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Councillor Owen Jeffery
Councillor Mark Lillycrop
Councillor Jay Lunn
Councillor Tom McCann

21st October 2025

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the **Finance and General Purposes Committee** to be held on **Monday 27th October 2025 at 19:00hrs** in the **Thatcham Town Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham** for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Carlin
Acting Town Clerk

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive from Members, in respect of any items included on the agenda for this meeting, declaration of any personal, disclosable pecuniary or other interests in line with the Town Council's Code of Conduct.



3. MINUTES

- a) To take as read and confirm as accurate the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 2025.
- b) For the Town Clerk to provide, and for Members to request, feedback on any matters arising from the previous meetings.

4. BUDGET REVIEW 2025/26

- a) To review an income and expenditure report for all Council budgets for Q1; 1st July 2025 to 30th September 2025.
- b) To receive and note a report on Reserves and CIL funds held.
- c) To note a report on external grants and sponsorship received.
- d) To note a report on vandalism costs.
- e) To agree any movements to be made to Reserves now end of year adjustments are complete.

5. PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT FRIDGE/FREEZER FOR THE COUNCIL OFFICES

To agree a budget for the purchase of a new fridge/freezer for the Council offices, as the existing item no longer maintains the required temperature. To be funded from Rolling Capital.

6. PROPOSED SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING PROVISION

To consider a proposal from the Community Engagement Manager to provide suicide prevention training for 10 volunteers who will be present at Thatcham Train Station.

7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORKING PARTY

To receive and consider adoption of the Minutes of the Community Engagement Working Party meeting held on 7th October 2025.

8. FINANCIALS

- a) To note BACS payments paid from the current account in the previous quarter, having been audited by Members.
- b) To note details of all other payments made from the current account and the Clerk's account during the period 1st July 2025 to 30th September 2025.
- c) To note a bank reconciliation report.
- d) To review an Aged Creditor report.
- e) To review an Aged Debtor report [not for publication].



9. GRANT APPLICATIONS

a) To consider the following Community Project Fund grant applications:

- i. From 1st Thatcham Scout Group, for £249.80, for the project: 'Wood Burning Kettle Stoves'.
- ii. From Thatcham Town FC, for £500, for the project: 'Football Equipment for Youth Team'.
- iii. From Kennet School, for £250, for the project: 'Food Department's Garnish Garden'

b) To consider the following Community Grant applications on The Good Exchange:

The following applications would usually be considered by the Grants Sub Committee at its meeting on 13th October 2025, however, this meeting was cancelled. If supported by Committee, the applications would be subject to matched funding from the Town Council's annual agreement with Greenham Trust.

- i. Application reference 20895 – Volunteer Centre West Berkshire, requesting £500 towards the total remaining funding required of £44,069, for the project: 'Community Transport Services 2025 - 2026'.
- ii. Application reference 20749 – Home-Start West Berkshire need funding to provide essential resources (clothing, nappies, equipment). Remaining funding required £12,984.
- iii. Application reference 21007 – Newbury Weekly News, collecting for the Over 80's Christmas Parcel Fund. Remaining funding required £21,484.

