FRINTON & WALTON TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Meeting of FRINTON & WALTON TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE
held at
The Council House, Triangle Shopping Centre, Frinton-on-Sea
on **Wednesday 3rd December 2025 at 4.00pm**

Present:	**Councillors A Cossens, I Johnson, ET Allen, P Clifton**
In the Chair:	**Mayor – Councillor M Cossens**
Clerk:	**Tanya Smith – Clerk/RFO and M Townsend – Deputy Clerk**
Absent:	**None**
Members of the Public	**1**

FIN/25/35	**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies received from Cllr F Robertson Apologies received from Cllr R Morgan with an instruction to be substituted by Cllr P Clifton
FIN/25/36	**DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS** No declarations received.
FIN/25/37	**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting of Frinton & Walton Town Council Finance Committee meeting held on the 16th October 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.
FIN/25/38	**Post Office Expenditure Threshold** Members discussed the current expenditure threshold of the Post Office. **RESOLVED:** To recommend to Full Council that the Post Office's income and expenditure continue to be reviewed on an annual basis unless circumstances necessitate an earlier review and that the expenditure threshold remain at £25,000 per annum, unless circumstances necessitate an earlier review.
FIN/25/39	**INCOME & EXPENDITURE** • The Clerk gave a verbal update on the expenditure for the current year 2024/25 up to the end of October 2024. There were no questions. • Members reviewed the current bank balances with no questions.
FIN/25/40	**Comments Received from Councillor A Oxley Relating to Budget Setting** Members reviewed and discussed a request from Cllr A. Oxley regarding the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), requesting that £15,000 be allocated in the Frinton & Walton Town Council budget for 2026/27 to support Tendring District Council (TDC) MUGA for Walton. **RESOLVED:** It was agreed not to recommend this request to full council at this time. Members felt that it is important for TDC to first establish its own budget and ensure the MUGA can operate sustainably. Once TDC has confirmed a self-sufficient operational plan, the town council may consider supporting the project in the future.
FIN/25/41	**BUDGET SETTING** In the absence of the council tax base figures, members reviewed and discussed the actual plus forecasted running costs and proposed earmarks for 2026/27. • Forecasted running costs for 2026/27 were accepted without amendment. • Proposed earmarks were accepted without amendment. • The Clerk/RFO to rerun the budget and update the RFO report with the council tax base figure from the district council once received, for presentation to the Committee at its next meeting.

	• Due to non-receipt of the council tax base figure from the district council at the time of the meeting, Members were unable to proceed any further with agreeing recommendations for the precept demand.
FIN/25/42	**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** The next meeting of Frinton & Walton Town Council Finance Committee will be **Thursday 18th December 2025 at 4.00pm** at The Council House, Triangle Shopping Centre, Frinton on Sea CO13 0AU.

The Chair closed the meeting at 6.15pm

CHAIR ..... DATE .....