



Minutes of the Cowes Town Council **Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing Committee Meeting** held in the Dining Room, Northwood House, Cowes on **Tuesday 22 September 2026** at 6.15pm.

Present Councillors Ellis (Chair), Morgan, Nicholson, Peacy-Wilcox, Rafferty, Reen and Walters.

In attendance Richard Shaul, Responsible Financial Officer.

1211 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors White and Marriott.

1212 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

1213 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing Committee meeting held on 25 August 2026 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

1214 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

The RFO advised that the grants budget for 2026/2027 is £15,000. Of this £5,700 had already been awarded leaving £9,300 remaining. Councillors were asked to consider a grant application from Isle of Wight Literary Festival for £1,500.

RECOMMENDED

That a grant of £1,500 be awarded to Isle of Wight Literary Festival. However, the applicant should be informed that for future years it would be more appropriate for this to be treated a sponsorship and the application should be made earlier in the year to allow for planning.

1215 UPDATE ON THE EXISTING HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND OF £5,000

The RFO reported that of the original 100 £50 Aldi vouchers that were purchased 8 remain to be handed out. The RFO was asked to check whether the conditions of the Household Support Fund would allow the remaining vouchers to be handed to the Food bank.

1216 UPDATE ON THE 09/07/2026 COWES WEST BY ELECTION IWC COSTS

A breakdown of the costs was circulated prior to the meeting.

RECOMMENDED

That the invoice for the costs of £3,801,70 be approved for payment.

1217 UPDATE ON A REPLACEMENT DIGITAL NOTICEBOARD SERVICE FOR COWES HIGH STREET

A quote of £9,000 for a 3 year service was discussed.

RECOMMENDED

This should be taken to the Projects committee



1218 UPDATE ON A FURTHER ROLLOUT OF THE DIGITALSMART CCTV SERVICE FOR COWES HIGH STREET

A quote of £25,000 for a 5 year service with a further 5 cameras was discussed.

RECOMMENDED

This should be taken to the Projects committee

1219 STAFFING MATTERS

None reported.

1220 HEALTH AND SAFETY MATTERS

None reported.

1221 STAFF CONCERNS

None reported.

1222 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE AGENDA

Review of reserves to be presented to the October FAS meeting.

Review of quarterly accounts and budget setting process to be presented to the October FAS meeting.

The proceedings terminated at 19.08.

CHAIR