

**DRAFT MINUTES FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
PRUDHOE TOWN COUNCIL  
held in Room 1, Spetchells Centre, Front Street, Prudhoe  
on WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026 at 7:00PM**

**Present:**

Cllr Holly Waddell (Chair), Cllr Jane Johnson, Cllr Gerry Price, Cllr Jonathan Wheeler (Ex Officio).

Shirley Ann Gaut Hall (Clerk)  
Stephanie Kirby (Deputy Clerk)

**FIN2627/001 Welcome from Chair**

Cllr Holly Waddell to welcome everyone to the meeting.

**FIN2627/002 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Bryan Futers, Cllr Dot Dickinson, Ignasious Varghese,

**FIN2627/003 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Gerry Price as a trustee of Prudhoe Youth Project declared a non-pecuniary interest in item agenda 7, Grant Aid 2026-2027.

Cllr Jane Johnson as Chair of Prudhoe Town Twinning Association and trustee of Friends of Eastwoods Park declared a non-pecuniary interest in item agenda 7, Grant Aid 2026-2027.

**FIN2627/004 Dispensations**

To receive and agree.

**FIN2627/005 Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting, held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

It was **AGREED** to receive the minutes as a true record

**FIN2627/006 Financial update**

It was **AGREED** to receive reports and raise any questions.

**a) 2025-26 Year End**

It was **AGREED** to receive an update on Year End finances and the 2025-26 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR.)

The Clerk noted that preparations are currently underway and that the documentation for the 2025–26 AGAR had been received. An acknowledgement has been sent to Forvis Mazars.

**b) Statement of Budget and Expenditure**

It was **AGREED** to receive statement from 1 April 2026 – to date.

**c) Review of Budget and Expenditure**

It was **AGREED** review the current budget, including projected spending and overspends for the remaining financial year.

**FIN2627/007 Grant Aid 2026-2027**

**a) Summary and Award Recommendations**

It was **AGREED** to receive a summary of Grant Aid Funding requests and agree the funding awards for the current financial year, for recommendation to Full Council at the Ordinary Meeting to be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026.

The Clerk noted the total number of applications received in 2025/26 was 38 and 37 had been received for 2026/27.

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**b) Grant Aid Celebration Event**

**It was AGREED** that this item would be added to the agenda for consideration at the Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Thursday, 23rd April 2026.

**FIN2627/008 Financial Regulations**

**It was AGREED** to review the current Financial Regulations (last updated in April 2025) and agree to any changes. It was noted the document will be reviewed an

**FIN2627/008 Bank Signatories**

**It was AGREED** to continue with the existing authorised signatories. It was further noted that additional signatories, including those with online access, will be considered at the next Finance Committee Meeting following the Annual General Meeting in May.

**FIN2627/009 Date of Next Meeting**

**It was AGREED** that the meeting would be scheduled following the Annual General Meeting in May. The date and time will be circulated in due course.

Meeting ended 8.40pm.