MINUTES OF THE CHEADLE UNITED CHARITIES FOLLOWED BY FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13TH APRIL 2026.

CHEADLE UNITED CHARITIES

578. PRESENT – Councillors V. Wheeldon (Chair) S. Ellis (Vice Chair), P Upton, D. Wilson, A. Thomas, J. Jervis, M. Downie and T. Cann.

579. APOLOGIES – Councillor T. Durose, I. Plant and D. Faulkner

580. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – NONE

581. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF THE YEAR- END ACCOUNTS 2025/2026

The Trustees reviewed and approved the bank reconciliation for March 2026.

	Bank Reconciliation at 31/03/2026		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2025		10,226.91
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026		2,540.71
			12,767.62
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026		6,896.00
A	**Cash in Hand 31/03/2026** (per Cash Book)		**5,871.62**
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Cheadle United Charity 31/03/2026	5,871.62	
			5,871.62
	Less unpresented payments		
			5,871.62
	Plus unpresented receipts		
B	**Adjusted Bank Balance**		**5,871.62**
	A = B Checks out OK		

The income and expenditure for 2025/2026 were approved along with the Statement of Accounts.

582. PROPOSALS FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR FOR CHEADLE UNITED CHARITIES –

No proposals were put forward for investment at this time. The trustees would look to rebuild the funds for any future projects to enhance the maintenance of the Tean Road Recreation Ground and deliver the Christmas Community Awards.

Finance & Resources Committee

583. PRESENT – Councillors V. Wheeldon (Chair) S. Ellis (Vice Chair), P Upton, D. Wilson, A. Thomas, J. Jervis, M. Downie and T. Cann.

584. APOLOGIES – Councillor T. Durose, I. Plant and D. Faulkner

585. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – NONE

RESOLVED ITEMS

586. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF MONDAY 9th MARCH 2026 –

The minutes were confirmed as correct and approved.

587. PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL APRIL 2026–

The Payments for approval were approved for payment.

Payment	Desription	Net	VAT	Gross
Happy Pig Contract	Maintenance Contract	£1,137.00	£ -	£1,137.00
Happy Pig Contract	Cleaning Contract	£ 175.00		
Libra Cleaning	Window Cleaning	£ 30.00	£ -	£ 30.00
Xerox	Photocopier Usuage	£ 20.11	£ 4.02	£ 24.13
CCTV	Maintenance Contract	£ 690.00	£ 138.00	£ 828.00
Scribe	Accounts Software	£1,188.00	£ 237.60	£1,425.60
SPCA	NALC & PCA	£1,455.18	£ -	£1,455.18
Misc Grant	Cheadle Artz	£ 200.00		£ 200.00
Misc Grant	Guild Hall 2025/26	£ 200.00		£ 200.00
Employment Liabilites & Salaries		£7,582.63		£7,582.63
Cllr Kate Mills	Mayor Allowance	£ 308.00		£ 308.00

588. MISCELLANEOUS GRANT FOR CHEADLE CLUB DEFIBRILATOR

The committee reviewed the grant application and unanimously approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL COUNCIL

589. APPROVE BANK RECONCILIATION FOR FEBRUARY 2026

The bank reconciliation for was reviewed and accepted as a true record.

	Bank Reconciliation at 28/02/2026			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2025			304,728.76
	ADD			
	Receipts 01/04/2025 - 28/02/2026			489,494.37
				794,223.13
	SUBTRACT			
	Payments 01/04/2025 - 28/02/2026			270,801.50
A	**Cash in Hand 28/02/2026** (per Cash Book)			**523,421.63**
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements			
	Petty Cash	28/02/2026	100.00	
	Business Money Manager	28/02/2026	524,890.29	
	Current Account	28/02/2026	2,500.00	
				527,490.29
	Less unpresented payments			4,068.65
				523,421.64
	Plus unpresented receipts			
B	**Adjusted Bank Balance**			**523,421.64**
	Error A does NOT equal B			
	ERROR IS	**£-0.01**		

590. **APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION FOR MARCH 2026 –** The bank reconciliation for was reviewed and accepted as a true record with the corresponding bank statements signed and approved.

	Bank Reconciliation at 31/03/2026			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2025			304,728.76
	ADD			
	Receipts 01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026			502,346.75
				807,075.51
	SUBTRACT			
	Payments 01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026			516,717.49
A	**Cash in Hand 31/03/2026** (per Cash Book)			**290,358.02**
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements			
	Petty Cash	31/03/2026	100.00	
	Current Account	31/03/2026	2,500.00	
	Business Money Manager	31/03/2026	291,719.62	
				294,319.62
	Less unpresented payments			3,961.60
				290,358.02
	Plus unpresented receipts			
B	**Adjusted Bank Balance**			**290,358.02**
	A = B Checks out OK			

591. **PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS LIST REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 2026 –** Reviewed & accepted reports as a true record, with a recommendation for Full Council to approve.

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593. **STATEMENT OF YEAR-END ACCOUNTS 2025/2026 –**

End of Year Financial Report 2025–2026

Overview

This report summarises the financial performance for the 2025–2026 financial year. The Council remains in a stable financial position, with controlled expenditure.

- Total Budget: £423,142
- Projected Income: £58,000
- Precept Request: £364,342
- Total Expenditure: £383,953.51

Income

Total income for the year exceeded projections:

- General Income: £66,382
- Grant Income: £16,050
- Total Income: £82,432

Notable income sources include:

- £5,610 – Small bowling income
- £5,906 – Grant from CUC for footpath maintenance
- £4,534 – Grant for notice board

Budget Overview

Overspends

The following areas exceeded their allocated budgets:

- IT Support: Overspend of £2,000
  - This was anticipated due to additional email account requirements.
  - Ongoing costs will need to be factored into future budgets.
- Maintenance & Repairs: Overspend of £2,190
  - Skatepark repairs: £1,310
  - Cemetery wall repairs: £1,590
  - Fire extinguishers: £1,117
- Training: Overspend due to a full Council training session for councillor induction.

Underspends

- Water Rates:
  - Significant reduction following identification and repair of a groundwater leak.
- Elections:
  - No by-elections took place.
  - £4,000 transferred to reserves for the upcoming April election.
- Operational Contingency: Underspend of £2,270
- Christmas Lighting: Underspend of £2,500
- Bunting: Underspend of £1,375
  - Existing bunting was reused instead of purchasing new stock.
- Footpaths:
  - £1,000 to be transferred to reserves for completion of outstanding projects.

Reserves

Reserve	Opening Balance	Transfers	Spend	Receipts	Current Balance
Burial Fund Reserve	£103,356.94	£2,000.00	£3,704.14	—	£101,652.80
Infrastructure	£2,125.00	£20,000.00	£10,950.00	—	£11,175.00
Party in the Park	£4,550.00	£3,000.00	£9,660.08	£4,370.00	£2,259.92
Cemetery Grave Inspections	£4.97	£2,000.00	—	—	£2,004.97
106 Funding (Tean Road Rec)	£17,897.65	£2,027.35	£19,925.00	—	£0.00
Tean Road Gates	£11,796.23	—	£7,220.00	—	£4,576.23
Mayor Allowance – Cllr P Upton	£110.00	—	£110.00	—	£0.00
Mayor's Fundraising – Cllr Upton	£1,334.11	—	£1,490.00	£155.89	£0.00
Footpaths	£595.10	—	—	—	£595.10
Tree Works	—	£5,000.00	—	—	£5,000.00

Total Reserves:

- Opening Balance: £141,770.00
- Transfers: £34,027.35
- Spend: £53,059.22
- Receipts: £4,525.89
- Current Balance: £127,264.02

Summary

The Council has maintained a strong financial position, with total income exceeding expectations and expenditure remaining controlled. While there were some overspends in key operational areas, these were largely anticipated or offset by underspends elsewhere. Reserve balances remain healthy, ensuring the Council is well-positioned to manage future commitments and unforeseen costs.

COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN

594. MID TO LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING –

This item has been reviewed in depth and is awaiting the Maintenance plans & Risk assessments to be completed and will remain an ongoing agenda item.

595. WEBSITE UPDATE

The website is operational, the snagging issues are still outstanding. The provider has been chased for an update. The Clerk advised the Committee that the Council will have to answer no to some of the items in the AGAR due to the website. The Committee will review a retainer charge with the provider for hosting the website now its operational and the Deputy Clerk will remain in contact with the provider and chase for the website to be updated accordingly with all the required information for compliance.

596. COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF MEETING EQUIPMENT/TV SCREEN/PROJECTOR

The Committee approved the proposal from Cllr A Thomas to purchase a projector which can be utilised at all meeting locations with the approval of expenditure of up £500.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

597. COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER TELEPHONE & BROADBAND QUOTES

The item was deferred pending the installation of fibre which is due to be installed in the near future and will reviewed again in September when this service should be available.

There being no further business the meeting was brought to a close.

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