PENWORTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

STRATEGY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting held at Penwortham Community Centre on Monday 24th February 2025 at 6:35pm.

Committee Members Present: Councillors D Bennett, D Howarth, and J Patten (Chair).

Substitute Committee Members Present: Councillors G Crewe, K Martin, A Rae, D Shaw and R Taylor

In attendance: Councillor H Crewe

Marie Curran, Town Manager & RFO
Daniel Guise, Democratic Services Officer

50. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Will Adams, Tracey Flannery, Harry Hancock, Angela Turner and Ian Watkinson

Councillor Adams was substituted by Councillor Martin.
Councillor Flannery was substituted by Councillor Rae.
Councillor Hancock was substituted by Councillor Shaw.
Councillor Turner was substituted by Councillor G Crewe.
Councillor Watkinson was substituted by Councillor Taylor.

51. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Patten declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Youth Holiday Activities item, due to a close association with a firm involved. Cllr Patten advised that he would leave the room during consideration of the item. As the Vice-Chair of the committee had sent her apologies, this required the selection of a chair for the duration of the item in question.

RESOLVED: that Cllr Howarth chair the meeting during the Youth Holiday Activities item.

52. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Councillor Martin proposed that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as a correct record. Cllr Bennett seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the last meeting, held on 27th January 2025, be approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

53. **Committee Scheduling**

RESOLVED: i) that ordinary meetings of the Full Council be held on the first Tuesday of each calendar month, except August and January;

ii) that the default date for ordinary meetings of committees be the third Tuesday of each month, except August and December; and

iii) that the default start time for Full Council meetings, and for the first committee meeting of an evening, be 6:30pm.

Cllr Patten left the room during consideration of the following item. Cllr Howarth took the chair.

54. **Youth Holiday Activities**

The Town Manager reported that South Ribble Borough Council (SRBC) were to provide a Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme at Penwortham Community Centre (PCC) through the 2025 Easter holidays. She advised that SRBC had engaged Prime Sports Academy to deliver this. The activities were scheduled for the mornings of 7th to 11th April and 14th to 17th April 2025.

The committee was asked to consider funding 25 child places on each corresponding afternoon, from 1pm to 5pm, at a cost of £10 per child. The total cost to the Town Council would be a maximum of £2,000. This would enable the afternoon activities to be provided free of charge – alternatively, the Council could offer a partial subsidy. The Town Manager advised that these options would be within the budget of £10k for holiday activities in Penwortham, allocated for financial year 2025-26.

Cllr Bennett proposed that the Council subsidise each afternoon place to a value of £9, leaving a £1 charge per afternoon to parents or family, for each child attending. Cllr Taylor seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED: that the Council subsidise each afternoon place during the Easter HAF programme at PCC to a value of £9, leaving a £1 charge per afternoon to parents or family.

……Chairman

(The meeting finished at 6:55pm.)
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