1667. Minutes of the last meeting – to sign and agree the Minutes of the F & GP Committee Meetings held on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Councillor J. Hutchings proposed the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025 be signed as a true record and be agreed. This was seconded by Councillor J. Allen and approved. (Unanimous).**

**1668. Matters arising – To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the F & GP Committee Meetings held on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025**  
No matters arose.

**1669. To review the Finance & General Purposes Committee Action Plan.**

The committee reviewed the F&GP Action list and noted that recordings have been received from the editor which Cllrs N. Kenneally & J. Hutchings will review the footage. The lease with the football club is ongoing. The bus shelter noticeboards will be investigated further when TDC have completed their renovation works.

**1670. Account payments/receipts and Budget Review – To examine and agree the accounts.**

The committee reviewed the finances noting that grants is misbalanced due to the Mayor's Charity funds being allocated to this Cost Centre. Further Discussion ensued.

**Councillor N. Kenneally proposed to rename the 'Mayoral' Cost Centre to 'Mayor's Charity' and cost code 42 be allocated to this and be approved. This was seconded by Councillor J. Hutchings and agreed. (Unanimous).**

**Councillor J. Hutchings proposed the Finances for November & December are a true record and be agreed. This was seconded by Councillor N. Kenneally and approved. (Unanimous)**

**1671. To agree any virements.**

The committee and TC discussed funds from grant received. Discussion ensued. The committee requested that the funds be directly allocated to the Christmas Event's cost code no. 77.

**1672. To discuss additional CCTV request by the Holsworthy Police**

The Committee discussed the CCTV request by Holsworthy Police regarding recommended locations for implementing CCTV cameras and noted the priority areas. The committee noted that the suggested locations include private property which would therefore require permission. Cllr. J. Hutchings requested further information and statistics indicating the requirement for the specific camera's and note that there is currently no funding.

**1673. To discuss and agree investment strategy for 2026/27**

The committee reviewed the current balance of HTC's bank accounts. The TC noted that the precept for the new year will be received from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026. Cllr. J. Allen gave the committee a financial forecast indicating how much money HTC will have available for investing and advised that the protected funds limit has increased to £120,000. Further discussion ensued. Cllr. J. Allen suggested testing the accessibility of withdrawing from the Skipton Account with a sum of £1,000. It was noted that the bond will mature on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Cllr. J. Allen suggested the committee investigate what the process for the TC to withdraw larger sums than authorised when projects are ongoing, for example the MUGA funds. Cllr. J. Allen also suggested that HTC open an additional bank account to ensure all funds are protected by the bank deposit guarantee. The TC advised that to implement new processes HSBC require 2 signatories to authorise. It was recommended to visit the new banking hub in Bude to begin this process. The committee discussed funds required for additional expenditure to manage Town Ranger tasks.

**Councillor N. Kenneally proposed to withdraw £1,000 from Skipton and if successful, invest £50,000 into Skipton Building Society from HSBC and be approved. This was seconded by Councillor J. Allen and agreed. (Unanimous).**

The committee requested the finances to be up to the final date of the previous month and not to date.

**1674. Town Clerk's Report**

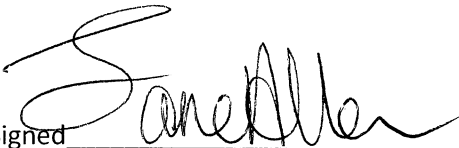
The TC informed the committee that the VAT return came in on 15<sup>th</sup> January.

**1675. Exchange of information**

No further information was exchanged.

**1676. Close**

Councillor J. Allen closed the meeting at 18:44

Signed 

Date 18 Feb 25