

STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Policy, Finance and Publicity Committee held on 21 October 2025 at 6.00pm in the Committee Room at The Speedwell Rooms, Staveley.

Present: Councillors M Bagshaw, S Hartley, P Jacobs, P Mann and E Tidd

In attendance: Mrs S Doherty (Town Clerk and RFO)

PFP2526-12 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence received.

PFP2526-13 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

PFP2526-14 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record.

PFP2526-15 Christmas Lights Contract Review

Councillors considered the quotes submitted and discussed the various issues and matters raised by the Town Clerk regarding details of the switch-on event.

In response to a query it was explained that solar lights had been looked at, however they were expensive and were not as bright as mains supplied ones which usually resulted in complaints elsewhere.

RECOMMENDED:

- a) That the Dec-X quote be accepted and the Clerk be given discretion to select 6 additional lights for the high street, bearing in mind the constraints advised upon.
- b) That the provision of fairground rides for the event day be approved, all to be contained within the existing budget.

PFP2526-16 Draft Budget and Earmarked Reserves

Councillors reviewed the documents provided and considered the updates and the potential impact on the precept. It was confirmed that the Council Tax Base would not be provided until December at the earliest and so it was not possible to calculate the precept figures until then.

Councillors asked the Clerk to look into the costs of providing modernised Council Chamber equipment such as a hearing loop, new meeting tables for the hall and TV screens for presentations etc.

It was requested a figure of £6k be added to the Community Equipment line which would be allocated from CIL funds

Chair's Initials

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In considering the Earmarked Reserves it was queried what projects were assigned for the Inkersall Solar Farm Fund of £40k. A heated discussion ensued where it was confirmed that there were three projects set with the company as negotiated by former Councillor R Perry and if the Council wanted to change these it would need to write to them to ask if they agreed with the suggestions. If Councillors had projects that they felt the funding would be suitable for then they should propose a motion for Council to consider and vote upon so that the Clerk could write to the company as required.

RECOMMENDED: That, subject to the above amendments being included, the draft budget be approved.

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Income Generation

Councillors discussed ideas. A suggestion was made that businesses be approached to sponsor events.

The Chairman asked if there were any other ideas and Cllr Bagshaw proceeded to bring up an unrelated item which was not on the agenda. The Chairman allowed it, despite advice that this was against the rules. It was advised that the matter was scheduled for the November Council meeting as a motion and did not need to be discussed and recommended by this Committee. Cllr Bagshaw became abusive towards the Clerk and the Chairman reprimanded him for his behaviour which he said was unbecoming of a Councillor.

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Schedule of Meetings 2025-26

10 February 2026.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:00pm.

Chairman Signature: _____