**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING** held in the St Piran's Room, the Penlee Centre, Penlee Park, Penzance on Monday 7 September 2026 at 7:00 pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillors

SJ Reynolds (Chair)
PC Trevail (Vice-Chair)

KM Baker
P Lapin
PA Law
PI Osborne
JR Pugh

Also present: Councillor TS Marrington, James Hardy (Town Clerk), Cal Bagshaw (Corporate Services Manager), Cameron Sil (Finance Manager) and Elliot Ridington (Democratic Services and Governance Officer).

**13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Broadhurst and Wilson.

**14. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct:-

Councillor Reynolds declared a non-registerable interest in Agenda Item 7(b), 'Application for Grant – Cornwall Film Festival' as he had been involved in the development of the grant application. He therefore left the meeting for the duration of both that item and the public participation associated with it.

**15. TO CONSIDER WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

No written requests for dispensation had been submitted.

**16. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public was in attendance and spoke in favour of Agenda Item 7(a), 'Application for Grant – Heamoor Community Interest Organisation'.

A member of the public was in attendance and spoke in favour of Agenda Item 7(b), 'Application for Grant – Cornwall Film Festival'.

**17. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

In respect of Agenda Items 9(a) and 9(b), 'Addressing Capacity within Corporate Services' and 'Virement of Funds to Address IT Capacity', it was unanimously



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**RESOLVED** that, in accordance with S.1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Press and Public be excluded from those sections of the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

(Proposed: Councillor Pugh; seconded: Councillor Law)

## 18. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 JULY 2026

Having been circulated, it was

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2026 be approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

(Proposed: Councillor Osborne; seconded: Councillor Reynolds)

Vote; Six in favour. One abstention.

## 19. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

(a) Heamoor Community Interest Organisation

Information about the organisation, its cause and the reason for the grant request was set out at Appendix 1 to the report, the grant application form.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** that a grant of £4,200 be awarded from the General Grants Budget to the Heamoor Community Interest Organisation for the project: 'Renewal of Christmas Lights in Heamoor'.

(Proposed: Councillor Law; seconded: Councillor Osborne)

(b) Cornwall Film Festival

Information about the organisation, its cause and the reason for the grant request was set out at Appendix 1 to the report, the grant application form.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** that a grant of £4,890 be awarded from the General Grants Budget to Cornwall Film Festival for the project: '16 Days of Activism 2026'.

(Proposed: Councillor Osborne; seconded: Councillor Pugh)

(Councillor Reynolds was not present for this item.)

## 20. REPORTS FOR DECISION

(a) Financial Papers to Receive and Accept

Following consideration, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** that the following financial papers be received and accepted:-

(i) - Paid Expenditure from 1 June to 31 July 2026

(ii) - Bank Reconciliation from 1 June to 31 July 2026

(iii) - Financial Comparison for the Period Ending 31 July 2026

(Proposed: Councillor Osborne; seconded: Councillor Law)

## 21. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR DECISION

(a) Addressing Capacity within Corporate Services

The background and issues associated with this item were set out in the report.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** that the recommendations, as set out in the report, be approved.

It was then, further, unanimously

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO PENZANCE COUNCIL** that a new budget line, under heading 2300 – 'Council Administration', be created, entitled '2300/13 - Agency Support'.

(Proposed: Councillor Law; seconded: Councillor Trevail)

(b) Virement of Funds to Address IT Capacity

The background and issues associated with this item were set out in the report.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** that the recommendations, as set out in the report, be approved.

(Proposed: Councillor Law; seconded:  Councillor Pugh)

## 22. MATTERS ARISING FOR REPORT AT NEXT MEETING

There were no matters arising for report at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:04 pm

Chair
26 October 2026

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