

BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting
held in the Council Chamber, The Chantry Centre, Chantry Way, CM11 2AP
on Wednesday 3rd December 2025 at 7.00pm

Chairman: Cllr A Adshead
Vice-Chairman: Absent
Councillors: B Lammin, K Mordecai, G St.Pierre, G Talbot, J Tutton

Also in attendance the Town Clerk

49. Apologies for absence

Cllrs C Butler, R Clark, M Dear, A Talboys, M Thomas

50. Declarations of interest with regard to items on the Agenda

Cllr Adshead and Cllr St. Pierre declared non-pecuniary interests In Item 9(a).

51. Public Participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest

None.

52. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 30th October 2025

Members received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 30th October 2025.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

53. Financial Report

Members received and considered the following:

(a) Income and Expenditure by Committee a copy of the accounts from 1st April 2025 to 27th November 2025

(b) Payments 1st April 2025 – 27th November 2025

(c) Balance Sheet as at 27th November 2025

RESOLVED: information noted.

54. Working Parties and Project Groups

Members received and considered the minutes of:

(a) Youth Town Council working party meeting held on 12th November 2025.

RESOLVED: information noted.

55. Youth Town Council

Cllr St. Pierre presented the minutes from meetings held on 4th and 20th November and 2nd December. He advised that the meeting with Richard Holden MP on 20th November had been productive with the youth councillors asking some really interesting questions, and that 6 new members have been recruited from assemblies held at Billericay School. The

Headteacher of Mayflower has also agreed to look at getting more pupils interested in joining the YTC.

RESOLVED: information noted.

56. Estimate Provision and Precept Requirement 2026-27

Members received and considered the following:

(a) the Precept calculator provided by Basildon Borough Council

(b) the proposed budget lines for 2026-27

(c) a proposed precept for 2026-27 of £321,775.17

RECOMMENDATION: that (i) the budget is presented to full Council for approval, and; (ii) a precept request of £321,775.17 is presented to full Council for approval on 11th December which is a 0% increase on 2025-26.

57. Chantry Centre Operational Management

Members considered the following:

(a) **Good Companions Club** – members were advised that after 33 years Ken and Eleanor Tout are standing down at the end of the year and it has been suggested that the Town Council takes over. The Town Clerk has arranged a meeting to discuss all aspects of running the club and work out how it can fit into the office workload.

RESOLVED: as Councillors felt strongly that the Good Companions club continues it was agreed that the Council would take over the club, which is to be managed by the Events Working Party.

58. Items for consideration for Social Media/Press Release

- New YTC members
- Ken and Eleanor Tout retiring from Good Companions

59. Questions from the Press and Public

None.

Cllr A Adshead
Chairman of the Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.37pm

Chairman:..... Date: