KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on Tuesday 27th October 2026 at 6.00pm in the Town Council Office

PRESENT: Councillors C Fricker, C Davis, D Cooper, D Biddleston, H MacFie and Cllr M Burton

IN ATTENDANCE: Amanda Hazell – RFO
Dawn Drury – Town Clerk

120. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED:
There were none. Cllr Cannon not in attendance.

121. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED:
There were no Declarations of Interest.

122. DISPENSATIONS

RESOLVED:
There were none.

123. RECORD OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED:
That the Minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on Tuesday 13th October 2026 (previously circulated) be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

124. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

RESOLVED:
There was none.

125. 2027/2028 DRAFT BUDGET

RESOLVED:
(i) That the 2027/2028 Budget be received and noted.

(ii) That the Budget be recommended to Council with the following changes and comments:

4093/108 Training Democratic Process – increase from £500 to £1,200 as advised by ALCA to include new Councillor training and refresh training for existing Councillors.

4184/103 Twinning Visit – increase from £200 to £400 to fund a visit.

4105/104 Grants – increase grants from £21,000 to £28,000 to be able to increase the maximum grant funding per application and award more smaller grants. The maximum will be decided at the Grants meeting in March.

4086/102 Replacement IT Equipment – To review IT equipment for Councillors.

4103/103 Business & Tourism – Take to EATH to ensure the budget should be zero.

4106/105 – For the Clerk to set up a meeting with Keynsham Music Festival and Councillors who are not working with the Festival to discuss the level of the grant funding.

4129/105 Community Resilience – Move from Other Grants and Contributions to Activities/Services.

1038/205 Footpaths Agency – For the Clerk to contact B&NES to negotiate increasing the income due to the Council taking on more work.

126. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:
Received and noted that the date and time of the next meeting is Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 6.30 p.m. in the TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE.

The meeting ended at 7.40pm.

Signed: M C Bale ..... 10/11/26 .....

(Chairman) Date: