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Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 27th April 2026 at 6.30pm at Workington Town Council Offices, Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington.

Cllr Mike Rollo (Chair)	Present	Cllr Beth Dixon (Vice Chair)	Present
Cllr Michael Heaslip	Present	Cllr Tricia Poole	Present
Cllr Allan Hodgson	Present	Cllr Stephen Stoddart	Present
Cllr Bernadette Jones	Present	Cllr Ellie Wood	Present
Cllr John Mills	Present	Cllr Joan Wright	Absent

Also in attendance: Chief Officer/RFO.

FG25.96 Absences: No absences were notified prior to the meeting.

FG25.97 Declarations of Interest: None.

FG25.98 Exclusion of press and public: None

FG25.99 Public representation: None.

FG25.100 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved: Committee approved the minutes of the 2nd March 2026 meeting and affirmed them a true record.

FG25.101 Public Questions: None

FG25.102 Questions and Statements from Members: None

FG25.103 Motions on Notice: None

FG25.104 Budget 2025-2026

a) **Resolved:** Committee approved the bank reconciliation and statements of accounts for February 2026.

b) Committee noted the year end accounts are being prepared and will go to the annual meeting for approval.

c) **Resolved:** Committee noted the following approvals under SO27:

£2,100 park café project from asset management budget line 25-26.

£2,495.83 WIFI set-up costs for Princess Street and Park End Shelter. £39.67 monthly fee for 1 year (reduction on current monthly fee of £80 per month) from the IT budget line 25-26 and onwards

FG25.105 Internal Auditor

Resolved: Committee resolved to recommend to Full Council to appoint Jean Airey as the internal auditor for 2026-2027.

FG25.106 Projects Update

Committee noted the report for information.

A question was asked with regards to adverse possession of an unregistered strip of land at Brewery House play area at the last meeting. The Chair advised that the solicitor has confirmed Council is not able to claim this piece of land.

The Chair advised that for the purposes of bookings in Park End Shetler, non-profit organisations can currently use the building for free; for other bookings a small charge will be applied.

A full report on fees and charges will be brought to a future committee meeting for consideration.

FG25.107 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

The Chair advised that only minimal changes had been made to the documents and would be taken to the annual meeting for approval. Any further changes, tweaks or questions with regards to the documents by committee to be sent to The Chair or CO who would be happy to discuss.

FG25.108 Staffing

Committee noted the report for information.

FG25.109 The Ranch

Resolved: Committee approved for Officers to investigate potential other use of the land and bring a report back to a future committee meeting.

Fields in Trust was discussed and committee agreed to put on hold for now as potential acquisitions may be coming to the Council that would also benefit from being protected by FIT therefore submissions would be done collectively.

FG25.110 Insurance

Committee noted the report for information.

Meeting ended at 18.47.