FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Callington Council Chambers

27th October 2026 at 6:30pm

Minutes

PRESENT: CLLRS – BERESFORD-POWER (TBP), CAREY (PC), COAKLEY (MC), DOIDGE (BD), LONG (AL), POUND (SP), SMITH (MS) (PORTREEVE AND MAYOR), TOLMAN (ST) & WATSON (PW)

OFFICERS ACTING TOWN CLERK (ATC), RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER (RFO)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC 4

	Minutes	Action
1.	**APOLOGIES** Cllr Read, Cllr Valdebouze	
2.	**MINUTES** **Approval of the minutes of 22nd September 2026.** **RESOLVED.** Proposed Cllr Tolman, seconded Cllr Carey and unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.	
3.	**MATTERS ARISING** None	
4.	**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST** **To receive any disclosure(s) of interest by a Councillor or an officer in matters to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with provisions of Sections 94 or 117 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the National Code of Local Government Conduct** None	
5.	**DISPENSATIONS** None	
6.	**PUBLIC SESSION** ***A public session will be held during the meeting to allow members of the public to ask questions, this session shall not exceed 10 minutes. Members of the public can speak for up to 3 minutes although this can be extended with permission from the Chairperson.*** ***Questions must relate strictly to items on the published agenda and be submitted in writing at least 24 hours before the meeting. Questions should be sent to clerk@callington-tc.gov.uk***	

	The Chair reserves the right to group similar questions and to limit the time for responses where necessary. None	
7. Cllr Smith arrived at 18:32pm Cllr Pound arrived at 6:34pm	**FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION – To review the earmarked reserves and make recommendations to Full Council.** The RFO and the Chair of the Committee had previously met to discuss this matter, including a detailed review of various areas where budget allocations could be realigned. However, as the Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee was not present, Cllrs felt it would be inappropriate to make any decisions at this stage. **RESOLVED** Proposed Cllr Beresford-Power, seconded Cllr Coakley to agree to defer this item until the November F&GP meeting. In the meantime, the Committee Chairs will meet with the RFO to discuss the reserves and proposed realignment of budget allocations. **VOTES IN FAVOUR 8, votes against 0, abstentions 1.** The RFO reminded Cllrs that the deadline for setting the precept was fast approaching, with the precept needing to be agreed by December. **NOTED**	
8.	**FOR DECISION - to approve the yearly review of the standard policies and procedures. The Code of Conduct and Standing Orders have previously been circulated.** **RESOLVED** Proposed Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Carey and unanimously agreed approve the yearly review of the standard policies and procedures. The Code of Conduct and Standing Orders have previously been circulated.	
9.	**FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION - To consider and approve a budget allocation of £250 towards entertainment for the Christmas Market, in partnership with Callington Rotary, and to delegate authority to the Chair and Acting Clerk to take the necessary actions to implement the arrangements.** Cllr Pound explained that monthly meetings were being held to discuss arrangements for the Christmas festivities. It was felt appropriate for the Town Council to contribute towards the entertainment, in line with the contribution being made by Callington Rotary. **RESOLVED** Proposed Cllr Tolman, seconded Cllr Watson and unanimously agreed to commit £250.00 towards the Christmas entertainment.	
10.	**FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION - To consider the introduction of a dedicated budget allocation for the Callington Town Band, similar to the existing budget provision for the Twinning Association.** Cllr Smith provided a brief explanation of his proposal to allocate an annual budget to Callington Town Band, recognising its longstanding commitment to	

	the town. The Band's existing agreement regarding the use of the Chapel at Liskeard Road, along with the benefits currently provided by the Town Council, was discussed. Cllr Watson expressed opposition to the proposal, stating that the Band already receives sufficient support from the Town Council and that additional funding was therefore unnecessary. A short discussion then continued. **RESOLVED** Proposed Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Carey that the Town Council provide annual support to Callington Town Band to the value of £350, towards the cost of two hall hire sessions. This amount will be funded through the tax base uplift. **Votes in favour 8, votes against 1, abstentions 0**	
11.	**FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION - To receive an update regarding the local Pubwatch scheme and consider any matters relating to the Town Council's involvement.** Cllr Beresford-Power explained the Pubwatch scheme, outlining its "banned from one, banned from all" approach. Details of individuals on the exclusion list are shared with participating venues to ensure they are aware of who is banned. He clarified that the responsibility lies with the designated responsible person serving alcohol to be aware of any individuals who are banned. It was also confirmed that there is no cost to join the scheme. Cllrs were also advised that meetings are held every two months, which they are welcome to attend. Cllrs raised various questions and queries regarding the scheme and its suitability for the Town Hall, given the wide range of organisations and groups that use the venue to host events. **RESOLVED** Proposed Cllr Long, seconded Cllr Doidge and unanimously agreed that the Town Council would become associate members of Pub Watch and that Cllr Beresford-Power would attend the bi-monthly meetings on behalf of the Town Council.	
12.	**FOR NOTING - Mural competition update on murals and installation** The ATC confirmed that the murals have been completed and installed on the side wall of the pharmacy building. **NOTED**	
13.	**FOR NOTING - Update on Biscombes Lane CCTV** The ATC advised that a site meeting had taken place with the CCTV contractor. Progress is going well; however, an installation date has not yet been confirmed. **NOTED**	

14.	**FOR NOTING – Update on 56 Fore Street. To provide an update** The ATC advised that a site visit had taken place with the building owner and the artist. The Council is now awaiting the business owner to take the window measurements so that the artist can prepare suitable designs. **RESOLVED** Proposed Cllr Long, seconded Cllr Pound and unanimously agreed that this update be noted and that the item remain on the agenda for ongoing updates until the project is complete.	
15. Cllr Pound left the room 7.10pm	**FOR NOTING – Update on Banking Hub** **Cllr Long explained that the information will now be brought together including the surveys and letters from the local Parishes and sent across to our local MP Anne Geldard so that this can be presented the LINK to showcase that not only is a want but also a need for a Banking Hub.** **RESOLVED** Proposed Cllr Beresford-Power, seconded Cllr Smith and unanimously agreed that this update be noted and that the item remain on the agenda for ongoing updates until the project is complete.	
	Date of next meeting 24th November 2026	
	There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.12pm	