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# DRAFT MINUTES OF FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
**held on Monday 14th September 2026 at 7.00pm**

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

**The meeting started at 19:00**

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**F038 Apologies for absence**
Trevor Oats, Pek Peppin and Angela Piggott had sent their apologies

**F039 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).**
None

**F040 Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee meeting held on 10th August 2026 to be signed by the Chair.**
**RESOLVED: it was proposed and agreed (5 – for, 0 – against, 1 – abstained) to approve the minutes of the meeting on 10th August 2026**

**F041 To review action points from previous meetings** No update

**F042 To consider the installation of Christmas trees supplemented by lights in the town centre and to agree the funding and management arrangements for 2026 and beyond**
**RESOLVED: it was proposed and unanimously agreed to purchase 24 Christmas trees and 24 Star shaped lights for the town centre. Castle Cary Commerce Association would contribute at least £600 towards the cost and any shortfall would be paid for from earmarked reserves.**
Margaret Bebbington kindly offered to donate an artificial Christmas tree to the Town Council to be used in the Shambles.

**F043 To consider grant application from Castle Cary Cricket Club towards the cost of hall hire for winter training sessions**
**RESOLVED: it was proposed and unanimously agreed to award a grant of £150 to Castle Cary Cricket Club**

**F044 To discuss the youth contract which is in the final year and consider the next steps**
Judi Morison had circulated a report in advance of the meeting. The youth contract is in the final year of a three year contract. It was noted that Ansford Academy would still not engage with Youth Connect Southwest which is an issue. Councillors felt there is a need to increase numbers and to invite Ansford Parish Council to work with CCTC and the other parishes. Judi Morison is looking at funding to replace the SALC funding that is no longer available.

It was agreed that Councillors are minded to continue the contract, but would like to continue discussions to understand in more detail how it would work.

**F045 To consider Market House Licensing policy**
**RESOLVED: it was proposed and unanimously agreed to adopt the Market House Licensing policy**

The date of the next Finance and Management Committee meeting will be Monday 12th October 2026. Any items for inclusion on the agenda should be forwarded to the Town Clerk by Thursday 1st October.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm