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PRESENT: Councillors Jarman (Chair), Bamford, Turan, Whistance

CLERK: K Gibson

MINUTES: M Gardiner

RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER: Tara Bloomfield

FINANCE OFFICER: P Blackley

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 6.30PM ON 21ST
APRIL 2026 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MEMORIAL HALL, FRESHWATER**

1. APOLOGIES: Councillors Armstrong and Hobbs

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

To receive any declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary (personal) interests relating to items on the agenda.

Councillor Bamford declared an interest in agenda item 7 as she is a trustee of the Memorial Hall Arts and Leisure Company.

3. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

To receive and consider granting any written requests from Members for dispensations in respect of disclosable pecuniary interest. **NONE**

4. MINUTES

To agree the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 17th February 2026 (**PAPER A**) (**CJ/DW**) **AGREED**

5. BANK RECONCILIATIONS

To receive, sign and recommend to Full Council for noting the bank reconciliations for periods ending 28th February 2026 and 31st March 2026 (**PAPER B & B1**)

It was proposed to receive, sign and recommend to Full Council for noting the bank reconciliations for periods ending 28th February 2026 and 31st March 2026 (**CJ/AB**) **AGREED**

6. EVACUATION CHAIR PURCHASE

To review the options given for the purchase of an evacuation chair for Memorial Hall and approve an option to be purchased. (**PAPER C**)

It was proposed to accept the Officer recommendation of option 4 - Safety Chair EV 4000 by DS Medical at a cost of £615.20 plus VAT (**CJ/DW**) **AGREED**

7. MEMORIAL HALL SMOKE DETECTORS

To approve the request to fund the replacement of smoke detectors at Memorial Hall. (PAPER D)

It was proposed to approve the funding of replacement smoke detectors at the Memorial Hall **(DW/CJ) AGREED**

8. FINANCE COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

To review the current committee terms of reference and decide on any required changes to be recommended to full council. (PAPER E)

It was proposed to agree the amendments made by the Responsible Finance Officer to be recommended to Full Council for agreement. **(CJ/DW) AGREED**

9. DRAFT YEAR END ACCOUNTS

To receive the draft year end accounts for 2025/26. **(PAPER F & F1)**

It was proposed to accept the draft year end accounts for 2025/26

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be on Tuesday 21st July 2026.

MEETING ENDS AT: 18.46pm