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MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
held on WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2026 at 7.00pm in The Otho Peter Suites, Launceston Town Hall

PRESENT Cllrs Gilbert (Mayor), Conway (Deputy Mayor), Bullen (Chair), Heaton, Hogan, O'Brien, Soanes and Young
In attendance:
Responsible Finance Officer
Town Clerk

2602/08 Apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Cllr Gilbert and Young

2602/09 Declarations of Interest
Councillor Bullen declared an interest in agenda item 6 the grant applications received from Launceston Football Club.
Councillor Hogan declared an interest in agenda item 6 the grant applications received from Launceston Town Band
Councillor Heaton declared an interest in agenda item 6 the grant application received from Launceston CCTV and The Charles Causley Trust
Councillor Lankston declared an interest in agenda item 6 the grant award to the Youth Council

2602/10 Public Representation Session
There were members of the public present

2602/11 Minutes of the last meeting
The minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2026 were signed as a correct record.

2602/12 Grants Policy
It was **resolved** to approve the grant policy for the financial year 2027/28 onwards with the following amendments made to the draft:

There will to two meetings a year when grants will be considered February and September and the closing dates for applications will be 7 January and 31 July.

***A recorded vote was requested ***

For	Against	Abstain
Cllr Bailey	Cllr Conway	
Cllr Lankston	Cllr Heaton	
Cllr Bullen	Cllr O'Brien	
Cllr Soanes	Cllr Hogan	

As there was an equality of votes, the Chair exercised their casting vote for the motion

The following sentences are added:

a) Only one grant award will be made to an organisation per Council financial year.

- b) Organisations with reserves in excess of 12 months expenditure will not be considered unless there is a specific project which requires sums of this size to be maintained by other funding bodies.

The following sentence is removed:

If refused you may request that the application is reconsidered at the next grants meeting. (Page 3, second paragraph)

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Grants

It was **resolved** that;

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

- a) Launceston Street Pastors - £250
- b) Launceston Male Voice Choir - £250

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

- c) Launceston Town Band - £250

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

- d) Launceston Choral Society – £250
- e) 1st Launceston Scout Group
- f) Launceston Explorer Scouts
- g) Café Scientifique
- h) Launceston Agricultural Association
- i) Werrington Cricket Club
- j) Wild Young Parents Project

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

- k) Launceston Association Football Club – £250

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

- l) Cornwall Hospice Care – £250
- m) Access Theatre CIO – Free hires to the value of £250

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

- ii) a grant was not be awarded to The Charles Causley Trust in this part of the meeting.

***A recorded vote was requested ***

For

Cllr Conway
Cllr O'Brien
Cllr Soanes

Against

Cllr Bailey
Cllr Bullen
Cllr Soanes

Abstain

Cllr Lankston

----- Councillor Heaton returned to the room -----

As there was an equality of votes, the Chair exercised their casting vote against the motion

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

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

- b) Youth Council – spend up to £3,000

----- Councillor Lankston returned to the room -----

- 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

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

- h) The Council Tax payments for Cyprus Well - approx. £2,250

----- Councillor Heaton returned to the room -----

- i) Launceston Community Transport Partnership - £500
j) Launceston Foodbank - £1,000
k) Launceston Money Advice Centre - £500

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Urgent Items

There were no urgent items

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed

Date