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Minutes of the Finance, Personnel & General Purposes Committee Meeting
Held on Monday 2nd November 2026 at the Old Police Station, Market Hall Street, Kington

PRESENT	IN ATTENDANCE
Cllr. R. Banks - Chair	
Cllr. B. Bishop	Michael Greenfield – Town Clerk
Cllr. M. Blackaller	
Cllr. R. Morgan (Arrived 5.02pm)	Ruth Robinson – Assistant Clerk
Cllr. E. Rolls	
Cllr. L. Timmins	
Cllr. M. Woolford	

AGENDA Item | **Minute**

1 **F&GP 024-26** To receive apologies, declarations of interest and requests for dispensation
Apologies were received from Cllr E. Banks

2 **F&GP 025-26** Minutes:
To agree Minutes of the Finance, Personnel & General Purposes Committee meeting held on **7th September 2026.**
The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2026 which had been previously circulated, were approved and the chair authorised to sign as a true record of proceedings at that meeting.

(Cllr. R. Morgan arrived 5.02pm)

3 **F&GP 026-26** **Financial Matters**
a) To review and consider the draft budget 2027-2028.
Note: To be submitted to Herefordshire Council by 31st December 2026
RESOLVED: That the draft budget of £207,608 be recommend to Full Council for the financial year for 2027-2028.

b) To note the consideration from the Planning & Environment Committee held on 7th September 2026.

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RESOLVED: That £2500 be incorporated into the budget code 4260/130 Recreation Ground Maintenance for dog bins/waste collections. This is to include dog waste stickers and 6 bins.

c) To consider and decide on a grant to Christmas Cracker Community lunches (HVOSS Charity Account) – funding request £200.00

RESOLVED: That a grant of £200.00 to Christmas Cracker Community lunches (HVOSS Charity Account) be approved; that the Committee express its support for the aims and objectives of the application; and that similar applications be welcomed.

4 F&GP 027-26 General Purposes

a) Buildings currently occupied by the Town Council and such other buildings that can be determined as Community Assets:

There are on-going discussions with Herefordshire Council regarding the Market Hall site and the possibility of the council taking ownership of the site.

b) Provision for young people

Youth Strategy Launch 3rd November 2026. Cllr. J. Gardner will be attending the event.

The Committee reviewed correspondence from Cllr Ivan Powell, Herefordshire Council's Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.
It found insufficient information on how pooled funds would benefit young people in Kington. As such the committee recommends that the request for a grant is not approved, particularly in relation to financial regulations and the governance of public funds.

Recommendation: That the committee recommends to Full Council that the request for a grant is not approved, particularly in relation to financial regulations and the governance of public funds.

c) Public toilets

Cllr M. Woolford and the Working Party have held several meetings and contacted Herefordshire Council to explore taking responsibility for the Mill Street public toilets.
The Working Party awaits further information from Herefordshire Council.

d) Tourism and Tourist Information Centre

The last Open Day was Saturday 31st October 2026. The Tourist Information Centre is now closed until next year.
There were approximately 1900 visitors to the Tourist Information Centre.

e) Arts, culture and museum provision

There was nothing to report under this agenda item.

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f) Social care, support services, talk community and information and advice provision.

There was nothing to report under this agenda item.

g) Markets

There was nothing to report under this agenda item.

5 **F&GP 028-26** Items for the next agenda

6 **F&GP 029-26** Date of next meeting Monday 11th January 2027 - Start time: 5.00pm

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.

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Chairman

Date: _____

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