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MINUTES OF FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
held on Monday 10th August 2026 at 7.00pm

Present: Gavin Crisp (Chair), Margaret Bebbington, Philippa Biddlecombe, David Bright, Dave Gill, Judi Morison, Trevor Oats, Angela Piggott
Clerk: Lisa Davis

The meeting started at 19:00

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F027 Apologies for absence
None.

F028 Declarations of personal or pecuniary interest (these must be declared BEFORE the agenda items concerned are discussed. Persons with a declared pecuniary interest must leave the meeting room when these are discussed).
Philippa Biddlecombe declared a personal interest in item F034
David Bright declared a personal interest in item F032

F029 Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee meeting held on 13th July 2026 to be signed by the Chair.
RESOLVED: it was proposed and agreed (7 – for, 0 – against, 1 – abstained) to approve the minutes of the meeting on 13th July 2026

F030 To review action points from previous meetings No update

F031 Quarterly budget monitoring report A quarterly report was circulated in advance of the meeting. It was noted that the traffic light system is easier to read.

F032 To consider grant application for Caryford Hall Pantomime
RESOLVED: it was proposed and agreed (7 – for, 1 – abstained, 0 – against) to award a grant of £150 for Caryford Hall Pantomime.

F033 To consider funding request from Castle Cary and Ansford Carnival Society
It was noted that the Carnival Society are being very risk adverse and it should be suggested that they re-evaluate their finances and how much they hold.
RESOLVED: it was proposed and agreed (5 – for, 3 – abstained, 0 – against) to offer a grant of £150 towards the insurance costs and £400 towards the barriers required for the road closure from the health and safety budget. In addition free use of the Shambles and Undercroft would be provided for the Children's Carnival and Carnival.

F034 To consider grant application from Mid Somerset Arts Society
RESOLVED: it was proposed and agreed (7 – for, 1 – abstained, 0 – against) to award a grant of £150 to Mid Somerset Arts Society.

F035 To consider funding request from Friends of Castle Cary Community Library It was agreed to request further information regarding the lease for the Library building and a copy of the recent annual report. This item would be deferred for discussion at the next Full Council meeting.

F036 To consider the purchase of Christmas lights for the town and to discuss how these would be funded It was agreed to defer the discussion about the town centre lights / trees until the next Finance Committee meeting to enable Castle Cary Commerce Association to discuss the design and a financial contribution at their meeting in August.
RESOLVED: it was proposed and unanimously agreed to order four Christmas trees for the Market House.

F037 To review the Community Engagement Policy
RESOLVED: It was agreed to re-adopt the Community Engagement Policy with agreed amendments.

The meeting closed at 7.42pm

The date of the next Finance and Management Committee meeting will be Monday 14th September 2026. Any items for inclusion on the agenda should be forwarded to the Town Clerk by Thursday 3rd September.