BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 3rd March 2026 at Town Council Offices, 2A Marshall Avenue, Bridlington at 1pm

The meeting was held with Councillors R Arrand, M Milns, T Milns (Chair) and Angie Walker four (4) Members in attendance.
The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) recorded the minutes of the meeting.

74.25/26 Welcome (with Notification of Recording & Fire Disclaimer):

RESOLVED: *Cllr Thelma Milns welcomed members and read the Notification of Recording & Fire Disclaimer.*

75.25/26 To receive and accept apologies for absence:

RESOLVED: *Apologies for absence were received and accepted from:*

Cllr C Marsburg – Ill health
Cllr T Norman – working out of town
Cllr J Arthur – Health appointment

76.25/26 Declarations of Interest:

a) To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

RESOLVED: *Cllrs Thelma Milns and Malcolm Milns declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 12 - small grant application for Coastal Voices – Cllr Malcolm Milns is a member of the organisation.*

Cllr Angela Walker declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 12 – small grant application for New Pasture Lane Community Centre – Cllr Walker is a member of the organisation.

b) To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below.

RESOLVED: *No dispensations were required or given.*

77.25/26 Public Participation session to include items on the agenda (as above) (two minutes per person maximum of fifteen minutes to include members of the Public and Councillors with Non-Pecuniary interests):

RESOLVED: *There were no members of public present.*

For reasons of transparency, the RFO informed the committee that she has a non-pecuniary interest in item 12 - small grant application for Acorn Rabbit Rescue as she is a volunteer for the organisation. (the RFO has no decision-making powers in respect of items on this agenda)

78.25/26 To receive details of the current bank balances:

RESOLVED: *Details of the current bank balances were received and noted.*

79.25/26 To receive the updated Reserves Allocations list:

RESOLVED*: The committee noted the details of the list and resolved to add an item to section two – aspirations – Unspent Town Events Budget 2025-2026 – approx. £9000.*

80.25/26 To receive the month end Bank Reconciliations for 31/12/25 and 31/01/26:

RESOLVED: *The committee received and noted details of the bank reconciliations and approved the reconciliations as an accurate reflection of the council's bank accounts.*

81.25/26 To receive the month end Budget Monitoring Report for 31/12/25 and 31/01/26:

RESOLVED: *The month end Budget Monitoring Reports were received and noted.*

82.25/26 To consider the request from R.O.B.O.T regarding the Old Town Events:

RESOLVED: *The committee discussed the request and agreed that both the Summer and Christmas Festivals were very well-established, well-regarded events attracting large numbers of both local residents and visitors to the area.*

The committee resolved to allocate some of the unspent town events funds from the 2025-2026 budget to supporting these two events for the 2026 and 2027 years.

The committee resolved to allocate a grant of £1750.00 per event, totalling £7000.00 over the two-year period. The committee resolved that the funds would be offered on the basis that they are used for the specified events only and would be subject to the same requirements as the small grants policy, with the exception of points 5, 7 and 9.

Funds will be released at the appropriate stage for each event via communication between the RFO and Chair/Treasurer of R.O.B.O.T, with the RFO reporting to the committee accordingly.

Following completion of these events the committee will review the situation for 2028 onwards.

83.25/26 To consider the request from Cllr Dealtry regarding the ILCA qualification:

RESOLVED: *The committee resolved not to reimburse the qualification fee.*

84.25/26 To receive an update – CCTV proposal for New Pasture Lane Play Park:

RESOLVED: *The committee resolved to defer this item until the next agenda has it had not been possible to obtain a reply from ERYC by the time of the meeting.*

85.25/26 To consider the Small Grants Applications:

RESOLVED: *The committee resolved to award small grants as follows:*

Bridlington U3a	*£500.00*
Bridlington Community Shed	*£490.00*
Bridlington Red Admirals Majorettes	*£250.00*
Bridlington Amateur Dramatic Society	*£500.00*
Coastal Voices	*£225.00*
Bridlington Friends Association	*£250.00*
Bridlington Health Forum	*£250.00*
Bridlington Sea Cadets	*£250.00*
Acorn Rabbit Rescue	*£355.48*
Bridlington Petanque Club	*£150.00*
Other grants resolved:	
Bridlington Armed Forces Day	*£500.00*
Total Grants Awarded	***£3720.48***

86.25/26 To receive items of correspondence:

a) ERPF – Employer Bulletin Issue 90

RESOLVED: *All items of correspondence are noted unless otherwise stated*

87.25/26 To receive notice of items for the next agenda:

RESOLVED: To place the following items on the next agenda:

Update – CCTV proposal for New Pasture Lane Play Park

Signed: **Date:**

Mayor of Bridlington