MINUTES OF THE BY FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th MARCH 2026.

524. PRESENT – Councillors V. Wheeldon (Chair) S. Ellis (Vice Chair), P Upton, I. Plant, D. Wilson, A. Thomas, J. Jervis and D. Faulkner.

525. APOLOGIES – Councillor T. Durose

526. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr I, Plant & D. Wilson declared an interest in the grant application as they are members of the Buffs who are considering a grant application from the same applicant.

RESOLVED ITEMS

527. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF MONDAY 26th JANUARY 2026 –

The minutes were confirmed as correct and approved.

528. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF MONDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2026 –

The minutes were confirmed as correct and approved with the inclusion of Cllr A Thomas as present at this meeting.

529. PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL MARCH 2026–

Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
Toddler Area Equipment Remo	Alliance Environmental Ser	S	526.00	105.20	631.20
Toddler Area Equipment Remo	Alliance Environmental Ser	S	252.00	50.40	302.40
Grounds Maintenance SLA	SMDC	S	189,106.47	37,821.29	226,927.76
Community Reassurance	Nicky Derrett	Z	475.00		475.00
Maintenance Contract	Happy Pig Company	Z	1,137.00		1,137.00
Hire of Chambers	JJ Construction Ltd	Z	1,860.00		1,860.00
IT Email Addresses 12 Month S	PCone Computer Solutions	S	1,580.00	316.00	1,896.00
Office Cleaning	Happy Pig Company	Z	175.00		175.00
Mayors Allowance - Award Spo	Painsley Academy	Z	30.00		30.00
Photocopier quarterly charges	Xerox	S	77.62	15.52	93.14
Grant	Cheadle Flower Club	Z	200.00		200.00
IT Security & off site back up	PCone Computer Solutions	S	600.00	120.00	720.00
Salaries & Employment Liabiliti	Cheadle Town Council	Z	9,364.99		9,364.99
	Total		**205,384.08**	**38,428.41**	**243,812.49**

530. MISCELLANEOUS GRANT FOR PADDLES

The committee reviewed the grant application and unanimously approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL COUNCIL

531. APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION FOR JANUARY 2026 – The bank reconciliation for November 2025 was reviewed and accepted as a true record with the corresponding bank statements signed and approved.

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

533. APPROVE AND REVIEW THE YEAR TO DATE EXPENDITURE – The Committee reviewed the expenditure with no concerns and approved to carry forward the budget elections into a reserve fund to cover the scheduled Election in April.

534. UPDATE ON FINANCIAL REGULATIONS – The RFO presented the SCC threshold table and advised that incorporating it into the Council's Financial Regulations would be beneficial. The Committee approved this and instructed the RFO to prepare the updated version for Full Council approval.

535. SPCA BUSINESS PLANNING COURSE FOR LOCAL COUNCILS
The Committee approved the RFO's attendance at the SPCA Business Planning Course at a cost of £45.

COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN

536. MID TO LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING - The Committee noted that this matter had been reviewed as part of the budget process and will remain a standing agenda item. Following a site visit by Cllr Plant, urgent issues relating to footpaths and fencing will be added to the next L&O Committee agenda. Full site risk assessments will be undertaken, and maintenance plans will be developed for each site.

537. WEBSITE UPDATE
The website is operational. Snagging issues are currently being addressed by the developer, with all work to be completed by the end of March.

538. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR
The Committee approved the proposal from Toplis Associates Ltd and instructed the Deputy Clerk to confirm the appointment as soon as possible..

539. REVIEW OF ASSERTION 10 REQUIREMENTS FOR AGAR 2025/26

The Committee reviewed the Data Protection Policy and IT Policy, which will continue to be adopted as the Council's current policies. A working party—Cllrs P. Upton, A. Thomas, I. Plant, M. Downie and the Town Clerk, Dave Mullington—was appointed to undertake an ongoing review alongside the application for the Bronze Award.

The Deputy Clerk reported that the current hosting provider was unable to apply for a .gov.uk domain on the Council's behalf. The Committee approved the use of Krystal Hosting to submit the application at a cost of £10. Once approved, PCone will configure the new email addresses, with payment to be made once the domain becomes available.

The website developer has been given a deadline of the end of March to ensure the website meets all required standards, including accessibility compliance, and that all required statements and documentation are published.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

540. WASTE ANNUAL CONTRACTS RENEWAL – CEMETERY & TEAN ROAD

The Committee approved the renewal of the waste contracts:

- Cemetery 2026/27: £2,484.73 (increase of £90.96)
- Tean Road: £260.70 (increase of £9.54) Total cost: £2,745.43, within the £2,800 budget.

541. COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER TELEPHONE & BROADBAND QUOTES

The item was deferred pending clarification on whether the quotes represented the best available service. Cllr A. Thomas will lead on this matter, contact relevant providers, and report back at the next meeting.

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

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