HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held at 7pm on Tuesday 17th June 2025, Town Hall, High St, Haslemere, GU27 2HG

Chairman	*Cllr Conrad Waters
Deputy Chair	*Cllr Bryan Carroll
Councillors	Aslam, Bayliss, *Carter, *Davidson, *Leach, Nicholson

* present

The meeting was clerked by the Town Clerk, Lisa O'Sullivan who chaired the meeting for the first item.

9/25 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR FOR 2025-26

Cllr Leach nominated Cllr Waters
Cllr Davidson seconded the nomination
No other nominations were made.
RESOLVED: Cllr Waters is elected committee chair for 2025-26

10/25 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR FOR 2025-26

Cllr Leach nominated Cllr Carroll
Cllr Arrick seconded the nomination
No other nominations were made.
RESOLVED: That Cllr Carroll is elected committee vice-chair for 2025-26

11/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Aslam has a prior engagement
Cllrs Bayliss has a work engagement.
Cllr Nicholson has a conflicting meeting

RESOLVED: That apologies received from councillors are accepted.

12/25 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cllr Carter declared an interest in Item 8 as he is a member of 3Counties Vineyard Church.

Cllr Leach declared an interest in Item 8 as his next door neighbour organises it and he is a donor to the event.

13/25 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held 11th February 2025 are agreed. These were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

14/25 COUNCIL DEPOSITS

The committee noted the council's bank accounts which were all within agreed tolerances.

15/25 REPAYMENT OF PWLB LOAN

The committee noted that the larger of the council's PWLB loans had been repaid in full.

16/25 SMALL GRANTS

I. The committee noted the small grant award of £495 to the Firepit Foodies which was made under delegated authority.

II. The Committee noted the budget remaining for the remainder of the financial year is £4505.

III. The Committee considered the following small grant application:
3 Counties Vineyard Church - **£950**
Project description: **Community Sunday Funday**
Previous grants from HTC: **None**

The committee discussed whether or not this was a genuine community event or only open to members of the church. It would appear that it is open to all and is organised to support local residents who may not be able to afford summer holiday activities for their families. The committee asked that if the organisation applies for funding in future, more and clearer information is supplied. The committee was mindful that the council only awards the full cost of events in exceptional circumstances, and that no case for that had been made by the applicant.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £700 is awarded for the Community Sunday Funday.

17/25 GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS

CBEC Terms of Reference – The CBEC committee has been asked to do this for its next meeting in October.

Roundabout Sponsorship policy – going to July Amenities committee

Signed.....

Date..21/10/25.....

Meeting finished 19:25 pm.

Chairman of Meeting

After the meeting had ended, there was a discussion over the criteria for awarding small grants so that consistency can be maintained. The current rules are out of date and need a review. The Clerk will put the formation of a small grants working party on the next Council agenda.