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Finance Committee Minutes

For the meeting held in the Moot Hall

Monday 9th February 2026 at 7.15pm

Present:

Cllr Chalmers (Chair)
Cllr Anderton
Cllr Curley
Cllr Davidson
Cllr Heap

Also in attendance:

Cllr Connell
Cllr Hilsden
Cllr Railton
Cllr Rooke
Town Clerk and Clerk's Assistant

F1/02/26 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

F2/02/26 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest to report.

F3/02/26 Management Accounts

The Chair presented the Management Accounts for January 2026.

The Management Accounts for January 2026 were accepted and **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council.

F4/02/26 Precept for 2026-27

The precept request for 2026-27 has been acknowledged by Westmorland & Furness Council.

F5/02/26 Shop Front Improvement Grant Scheme

Grant offer letters have been sent to four businesses. The next deadline for applications is 2nd March.

F6/02/26 Charity Accounts

Appleby Carnival Committee have submitted a grant application to support the 2026 Carnival, the first one since 2019. They have been busy fundraising, and the Clerk has also assisted with some grant applications.

Cllr Chalmers commented that it was an excellent application and very worthwhile cause, and Cllr Curley agreed that the event is always impressively organised and loved by the community. The Clerk suggested allocating money in the budget for future carnivals, so the organisers know they have some guaranteed funding, in the same way the Council does for the Christmas lights.

As both the charity accounts' funds are depleting, it has previously been agreed that future grants awarded would be in the region of £500. It was discussed and agreed to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council to make up the shortfall in their request from Council reserves.

F7/02/26 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

There were no items for future agendas.

F8/02/26 Next Meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Finance Committee will be on **Monday 9th March 2026** at **7.15pm**, or at the rising of the Planning and General Purposes Committee in the Moot Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.28pm.

At the Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 18th February 2026**, the Chair of this meeting was authorised by the Committee to sign these minutes, to confirm they are a true and accurate record:

Cllr Chalmers