

BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting
held in the Main Hall, The Chantry Centre, Chantry Way, CM11 2AP
on Thursday 24th September 2026 at 7.00pm

Chairman: Cllr A Adshead
Vice-Chairman: Absent
Councillors: G St. Pierre, M Thomas, J Tutton

Also in attendance the Town Clerk

31. **Apologies for absence**

Cllrs R Clark, M Dear, K Herlock, K Mordecai, G Talbot, S Tomlin

32. **Declarations of interest with regard to items on the Agenda**

None.

33. **Public Participation session with respect to items on the Agenda**

None.

34. **Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 23rd July 2026**

Members received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23rd July 2026.

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

35. **Financial Report**

Members received and considered the following:

(a) Income and Expenditure by Committee a copy of the accounts from 1st April 2026 to 17th September 2026

(b) Listing of Payments - 17th July 2026 – 17th September 2026.

Cllr Adshead proposed that a vote of thanks to the Council's caretaker for reinstating the block paving and saving the Town Council £650.00 is minuted.

(c) Balance Sheet as at 17th September 2026

(d) Current Proposed Expenditure with no 2026/27 budget line

RESOLVED: information noted.

36. **Grant Applications**

Further to F&GP 23.07.26 min. 21 members were advised that match funding had been received from builders David Wilson Homes and Hill towards the Mayflower PTA project to create a school garden, and were advised that the grant of £375 has therefore been paid.

RESOLVED: information noted.

37. Donation Request from East of England Ambulance Service

Further to F&GP 23.07.26 min. 22, this item was brought back to Committee for reconsideration as the donation request was wrongly attributed to another organisation. Following discussion Cllr Thomas proposed that £250 is donated. Seconded by Cllr St.Pierre.

RESOLVED: that the East of England Ambulance Service is awarded £250.

38. Minutes of Working Parties/Project Groups

(a) Communications Working Party. Members received and considered minutes from a meeting held on 18th August 2026 and noted that the next edition of the Town Crier is due out at the end of October.

RESOLVED: information noted.

39. Youth Town Council

Members received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on 15th September 2026. Cllr St. Pierre said that it is a busy time for the YTC as there are a lot of town events coming up which they will be involved with. He also said additional Town Councillors are needed to support the YTC and this will be brought to the next full Council.

RESOLVED: information noted.

40. Bar N Bus Youth Worker

Members received and considered the following:

(a) Youth Worker Report containing details of the Bar N Bus activities held in Billericay during the summer and what their outreach programme hopes to achieve going forward.

(b) notes from a meeting between Bethany Reid, Cllr Thomas and the Town Clerk held on 17th September 2026 which discussed how the Town Council could support the work of Bar N Bus.

RESOLVED: information noted.

41. Chantry Centre Operational Management

Members received and considered the following:

(a) quotations for the provision of an office space for the Town Clerk. Members agreed that the two quotations received were not on a like for like basis and therefore to obtain a better understanding of the work proposed it was:

RESOLVED: that Acelux would be asked to revisit and provide a further quote.

(b) Members were reminded that the the gas contract ends in March 2028 and the electricity contract ends in August 2028. Due to the fact the wholesale energy costs and non-commodity costs are predicted to continue rising, renewal prices from the contract end dates were considered. In the interest of obtaining budget certainty it was:

RESOLVED: that the gas and electricity contracts are placed with Corona Energy from 2028 until 2032.

42. Items for consideration for Social Media/Press Release

- Bar N Bus – progress and asking residents what initiative they would like to see introduced for young people in Billericay

43. Questions from the Press and Public

None.

Cllr A Adshead
Chairman of the Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19.56pm

Chairman:..... Date: