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Minutes of Meeting of the **Finance and Policy Committee** held on **23rd January 2026** in **Council Chamber, 49 High Street, Polegate, BN26 6AL at 10:00.**

PRESENT: Councillors D Murray, M Cunningham, G Archer, M Caira, S Shing **(5)**

NOT PRESENT: Councillor M Piper, D Dunbar, D Watts, J Keen **(4)**

MINUTES

14016 Item 1: Opportunity for Public Comment for items on the agenda

None

14017 Item 2: Apologies for absence

Apologies from Cllr M Piper, D Dunbar, D Watts

No other apologies received

14018 Item 3: Declarations of interest

No Declarations of interest received

14019 Item 4: Minutes of the meeting dated 10th January 2025, 25th July 2025, 17th October 2025, 7th November 2025, 19th December 2025

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee Meetings dated 10th January 2025, 25th July 2025, 17th October 2025, 7th November 2025, 19th December. VOTE all in favour.

14020 Item 5: Payments of accounts as presented

List of payments made between 01/12/2025 – 31/12/2025 = £57,926.10

It was resolved to approve the payments totalling at £57,926.10. VOTE all in favour.

14021 Item 6: Motion to go over budget

- a. Motion to go over budget 2025/26 for the disposal of confidential waste and IT waste from general reserves by £300**

- b. Motion to go over budget 2025/26 for Grounds Maintenance by £1,290 from general reserves
- c. Motion to go over budget 2025/26 for Councillors Training by £300

A vote was taken en bloc.

It was resolved to go over budget 2025/26 for the disposal of confidential waste and IT waste from general reserves by £300, for Grounds Maintenance by £1,290 from general reserves, for Councillors training by £300 from general reserves. VOTE all in favour.

14022 Item 7: Motion to waive the Council Chamber hire charges in support of Wealden Works

It was resolved to waive the Council Chamber hire charges in support of Wealden Works, a charity that supports young residents of Polegate*. VOTE all in favour.

14023 Item 8: Confidential

Finance and Policy Committee to consider pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 whether the public and press should be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reasons of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. (Contracts)

It was resolved to go into confidential for the reasons shown discussion of Contracts. VOTE all in favour.

14024 Item 9: Grass Cutting – To extend the contract with our current contractors for 2026/27

It was resolved to extend the grass cutting contract with our current contractors IDverde for 2026/27. VOTE all in favour.

14025 Item 10: Grounds Contracts – To select a contractor

It was resolved to go with ACE Landscapes for the Grounds Maintenance Contract. VOTE 4 for 1 Against Cllr M Cunningham.

The meeting closed at 10:24am

Signed Chair of Meeting _____ Date _____

*Wealden Works Website: www.wealdenworks.co.uk