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Minutes of Meeting of the **Finance and Policy Committee** held on **7th November 2025**
in Council Chamber, 49 High Street, Polegate, BN26 6AL at 10:00.

PRESENT: Councillors D Murray, D Watts, J Keen, M Cunningham, G Archer, M Caira, D Dunbar, S Shing **(8)**

NOT PRESENT: Councillor M Piper **(1)**

MINUTES

13959 Item 1: Opportunity for Public Comment for items on the agenda

None

13960 Item 2: Apologies for absence

Apologies from Cllr M Piper

No other apologies received

13961 Item 3: Declarations of interest

Item 5: Directors of Polegate War Memorial Recreation Ground CIC – DM, DW –
Non-prejudicial.

13962 Item 4: Payments of accounts as presented

a) List of payments made between 01/09/2025 – 30/09/2025 = £34,301.42

It was resolved to accept the payments of accounts (September 2025) as presented £34,301.42

b) List of payments made between 01/10/2025 – 31/10/2025 = £34,163.07

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13963 Item 5: Preliminary Budget for 2026-27

To look at and comment on the preliminary budget for 2026/27 £639,260

(Based on last year's tax base which will change.)

It was agreed to look at the following areas raised during the discussion on the first draft budget:

Members also considered merging the Annual Town Assembly with the Information Day and introducing a blanket testing day in October as a way to reduce overall costs.

The Committee discussed exploring sponsorship opportunities for the Summer Festival to help offset expenses.

There was further discussion about reviewing the locations of dog bins and litter bins, with the possibility of replacing them with combined units to improve efficiency and usability.

Grass cutting requirements for Polegate were also reviewed, including whether the number of cuts could be reduced to achieve savings.

Finally, the Committee discussed allotment fees and the potential for increasing charges to allotment holders.

It was agreed to consider the points raised above when finalising the budget in January. VOTE all in favour.

The meeting closed at 12:22pm

Signed Chair of Meeting _____ Date _____