

**Clerk to the Council/RFO: J Hodgkiss**  
**Chairman: Cllr R Ruscoe**

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Minutes of the **Finance and Personnel Committee** Meeting held at 6pm on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025** at The Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllrs M Jones (MJ), A Price (AP) Chairman, R Ruscoe (RR), C Teckoe (CT),

JH - Clerk

- F37.25/26      **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**  
Apologies were received from Cllrs MU and KT – family commitments.
- F38.25/26      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
None
- F39.25/26      **PUBLIC SPEAKING/QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
None
- F40.25/26      **MINUTES**  
**RESOLVED:** RR proposed to approve and sign the minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025, seconded CT and agreed by all members present.
- F41.25/26      **DRAFT BUDGET 2026/27**  
Deferred to F43.25/26
- F42.25/26      **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**  
**RESOLVED:** RR proposed to pass resolution to exclude the public under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, so as to discuss the following confidential matters, seconded by MJ and agreed by all members present.
- F43.25/26      **STAFFING**  
**RESOLVED:** CT proposed to make staffing recommendations to Full Council and to agree by email the procuring of HR advice up to the value of £2000, seconded by RR and agreed by all members present.
- F44.25/26      **DRAFT BUDGET 2026/27**  
**RESOLVED:** RR proposed to approve a recommendation to present at Full Council for the budget 2026/27 including staffing a precept raise to £269549.79 equalling an increase of 7.55%, seconded by MJ and agreed by all members present.