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MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
held on WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY 2025 at 7.00pm in The Otho Peter Suites, Launceston Town Hall

- PRESENT** Cllrs Bailey (Town Mayor), Gilbert (Deputy Mayor), Bullen, Conway, Heaton, Hogan, O'Brien, Soanes and Young
In attendance: Cllr Lankston, Responsible Finance Officer, Estates and Properties Manager
- 2501/32 Apologies for absence**
There were no apologies for absence
- 2501/33 Declarations of Interest**
Councillor Bullen declared an interest in agenda item 8 the grant applications received from North Petherwin Football Club, Launceston Football Club and Werrington Football Club.
Councillor Hogan declared an interest in agenda item 7 & 8 the grant applications received from Launceston Town Band
- 2501/34 Public Representation Session**
There were no members of the public present
- 2501/35 Minutes of the last meeting**
The minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2025 were signed as a correct record.
- 2501/36 Finance**
It was **resolved** to:
i) approve the payment listings for November and December 2024
ii) approve the balance sheet for December 2024
iii) approve the budget comparison report for December 2024
iv) The Councillors listed below will carry out the payment check for the following months:
January 25 – Cllr Bullen
February 25 – Cllr Bailey
March 25 – Cllr Gilbert
April 25 – Cllr Bullen
- 2501/37 Budget 2025/26**
It was **resolved** to;
i) agree the budget for 2025/26 of £2,546,563 with a Precept of £1,162,399. This equates to a Band D of £355.46 an increase of £31.09
- 2501/38 Exceptional Grants**
----- Councillor Hogan declared an interest and left the room while the following item was discussed -----

It was **resolved** to award an exceptional grant of £250 to Launceston Town Band.

2501/39

Grants

It was **resolved** that;

- i) a grant of £250 be awarded to the following organisations;

----- Councillor Hogan declared an interest and left the room while the following grant were considered -----

- a) Launceston Town Band

----- Councillor Hogan returned to the room -----

----- Councillor Bailey declared an interest and left the room while the following grant were considered -----

- b) Launceston Youth Music Theatre

----- Councillor Bailey returned to the room -----

- c) Access Theatre CIO
- d) Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust
- e) Launceston Male Voice Choir
- f) Café Scientifique
- g) Launceston Explorer Scouts
- h) 1st Launceston Scout Group
- i) Launceston Street Pastors
- j) Launceston Choral Society
- k) Launceston Repair Café

----- Councillor Bullen declared an interest and left the room while the following grants were considered -----

- l) Werrington Cricket Club
- m) Launceston Association Football Club
- n) North Petherwin Football Club

----- Councillor Bullen returned to the room -----

Annual Automatic Grants

It was **resolved** that the following awards be made:

- i)
 - a) St Mary Magdalene, St Thomas', St Stephen's and St Cuthbert Mayne churches for the maintenance of churchyards - £250 each
 - b) Youth Council – spend up to £3,000
 - c) Launceston Carnival - £750
 - d) Launceston in Bloom - £1,000
 - e) Town CCTV - £3,000
 - f) Friends of Launceston Priory – up to £1,000
 - g) Launceston Municipal Charities - £500
 - h) Launceston Community Transport Partnership - £500
 - i) Launceston Foodbank - £1,000
 - j) Launceston Money Advice Centre - £500
 - k) The Council Tax payments for Cyprus Well - £2,100

- 2501/40

Award of Appreciation

It was **resolved** to award Awards of Appreciation to Mrs Jennifer Worth.
- 2501/41

Urgent Items

There were no urgent items.

The meeting closed at 8.33 pm.

Signed

Date