



Howden Town Council



Minutes of the meeting of the Resources and Asset Management Committee held on Tuesday January 13th 2026 at 7.15pm at the Howden Town Council Offices, Bridgegate, Howden.

Present: Councillors Blee (Chair), Drury, Clarke, Long, Pears, Ward, Young

In-Attendance: L Smith (Town and Tourism Officer), 2 Members of the Public

Clerk: S Boggitt

2026-01-RAM: Apologies for absence – to receive and accept.

Apologies were received from Councillors Roberts and Cave – accepted.

2026-02-RAM: Declaration of Interest –

2026-02.1-RAM Declarations of Interests, in respect to Agenda items, to be made and recorded in the minutes even if an interest has been declared in the register.

Councillor Pears declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 2026-04-RAM regarding the Howden Pre-School grant application (was not part of the discussion. Councillor Ward declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 2026-04-RAM regarding the Ashes Playing Field Trust grant application (was not part of the discussion)

2026-02.2-RAM For the Council to note any dispensations presented to the Clerk prior to the meeting and their resolution.

None.

2026-03-RAM: Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday November 11th 2025– to agree and approve as a true record.

The minutes of the meeting held Tuesday November 11th 2025 were received and agreed and approved as a true record.

2026-04-RAM: Finance Review 2025/2026 and Budget Plan 2026/2027 (to include Budget Plan and Grant Applications) – to agree and recommend to Full Council.

Using the budget setting document presented by the Clerk it was agreed to recommend a Council expenditure of initially £208,855.70 for the running of Council 2026/2027. This is the amount worked out by the Clerk/RFO before grants were discussed. Following discussion of grant applications Committee recommended payments of grants totalling £85,953. (See Below)

The following grant applications were received and the following amounts agreed to recommend to Council:

HomeStart: £3894 requested to continue family outreach programmes in 2026/2027 – agreed to recommend the full amount of £3894.



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Howden Live; £2569 requested for contribution to Month of Sundays and 40th anniversary celebrations and contribution to new sound system at the Shire Hall – agreed to recommend the full amount of £2569.

Howden Show: £2470 requested for contribution to the Community Tent and shuttle bus for the event – agreed to recommend the full amount of £2470.

Howden Vintage Day: £2,000 requested towards the 2026 event – agreed to recommend the full amount of £2000.

SHAKE: £3,000 requested towards the 2026 Picnic in the Park event – agreed to recommend the full amount of £3,000.

Howden Scouts: £20043.13 requested towards the purchase of new minibus – agreed to recommend a grant of £10,000 to be given once the remaining funds have been raised.

Howden Pre-School: £30,000 requested towards purchase of land – agreed to recommend a grant of £10,000 to be given once the remaining funds have been raised.

Howden Shire Hall: £39,540 requested to replace 12 windows – agreed to recommend a grant of half the amount at £19,770 to be given once the remaining funds have been raised.

Ashes Playing Field Trust: £40,500 requested towards grass cutting, waste management, hedge and shrub maintenance, leaf clearing, path repairs, tree maintenance and new signage – agreed to recommend to grant of £32,550 to cover grass cutting and waste management.

A proposed budget of £294,808.70 was agreed with predicted income of £7,936 resulting in a recommended precept of £286,872.70. This equates to £132.61 per year on a Band D property. This is an increase of £4.39 per year per Band D property.

2026-05-RAM: Precept 2026/2027. To agree and recommend to Full Council.

Agreed to recommend to Council a precept of £286,872.70.

2026-06-RAM: Risk Management Scheme. To review the Risk Management Scheme and make any recommendations to Council.

The Risk Management Scheme was reviewed with no recommendations and recommended to Full Council for approval.

2026-07-RAM: Action Plan. To review, make changes and accept the Howden Town Council Action Plan.

The Action Plan was reviewed and accepted.

2026-08-RAM: Asset Register. To review and accept.

The Asset Register was reviewed and accepted – noting some Derwent Playpark equipment needed to be taken off after reviewing at Amenities.



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2026-09-RAM: Office Lease. To review updated downstairs office lease and make recommendations to Full Council.

Committee reviewed the reviewed and updated downstairs office lease and agreed to recommend to Full Council an agreement of £2,000 per year for a three year term with a £50 per annum increase.

2026-10-RAM: Correspondence.

None.

2026-11-RAM: Items for Next Agenda.

Standing Items.

2026-12-RAM: Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday March 10th 2026 at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 8.28pm.