LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 08/06/2026

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Council Chambers, Claremont House, High Street Lydney on Monday 8th June 2026 at 7.00pm

Present:	Councillors J Gregory (Chair), C Harris, S Holmes, H Hutchison, P Johns, M Jones and T Saunders
Absent:	None
Also in	S Fieldhouse – Finance Assistant (Minute Taker)
Attendance:	H Sleeman – Business Administrator
Members of Public:	No members of the public were present

Cllr J Gregory gave the usual 'housekeeping' announcements.

Open Forum
No items raised

1.	**APOLOGIES**
	Councillor R Holmes gave his apologies for his absence
2.	**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
	To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with Lydney Town Council's current Code of Conduct in respect of Members. No declarations of interest were declared
3.	**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
	It was proposed by the Chair that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23rd February 2026 be accepted as read and correct. **Resolved: Majority Approved**
4.	**GRANT APPLICATIONS**
	To consider and decide on the following grant applications received: The Committee was requested to consider applications for a grant, these had all been circulated along with a copy of the Council's Grants Policy Guidance Sheet.
(i)	Severn Area Rescue Association To purchase and install a rear-mounted pull-out drawer for a Land Rover emergency response vehicle. Requested: £500 It was proposed (CH) and seconded (TS) not to approve the application as it did not meet grant criteria **Decision: Resolved Unanimously to Not Approve the Application**

(ii)	Forest Fighting Fit To support a weekly Wednesday Food Night, which provides a healthy, free meal for children immediately after their fitness and martial arts session in Lydney. Requested: £500 Chair proposed not to approve the application as it did not meet grant criteria. **Decision: Resolved Unanimously to Not Approve the Application**
(iii)	Freeminer Explorer Scouts To purchase storage and shelters for use when meeting outside Requested: £850 It was proposed (TS) be approved but at a reduced figure of £500 and was seconded by (SH) **Decision: Resolved Unanimously Approved the Application**
(iv)	Forest Exiles Cricket Club To purchase replacement mowing equipment to help maintain and provide a safe playing environment. Requested: £1,000 It was proposed (TS) proposed and was seconded (HH) not to approve the application as it did not meet grant criteria. **Decision: Resolved Unanimously to Not Approve the Application**
5.	**SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS**
	To consider and approve new Service Level Agreements No new Service Level Agreement Applications/requests were received
6.	**MONITORING & EVALUATION FORMS**
	To note monitoring and evaluation forms received from:
(i)	Forest of Dean Swimming Club Noted
(ii)	Listening Post Noted: the furnishings
(iii)	Primrose Hill School Noted the new school bike shed
7.	**COUNCILLORS REPORTS**
	To note *URGENT* Councillors Reports on matters within the remit of this Committee. Cllr Saunders stated that the appointed internal auditor from GALC has reviewed the Lydney Town Council 2025-2026 AGAR with no audit reservations raised. However, Cllr Saunders expressed her concern and frustration that there was an unacceptable delay in receiving the audit report from GALC.

8.	**CORRESPONDENCE**
	To note correspondence received and answered and to agree responses, as appropriate No correspondence was received
9.	**FUTURE BUSINESS**
	No items were identified Cllr Saunders informed the meeting that every effort was being made to encourage grant applications from organisation which possibly meet the grant criteria. Cllr Harris said that she would approach Bathurst Park Pool with a view to submitting a future grant application.
10.	**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**
	Monday 2nd November 2026 at 7pm to be held at the Council Chambers
	The meeting closed at 7.37pm

Chair …… Date ……