



## BARROW TOWN COUNCIL

Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness LA14 2LD

Minutes of the Finance Committee held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 18.00 pm in the Law Library at the Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow-Furness.

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| Cllr M Leach – Chair       | Present | Cllr C Altree    | Apology |
| Cllr J McEwan – Vice Chair | Present | Cllr N Phillips  | Present |
| Cllr A Coles               | Apology | Cllr B Elliot    | Present |
| Cllr C Thompson            | Apology | Cllr F Chatfield | Present |
| Cllr. K Hyland             | Present |                  |         |

**In attendance:** Lesley Smyth (Town Clerk) Claire Nolan (Deputy Clerk)

### **F/304/2025 Apologies**

Received and accepted from Cllr Altree, Cllr Coles and Cllr Thomson.

### **F/305/2025 Declarations of Interest**

Received from Cllr. J McEwan in respect of agenda item no. 9(Arts for all); Cllr. N Phillips in respect of agenda item no.9 (Barrow-in-Furness Sea Cadets) and his membership on Westmorland and Furness Council, and Cllr. F Chatfield in respect of agenda item no.10(Love Barrow Families).

### **F/306/2025 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)**

No issues were considered for exclusion.

### **F/307/2025 Minutes of the last Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Resolved:** To receive the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and to authorise the Chair to sign them as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr. Chatfield and seconded by Cllr. Elliot. All agreed.

### **F/308/2025 Report on the Finance Action Sheet**

The Town Clerk presented the current work programme to enable the Committee to note the progress made across the various actions in which the Committee was involved.

**Resolved:** To confirm the actions outstanding:

1. To date there has been no acknowledgement from Westmorland and Furness Council in respect of funding the repairs to the patio at the War Memorial.

2. A response to the request to Westmorland and Furness Council for the inclusion of Barrow Town Council in the Community Infrastructure Levy was reported under Min F/231 of 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025. No further update.
3. Further to Min. 299 of 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025. A Grant of £1,500 to Roose FC from Westmorland and Furness Councillors for the Risedale and Roosecote Ward funds.
4. The role specification for an Allotment Assistant.

### **F/309/2025 Finance Report**

The following reports, distributed prior to the meeting, were submitted for approval: -

1. Income & Expenditure Account for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025
2. Allotments Receipts and Payments Account for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025
3. Schedule of payments July and August 2025
4. Bank Reconciliation as of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

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|------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance brought forward 13.6.25: -             | £450,005.66 |
| July & August 2025 Income                      | £ 44,174.09 |
| July & August 2025 Expenditure                 | £119,760.58 |
|                                                | <hr/>       |
| Balance of Funds                               | £374,419.17 |
|                                                | =====       |
| Unity Trust Bank                               | £289,419.17 |
| Cumberland Building Society                    | £ 85,000.00 |
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| Total Funds as of 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2025 | £374,419.17 |
|                                                | =====       |

- The Clerk confirmed a £1,000 reduction in cost has been agreed with Optech Fibres for the 2025 installation and removal of the Christmas Lights.
- The Clerk confirmed a rebate of £15,027.59 has been granted in respect of the water leak at no.12 Melampus street allotment.
- Further to Min. 294 of 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025 the Clerk and Cllr Chatfield are to attend a meeting of the Furness Locality Board on 30<sup>th</sup> September to deliver a report on the Allotments.

**Resolved:** Proposed by Cllr. Elliot and seconded by Cllr. Chatfield that the accounts here presented be approved. All agreed

### **F/310/2025 2025-2026 NJC Pay Award**

The Clerk noted the annual pay award for staff has been agreed at 3.2% and sought approval from the Committee that acceptance of the award be recommended to Full Council on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

**Resolved:** Proposed by Cllr Hyland and seconded by Cllr Chatfield that a recommendation for acceptance be taken to Full Council on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025. All agreed.

### **F/311/2025 Event Support Grants**

The following Grants were approved.

Northwest Music Academy - £2,500. Proposed by Cllr Chatfield and seconded by Cllr Hyalnd. All agreed.

Barrow-in-Furness Sea Cadets - £2,100. (£1,000 from the Armed Forces Budget and £1,100 from the Events Budget). Proposed by Cllr Elliot and seconded by Cllr Chatfield. All agreed.  
St. Mary's Hospice - £1,725. Proposed by Cllr Chatfield and seconded by Cllr Phillips. All agreed.  
Arts for All - £3,000. Proposed by Cllr Hyland and seconded by Cllr Chatfield. All agreed.  
Forty Winks for Furness - £1,000. Proposed by Cllr Chatfield and seconded by Cllr Hyland. All agreed.

### **F/312/2025 Community Support Grants**

The following Grants were approved:

Abbotsvale Community Association - £4,950. Proposed by Cllr Chatfield and seconded by Cllr Elliot. All agreed.

Love Barrow Families - £4,685.20. (£2,160 from the Community Grants Budget and £2,525.20 from the Get Barrow Moving Budget). Proposed by Cllr Phillips and seconded by Cllr Leach. All agreed.

### **F/313/2025 Get Barrow Moving**

The following Grant was approved:

South Lakes Pickleball - £3,909. Proposed by Cllr Phillips and seconded by Cllr Chatfield. All agreed.

### **F/314/2025 Precept 2026-2027**

The Clerk to prepare a draft budget for 2026-2027 for consideration at the next meeting.

The Final Budget for 2026-2027 to be presented to Full Council in November for submission to Westmorland and Furness Council.

### **F/315/2025 Any Other Business**

None.

### **F/316/2025 Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 17.30pm in the Law Library, Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 19.09 pm

**Lesley J Smyth**

Town Clerk