



NEWPORT & CARISBROOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF NEWPORT & CARISBROOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S FINANCE
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15th DECEMBER 2025, COMMENCING AT
10AM AT 64 HIGH STREET NEWPORT.

Members Present: Cllrs A Garratt (Chair), R Harrington-Vail (Vice-Chair), E Esteban,
J Jones-Evans, V Lowthion, T. Martin, T. Verrinder.

Also in attendance

RFO: Victoria Wright

Acting Clerk: Bob Blezzard

Public Questions - None

23	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Apologies were received from Cllr Smith
24	<u>Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.</u> Cllr Garratt declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to IOW Council as an Isle of Wight councillor Cllr Jones-Evans declared a non-pecuniary interest in items relating to IOW Council as an Isle of Wight councillor and Newport Business Association as Vice-Chair. Cllr Harrington-Vail declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to Community Action as a trustee. Cllr Terry Martin declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to Gunville Community Association.
25	<u>Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising.</u> Members were presented with the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21 st July. <u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the minutes of the finance committee meeting held on 21st July 2025 be unanimously agreed and signed as an accurate record.

	<p>Members were presented with the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17th November.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the minutes of the finance committee meeting held on 17th November 2025 be unanimously agreed and signed as an accurate record.</p> <p>Matters arising – None</p>
26	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>Members received the payments list to 30th November.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the accounts paid up to 30th November 2025 be noted.</p> <p>Members received the balance sheet to 30th November 2025.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the balance sheet for November 2025 be noted & signed.</p> <p>Members received the income and expenditure report to 30th November 2025.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the income and expenditure report to 30th November 2025 be noted.</p>
27	<p><u>Budget 2026/2027</u></p> <p><u>Annual Grant Recipients</u></p> <p>Members discussed the annual grant recipients and with the exception of the Youth Café and Childrens Story Festival will recommend all additional funding requests to Full Council as part of the 2026/27 draft budget.</p> <p>Youth Café – Members praised the hard work and dedication that the Youth Café provide however, the request of an additional £24,000 (on top of their usual £10,000) was too much at the present time. That said, members unanimously agreed to recommend an additional £10,000 as a one off for 2026/27 bringing their total to £20,000. Members noted the Youth Café have several applications that they are hoping to be successful in the longer term.</p> <p>Childrens Story Festival – Members spoke very highly of the Story Festival and recommend increasing their annual donation by £750 for 2026/27 bringing their total to £4,750.00. Members noted that a proportion of this increase would support work relating to the National Year of Reading.</p> <p><u>Carry Forwards</u></p> <p>Three requested carry forwards for Hookes Way Project, Shaping Newport & Newport Heritage Society were agreed.</p>

Budget Bids

Members had discussions on each budget bid submitted. During discussion it became apparent not all members had seen the formal bids and that these would be recirculated.

Parks Officer

Members required more information on this item and where it could cover work currently carried out by the Environment Officer. It was suggested that this role could be appointed for the second 6 months of the financial year to avoid a full year cost.

Youth Provision

Members felt that any allocation to Youth Provision should be available to appropriate projects in the whole council area.

Artist Led Consultation Events (Clatterford Recreation Ground)

Members felt the sum of £5,000 was disproportionate to the level of investment.

Youth Provision Port Project.

Members recognised the work done by the project and felt that this should be a part of a broader discussion of overarching Youth Provision.

Shaping Newport

Members required more information as to how much is proposed to support a post holder and how much into delivering projects.

Toilets at Victoria Recreation Ground

Members noted that no sum was indicated and so this item will be considered at a later time.

Dog Bins

Members noted that this would replace bins which are the responsibility of Island Roads/IOW Council.

Harvey & Cooper Road Car Parks.

It was agreed that this item will be covered by the carry forward of £2,000 allocated during 2025/26.

Fairlee Hole

During discussion it was suggested that this could be reduced to £1,000. Members were keen to know if this is the responsibility of the Environment Agency or another organisation.

Skate Park Feasibility

Members agreed to recommend this item.

Newport Heritage Society

It was noted that a significant carry forward had already been agreed and the Heritage Society had not themselves made a budget bid. Members agreed to give it further consideration.

Events Coordinator

It was explained that this role would also extend to reception cover in the High Street office as well as providing additional staff resource both to

	<p>deliver current events and develop a wider events programme. A figure of £20,000 was indicated and members were supportive in principle.</p> <p>Maintenance of Assets Members were very much in support of these works and recognise that formal quotes would be needed.</p> <p>Victoria Recreation Ground Health & Safety. Members again were supportive of the works pending formal quotes and would at this stage recommend an indicative figure of £50,000. Assets & Facilities Committee would be requested to take this work forward.</p> <p>Additional Benches & Plinths – Victoria Recreation Ground. Members were minded to support this bid.</p> <p>Poverty Alleviation Support. It was agreed to carry forward any remaining balance and top the fund back up to £10,000 for 2026/27.</p>
28	<p><u>Poverty Alleviation Support</u></p> <p>Members were presented with two applications into the Poverty Alleviation Support Fund from the Pyle Street Pantry & Pan Together for £4,000 each.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the Pyle Street Pantry & Pan Together be awarded £4,000 each to support their ongoing community Pantry & Larder projects.</p>
29	<p><u>Members' Questions</u></p> <p>None</p>
30	<p><u>Next Agenda</u></p> <p>None</p>
31	<p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The next meeting of Newport & Carisbrooke Community Council's Finance Committee will take place on Monday 19th January 2026 at 64 High Street Newport commencing at 6:15pm.</p>

Signed By:

Chair/Vice-Chair

Date: