



Minutes of Meeting of the Finance and Compliance Committee held on 17 November 2025 at 6.30 pm Hybrid Meeting at the Ostreme Centre & via Teams

Councillors Present: Rob Marshall (Chair), Ian Scott, Tim Zhou, and Richard Jarvis.

Officers Present: Kerry Grabham – CO and Ian Hughes – CSO

Public Attendance: Paul Davies

FI2511-01 **Apologies:** Cllrs Sara Keeton, Phil Keeton, Martin O'Neill, Pam Erasmus and Carrie Townsend Jones

FI2511-02 **Declarations of Interest:** None

FI2511-03 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Committee**
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20th October 2025 as a true record.
RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20th October 2025 as a true record.

FI2511-04 **Outstanding Actions from Previous Meeting**
Outstanding actions outlined by the CSO.

RESOLVED outstanding actions updated, and new actions to be recorded in 'outstanding action' report by CSO.



FI2511-05

**Budget Monitoring Reports to 30/09/2025 - Paul Beynon, RFO
Reports attached.**

Financial reports prepared by RFO Paul Beynon, had previously been circulated to councillors. No queries regarding these reports were raised prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED to approve the above reports

The Chair, Cllr Marshall proposed that the sequence of agenda items be re-ordered to accommodate a member of the public Mr Davies and conclude grant applications prior to discussing the budget for 2026/27.

RESOLVED to accept the re-scheduling of agenda items.

FI2511-10

Mumbles Croquet Club Grant Application

Grant Application for £656.77 to contribute towards regular maintenance of facilities.

Cllr Marshall invited Mr Paul Davies to address the committee in relation to this grant application. Mr Davies introduced himself as the secretary of Mumbles Croquet Club and detailed how vital the grant money would be to the maintenance of the bowling green. In answer to councillors' questions Mr Davies confirmed that the grant would be match-funded and that SCC are paid for carrying out the maintenance work. As an aside Mr Davies stated that he and the Croquet Club were very pleased with the on-going improvements to the Pavillion which is being part-funded by MCC.

The Committee were supportive of this application, key aspects of which were highlighted by The Chair, Cllr Marshall.

RECOMMENDED that a grant application for £656.77 be approved to Mumbles Croquet Club to contribute towards regular maintenance of facilities.

Mr Paul Davies left the meeting at 6.41pm

From Budget FC1 Small and Medium Grants.

**FI2511-08****Victoria Inn Grant Application**

Grant Application for £500 to start conversational Welsh classes in a community environment.

The Chair, Cllr Marshall, highlighted key aspects of the application and all members of the committee were enthusiastic of involving the local community in learning Welsh.

RECOMMENDED that a grant application for £500 be awarded to The Victoria to start conversational Welsh classes in a community environment.
From Budget FC1 Small and Medium Grants.

FI2511-09**Ysgol Cymraeg Grant Application**

Grant Application for £2,000 contribute towards encouraging all pupils at the school to be involved in gardening for purpose.

The Committee whilst considering the application favourably considered that additional information was required before recommending the grant. The CO informed the committee that she will be updated with further information prior to December's Full Council Meeting

RECOMMENDED that until such time as additional information is provided to the CO a grant for £2,000 to Ysgol Cymraeg to contribute towards encouraging all pupils at the school to be involved in gardening for purpose could not be recommended.

FI2511-11**Re-Engage Grant Application**

Grant Application for £500 to contribute towards reducing isolation of elderly people who live alone locally.

The Committee were supportive of this application, key aspects of which were highlighted by The Chair, Cllr Marshall.

RECOMMENDED that a grant application for £500 be approved for 'Re-Engage' to contribute to towards reducing isolation of elderly people who live alone locally within the community.

From Budget FC1 Small and Medium Grants

**FI2511-06****Budget 2026/27**

The RFO had circulated details of draft proposals for 2026/27 prior to the meeting, and outlined a budget proposal form submitted by Cllr Thomas . The CO took questions from committee members in relation to the proposals.

The Committee concurred with the majority of the proposed budgets but considered additional funding should be made available for Ostreme Development.

ACTION CO to update budget proposals for 2026/27 to include £120,000 for future Ostreme Development

RESOLVED that the Draft Budget 2026/27 of £167,700 be recommended to Council at the budget meeting to be held in January 2026.

FI2511-07**Review of Fees and Charges - Ostreme Centre and Underhill Hub**

The RFO had distributed a detailed review of fees and charges in relation to The Hub and Ostreme Centre to Councillors prior to the meeting.

The CO highlighted the following amendments to the above document:-

- The fee for Seniors using the AWP should be £150
- The fee for residential use of the AWP should be £120
- The cost of hiring the Coffee Shop area is £30 per hour

The committee believed that the recommendations contained within the report together with the above amendments outlined by The CO were reasonable and in line with inflation.

The CO stated that options for discounts and other hiring arrangements will be considered at a future time.

RECOMMENDED That Full Council approve the proposed increase in fees and charges as set out above.

Meeting Finished at 7.11pm

Next meeting: 19th January 2026



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