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Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** will be held in the **Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone**, on **TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2026 at 7:00pm**, for consideration of the matters itemised in the following agenda.

Les Trigg
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence, and to consider the approval of any reasons given for absence under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

2. Declarations of Interest and Declarations under Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

3. Requests for Dispensations Received

4. To receive a report from County Councillors representing Stone Town

- County Councillor J. Hood
- County Councillor A. Mynors

5. To receive a report from Borough Councillors representing Stone Town

6. Representations from Members of the Public

To consider representations from members of the public on items to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with the Council's scheme of public participation.

7. Minutes of Previous Meetings

- a) To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 9 December 2025, Minute Numbers GP26/092 – GP26/103 (attached).

8. Minutes of Sub-Committees

- a) Tourism & Town Promotion Sub-Committee held on 13 January 2026, Minute Numbers TTP26/024 – TTP26/033 (attached)
 - i. To consider the draft minutes
 - ii. To consider the Recommendations contained in Minute Numbers TTP26/030 (NOTE: the recommendations in Minute Number TTP26/032 will be considered as part of agenda item 10)
- b) Environment Sub-Committee held on 13 January 2026, Minute Numbers ENV26/026 – ENV26/034 (attached)
 - i. To consider the draft minutes
 - ii. To consider the Recommendations contained in Minute Numbers ENV26/031 and ENV26/032 (NOTE: the recommendations in Minute Number ENV26/033 will be considered as part of agenda item 10)
- c) Estates Sub-Committee held on 13 January 2026, Minute Numbers EST26/011 – EST26/018 (attached)
 - i. To consider the draft minutes (NOTE: the recommendations in Minute Number EST26/016 will be considered as part of agenda item 10)

9. General Purposes Committee – Budget 2026-27 to 2028-29

To consider the report of the Town Clerk (attached).

10. To Determine the 2026-27 to 2028-29 Budget for recommendation to the Council

To consider the report of the Town Clerk (attached) and budget recommendations related to Sub-Committees.

11. Grants to Local Organisations

To consider the following requests for grants from local organisations which meet the criteria within the Council's grants policy:

- a. **Organisation:** Stone Alzheimer's Club
Amount Requested: £350
Reason: To purchase a speaker and microphone system to aid communication and to play music at meetings.

- b. **Organisation:** Tilling Drive Allotments
Amount Requested: £500
Reason: To support the replacement of a self-laid water pipe system which is showing signs of wear
- c. **Organisation:** Stone Lions Club
Amount Requested: £500
Reason: Prostate screening
- d. **Organisation:** Stone Community Hub
Amount Requested: £500
Reason: To start a series of activities in 2026 to promote health and wellbeing

To consider the following requests for grants from local organisations which do not meet the criteria within the Council's grants policy:

NOTE: These applications do not meet the Council's approved grants criteria, so will not be considered unless a motion is moved and seconded for each application individually that the criteria is waived, and the application approved:

- e. **Organisation:** St Michael's Hall
Amount Requested: £500
Reason: To support redecoration of the hall
 - i. Level of reserves
- f. **Organisation:** Alleyne's Academy
Amount Requested: £250
Reason: To purchase materials to start a gardening club
 - i. Turnover in excess of £100,000
- g. **Organisation:** Futures2gether
Amount Requested: £500
Reason: To purchase gardening tools to maintain a community garden
 - i. Turnover in excess of £100,000
- h. **Organisation:** Stone Community First Responders
Amount Requested: £500
Reason: To purchase a Laerdal Suction Unit (LSU) for use in emergency medical situations to clear a patients airway
 - i. Level of reserves

12. Meeting Schedule for 2026-27

To determine the Council's Meeting Schedule for the Year 2026-27 (attached).

Note: As Stafford Borough Council's 2026-27 programme of meetings is not yet available, some amendments may subsequently need to be made to avoid clashes.

13. Town Council Payments

To receive a list of payments made by the Council during the period 1 November to 31 December 2025 (attached).

14. Update from Working Groups:

To receive updates from Working Group co-ordinators:

- a) Stone Heritage Centre Steering Group (Chairman: R. Kenney)

15. To receive reports from Town Councillors on attendance at meetings as a representative of the Town Council

Stone Area Parish Liaison Group – Cllr J. Davies

Stone ATC – Town Mayor & one Cllr – Cllrs: J. Metters and J. Davies

Age Concern Stone & District – Cllrs: J. Davies and C. Thornicroft

Stafford & Stone Access Group – Cllr T. Kelt

Stone Common Plot Trustees – Cllrs: A. Burgess, J. Hood, T. Kelt, C. Thornicroft and R. Townsend

Stone Community Hub Liaison Group – Cllrs: J. Battrick, J. Powell and R. Townsend

SPCA Executive Committee – Cllr T. Kelt

West Midlands Railway and other rail matters – Cllr T. Kelt

Members of the public are welcome to attend the General Purposes Committee meeting as observers and/or to make representations to the committee in accordance with the Council's scheme of public participation. Details of the scheme are displayed in the Council's notice boards and website.

Please access the Council Chamber from the rear of the building.

Stone Town Council – General Purposes Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone, on Tuesday 9 December 2025

PRESENT: Councillor R. Kenney in the Chair, and
Councillors: J. Battrick, J. Davies, L. Davies, I. Fordham, J. Hood, T. Kelt, P. Leason,
J. Metters, J. Powell, N. Powell, R. Townsend and C. Thornicroft

Officers: L. Trigg (attended virtually via Teams), R. Edwards and T. Williams

ABSENT: Councillors: A. Best, A. Burgess, K. Dawson, B. Kenney and A. Mottershead

GP26/092 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: A. Best, A. Burgess, K. Dawson,
B. Kenney and A. Mottershead

Where a reason for absence is given, this reason was approved for the purposes of
Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

GP26/093 Declarations of Interest

None

GP26/094 Requests for Dispensations

There were none

GP26/095 To receive the report of the County Councillors

The Chairman invited County Councillors to address the Committee.

County Councillor Jill Hood

Councillor Hood informed the Committee that County Councillor Ian Cooper had
resigned his leadership of Staffordshire County Council but would be continuing as
an Independent County Councillor for Tamworth.

County Councillor Andrew Mynors

Councillor Mynors was not in attendance at the meeting.

GP26/096 To receive the report of Borough Councillors

The Chairman invited Borough Councillors to address the Committee.

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Councillor Philip Leason

Councillor Leason reported on a Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee he had attended on 4 December 2025 where the annual report of waste management company, Veolia, had been presented.

He provided the Committee with facts and figures on the company's waste, recycling and garden collection rates which were marginally lower, and lower still for garden waste, than last year. He also said that Veolia ran a number of projects for schools including the offer of free fruit trees and strawberry plants for planting.

Councillor Leason advised the Committee that Freedom Leisure had given a report with information about Stone Leisure Centre. He said that fitness membership had increased by 44 this year, the learning to swim programme had seen an increase of 3, gym visits had rocketed by an enormous 12,979, and group exercise classes were more popular by around 200 this year.

Councillor Leason reported that the Borough Council was introducing a food waste collection service commencing from April 2026. The Cabinet had agreed the purchase of caddies and plastic liners as well as the literature for issue to residents.

The working group had expressed concern about the use of plastic liners as a small percentage of the plastic was not getting removed and had gone through to the recycling process.

Councillor Ian Fordham

Councillor Fordham advised the Committee that the Borough Council's recommendations for the reorganisation of local government had been approved by Cabinet and submitted to central Government. The Council would now await Government feedback which was expected in March or April 2026.

Councillor Jill Hood

Councillor Hood advised the Committee that when Homes Plus closed their housing waiting list there were 2,000 people registered. Following a new call for people to express their interest in securing rented accommodation only 64 people had come forward. A paper was scheduled to be presented to Cabinet on 11 December 2025.

Councillor Hood said she was very pleased to report that there were currently no homeless people in Stone as the Borough Council had found permanent homes for them all.

GP26/097 Representations from Members of the Public

None

GP26/098 Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 4 November 2025 (Minute Numbers GP26/079 – GP26/091), be approved as a correct record.

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GP26/099 Minutes of Sub-Committees

- a) Tourism & Town Promotion Sub-Committee held on 18 November 2025 (Minute Numbers TTP26/017 – TTP26/023), that the draft minutes be noted.
- b) Environment Sub-Committee held on 18 November 2025 (Minute Numbers ENV26/018 – ENV26/025), that the draft minutes be noted.
- c) Estates Sub-Committee held on 18 November 2025 (Minute Numbers EST26/001 – EST26/010), that the draft minutes be noted.

GP26/100 Budget 2026-27 to 2028-29 Overview

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk* (which had been enclosed with the agenda for the meeting) commencing the process for examining the budget and precept level for the financial year 2026-27 for recommendation to the Council.

The Town Clerk advised the Committee that the figures in the report set the scene for the budget preparation. They were based on a standstill position (after looking at potential levels of inflation and fees and charges) and represented the continuation of the Council's existing activity and policies.

The Town Clerk reminded the Committee of the budget process, beginning with the Committee's consideration of the overall position of the Council followed by each of the sub-committees considering (in January 2026) the details of their own budgets and any changes they might want to make. The budget details for all sub-committees would then be brought back together at the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee for determination of the budget recommendation to the Council.

The Council would determine the budget and precept to be requested from Stafford Borough Council in February 2026.

The Committee did not propose any further recommendations in addition to those detailed in the Town Clerk's report.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee notes the standstill budget position for 2026-27, 2027-28 and 2028-29 and the issues related to setting the precept, and:

- a. Authorises the reallocation of the inflation contingency, in accordance with the figures in the Town Clerk's report.
- b. Asks each sub-committee to consider its financial needs for the next three years and report back to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee with its budget proposals.
- c. Agrees to consider its own budgets at the next meeting of this Committee.

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- d. Did not give any specific instructions to sub-committees to which they would need to have regard while preparing their proposed budgets.

GP26/101 Town Council Payments

RESOLVED: To note the list* of Town Council payments made during the period 1 to 31 October 2025.

GP26/102 Update from Working Groups:

Stone Heritage Centre Steering Group

The Chairman advised the Sub-Committee that a meeting of the new Heritage Centre Steering Group would be arranged in the New Year.

GP26/103 To receive reports from Town Councillors on attendance at meetings of local organisations and outside bodies as a representative of the Town Council

Stone Area Parish Liaison Group

Councillor J. Davies advised the Committee that a meeting of the Liaison Group would be called when more information was available on the direction that Local Government was moving in. Additional information would enable discussions to progress on the implications for town and parish councils.

Stone ATC

Councillor J. Davies advised the Committee that he had been unable to attend the last meeting of Stone ATC on 18 November 2025 (same evening as Town Council meetings). The next meeting would be taking place on 13 January 2026.

Age Concern Stone & District

Councillor Thornicroft advised the Committee that there had been no meeting.

Stafford District Access Group

Councillor Kelt advised the Committee that a meeting had taken place on 8 December 2025 and Chief Inspector Giles Parsons had attended. Most of the discussion was related to the use of e-scooters and e-bikes and the problems they cause.

Stone Common Plot Trustees

Councillor Thornicroft advised the Committee that he had attended a meeting of Stone Common Plot Trustees on 12 November 2025 where reports had been given on the following:

The play plot trip rail had been installed, a new water metre had been installed at the plot house, tree work had been undertaken (including installation of a metal access gate), and next year's grazing rights charges agreed by Trustees. The Chairman said he would like to organise a small working party to undertake pond improvements and cut back ivy (which had since been done).

Councillor Thornicroft advised that a funding sub-committee had reported on the current funding arrangements and were looking at new and alternative funding opportunities.

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Stone Community Hub Liaison Group

Councillor Townsend advised the Committee that he had attended the Hub's Annual General Meeting which was well attended. The Group had appointed a new trustee, reported on the continued popularity of their services, talked about funding/ways of securing new funding, and how they could broaden their customer base to offer more services to a wider group of people in Stone.

SPCA Executive Committee

Councillor Kelt informed the Committee that a normal meeting of the Executive Committee had taken place (since the last General Purposes Committee meeting), as well as the Annual General Meeting on 24 November 2025.

The AGM contained the usual items and was followed by presentations from various groups/organisations who had an interest in the local council sector.

West Midlands Railway and other Rail Matters

Councillor Kelt advised the Committee that a meeting had taken place with representatives of Network Rail, Sir Gavin Williamson MP, and Town Council representatives to discuss the maintenance of Stone Station, and afterwards items related to the train timetable and routes.

He said Network Rail were very positive and willing to assist with items that were the train operating company's responsibility.

Councillor Kelt had been unable to attend the last meeting of the Rail Users Group but had noted from the agenda that the track of Stone Station had been moved a few inches closer to the platform, although it still necessitated a large step off. There was the possibility that a Harrington Hump would be installed for disabled access.

CHAIRMAN

Stone Town Council

Tourism & Town Promotion Sub-Committee

**Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber
at 15 Station Road, Stone, on Tuesday 13 January 2026**

PRESENT: Councillor J. Metters in the Chair and
Councillors: A. Best, J. Davies, and J. Powell

Co-opted Member: J. Cook

Officers: L. Trigg (attended the meeting virtually on Teams), R. Edwards, L. Fleetwood
and T. Williams

Note: At the start of the meeting and in the absence of the Sub-Committee Chairman
and the Sub-Committee Vice Chairman, the Town Mayor, Councillor Jason Metters, was
appointed to take the chair for the meeting.

By Chairman's invitation: P. Leason and R. Townsend

ABSENT: Councillors: A. Burgess, L. Davies, K. Dawson, J. Hood, B. Kenney, R. Kenney and
A. Mottershead.

TTP26/024 Apologies

Councillors: L. Davies, K. Dawson, J. Hood, B. Kenney, R. Kenney and A. Mottershead

**TTP26/025 Declarations of Interest and declarations under Section 106 of the Local Government
Finance Act 1992**

None made.

TTP26/026 Requests for Dispensations

None received.

TTP26/027 Representations from Members of the Public

None received.

TTP26/028 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Tourism & Town Promotion Sub-Committee meeting held on 18
November 2025 (Minute Numbers TTP26/017 – TTP26/023), were approved as a
correct record.

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TTP26/029 Calendar of Events

The Sub-Committee considered the Town Council's Calendar of Events and gave updates on events that had taken place:

2025 – Taken Place

- Christmas Lights Switch-On (Thursday 20 November 2025)
The Christmas Lights Switch-On had been a most successful event, although not discussed in detail on this occasion.
- Texas Flag Raising, marking the anniversary of Texas joining the Union on 29 December 1845 (Monday 29 December 2025)
Councillor Davies advised the Sub-Committee that it was nice to raise the Texas State Flag, particularly as the Town Council had been in recent contact with Carthage in Texas. Councillor Davies was joined by Cary Bailey, dressed in his US commemorative Air Force Uniform, and the occasion was well supported by the Army Cadets.

2026 – Upcoming/Agreed

The following events to be hosted by the Town Council, and their agreed dates, were noted by the Sub-Committee:

- Texas Flag Raising, marking of Texas State's Independence from Mexico (Saturday 7 March 2026)
Councillor Davies advised the Sub-Committee that the March Texas Flag Raising would be a bigger commemoration than the December event, with a band and additional groups invited. He was hoping for a good turnout.
- Other Events
In the absence of the Sub-Committee Chairman, Councillor Hood, the detailed arrangements for the events listed on the agenda were not individually discussed at this time.
- Any suggested new future events
The Chairman invited Sub-Committee members to put forward new ideas for events in 2026.

The suggestion was made that a formal Opening of the Heritage Centre be arranged. The Town Clerk informed the Sub-Committee that this was an item for the Heritage Centre Steering Group to consider, with its recommendations being reported to the General Purposes Committee.

The Town Clerk anticipated the costs of an Opening event would be covered by the existing Heritage Centre budget.

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A member of the Sub-Committee reported that new residents to the town had offered him their observations on what a fantastic place Stone was with the many community events held and the tremendous community spirit they generated.

The Sub-Committee recognised that the community events arranged by the Town Council and other organisations/community groups were very much appreciated by the general public.

TTP26/030 Stone Traders' Group

The Sub-Committee considered Stone Traders' Group's proposed event schedule* for 2026 which had been enclosed with the agenda for the meeting.

The Town Clerk advised the Sub-Committee of two enquiries/questions that had been raised with the schedule:

- Whether it would be acceptable for the Halloween event (31 October 2026) and the Christmas market to be moved from a Sunday to a Saturday.
- Whether the Town Council would award the Traders' Group a subsidy (no value suggested) to support the cost of holding the Halloween event.

RECOMMENDED: That Stone Traders' Group's event schedule be accepted along with agreement that the Halloween event and Christmas Market be moved from a Sunday to a Saturday on the understanding that Town Council market traders who trade on Saturdays are accommodated within the events.

RECOMMENDED: That the Town Council do not agree to a subsidy but suggest the Traders Group may wish to apply for a Town Council grant.

TTP26/031 Rebekah

This item was deferred to a future meeting when the Chairman, Councillor Hood, was available to give a verbal report.

TTP26/032 Budget 2026-27 – 2027-28

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Town Clerk* (issued with the agenda for the meeting) which considered the level of budget that the Sub-Committee may wish to recommend to the General Purposes Committee at its meeting on 3 February 2026 for the services under its control.

The Sub-Committee reviewed the standstill budget, and the amounts included for each service. It also considered potential costs and savings when setting the budget for 2026-27 and future years.

The Town Clerk advised the Sub-Committee that the Chairman had made additional recommendations for funds to be allocated to the replacement of outdated Christmas lighting display features, and for a children's summer holiday event.

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RECOMMENDED: That the standstill budget set out in the Town Clerk's report is accepted, after making the adjustments set out below:

- a. A one-off provision of £3,000 should be made in 2026-27 for the replacement of outdated Christmas lighting display features.
- b. An ongoing increase of £1,000 per annum should be made to the Tourism and Town Promotion budget to provide additional funding for a summer holiday children's event.
- c. As a result of the above, the Sub-Committee's budget would be changed as follows compared to the standstill budget:

	£	
2025-26	0	No change
2026-27	4,000	Increase
2027-28	1,000	Increase
2028-29	1,000	Increase

TTP26/033 Reports from Working Groups

The Chairman invited co-ordinators from each Working Group to address the Sub-Committee:

Remembrance Plaques Working Group

Councillor J. Davies gave a report on behalf of Councillor L. Davies who was not present at the meeting. He suggested to the Sub-Committee that the Remembrance Plaques project be launched at the same time as the Opening of the Heritage centre. The plaques were designed and locations for installation identified.

Market Strategy Working Group

The Town Clerk advised the Sub-Committee that no meeting of the Markets Strategy Working Group had been held.

Friendship Agreement Working Group

Councillor J. Davies advised the Sub-Committee that there was a need to arrange a Friendship Agreement Working Group meeting in the near future, particularly following contact with Carthage, and in view of other liaison/friendship arrangements and how these will align with local government reorganisation.

Chairman

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Stone Town Council – Environment Sub-Committee

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PRESENT: Councillor R. Townsend in the Chair and
Councillors: J. Battrick, T. Kelt, J. Metters, J. Powell, N. Powell and
C. Thornicroft

Officers: L. Trigg (attended the meeting virtually on Teams), R. Edwards,
L. Fleetwood and T. Williams

By Chairman's Invitation: J. Davies and P. Leason

ABSENT: Councillors: A. Burgess, B. Kenney and R. Kenney

ENV26/026 Apologies

Councillors: B. Kenney and R. Kenney

ENV26/027 Declarations of Interest and declarations under Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

None made.

ENV26/028 Request for Dispensations

None received.

ENV26/029 Representations from Members of the Public

None received.

ENV26/030 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Environment Sub-Committee meeting held on 18 November 2025 (Minute Numbers ENV26/018 – ENV26/025), were approved as a correct record.

ENV26/031 Environmental Sub-Committee Works Update

The Chairman advised the Sub-Committee that the Grounds Maintenance Works Update document (which had been enclosed with the agenda for the meeting) contained no new information of note. He said the Grounds Maintenance Contractor was however mindful of the budgets and the target

dates detailed. A window in the weather was necessary for some of the jobs listed.

The Chairman informed the Sub-Committee that he had an additional late budgetary proposal to present to the meeting for replacement border fencing and posts at the Mount Road allotment site. A written report*, prepared by the Chairman, was issued to Councillors at this point in the meeting.

RECOMMENDED: That a sum of £1,100 be included in the budget for 2025-26 for replacement boundary fencing (in line with the details contained in the report) at the Mount Road allotment site.

ENV26/032 Crown Meadow

The Chairman advised the Sub-Committee that he did not have a progress update for Crown Meadow on this occasion.

The Chairman introduced his proposal for the main budgetary item (previously circulated to the working group) to create a long term ecological plan for Crown Meadow. He informed the Sub-Committee that a good job had been done maintaining Crown Meadow on a year by year basis, but he would like to see a longer term structured plan (in addition to regular maintenance) that focussed on flora, fauna, trees, diversity and biodiversity.

The objective of the Plan was to secure and enhance the long term ecological development of Crown Meadow which required a new level of advice. The Chairman acknowledged the valuable advice provided by the Town Council's Grounds Maintenance Contractor and Ecology and Biodiversity Officer at Stafford Borough Council. However, additional support was needed to project into the future and Staffordshire Wildlife Trust had been identified as having the necessary expertise in this field. Representatives from the Town Council and the charity had already met on one occasion and their staff had expressed an interest in offering support (seemingly at no cost).

The Chairman was seeking approval for his proposal to create a five year plan in consultation with Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, and other advisors, along with a contingency budget to enable any initial works that are identified, to commence.

An updated report*, produced by the Chairman, entitled 'Long Term Ecological Plan for Crown Meadow' was distributed to members of the Sub-Committee at this point in the meeting.

The Sub-Committee expressed support for the Plan and the proposal to obtain advice from Staffordshire Wildlife Trust. The suggestion was made that the services of Support Staffordshire could be explored along with opportunities for external grant funding for environmental project work, with match funding a possible requirement.

The Chairman said he didn't know what the Plan would reveal but a number of ideas could be explored. He proposed a fund allocation go into the Environmental Initiatives Budget and when an idea was identified, the Working Group would return with its proposal.

The Chairman was aware that Staffordshire Wildlife Trust had a tree nursery which included the species 'Black Poplar' which it might be possible to plant in Crown Meadow.

RECOMMENDED: That a contingency sum is made available within the Environmental Initiatives Budget to support a Crown Meadow Five Year Management Plan.

ENV26/033 Budget 2026-27 – 2028-29

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Town Clerk* (issued with the agenda for the meeting) which considered the level of budget that the Sub-Committee may wish to recommend to the General Purposes Committee at its meeting on 3 February 2026 for the services under its control.

The Sub-Committee reviewed the standstill budget (initially considered by the General Purposes Committee on 9 December 2025) and the amounts included for each service. It also considered other areas of growth or savings when setting the budget for 2026-27 and future years.

The Sub-Committee considered whether it wished to recommend to the General Purposes Committee additional sums for inclusion in the Environmental Initiatives budget.

RECOMMENDED: That the standstill budget set out in the Clerks Report for the years 2026-27 and 2028-29 is accepted, after making the adjustments set out below, arising from consideration of reports presented at this meeting:

- a. A provision of £1,100 should be made in the current year's budget for the repair/replacement of the boundary fence at Mount Road Allotments.
- b. A provision of £2,000 in 2026-27 and £3,000 per annum in subsequent years should be added to the Environmental Initiatives budget to provide funding for the proposed Crown Meadow Management Plan.
- c. As a result of the above, the Sub-Committee's budget would be changed as follows compared to the standstill budget:

	£	
2025-26	1,100	Increase
2026-27	2,000	Increase
2027-28	3,000	Increase

2028-29 3,000 Increase

ENV26/034 Reports of Working Groups

Environmental Working Group

The Chairman reported that the Environmental Working Group had been active looking at the five year Crown Meadow Management Plan.

Chairman

Stone Town Council – Estates Sub-Committee

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PRESENT: Councillor A. Best in the Chair and
Councillors: J. Battrick, J. Metters, J. Powell, N. Powell and C. Thornicroft

Officers: L. Trigg (attended the meeting virtually on Teams), R. Edwards,
L. Fleetwood and T. Williams

By Chairman's invitation: J. Davies, P. Leason and R. Townsend

ABSENT: Councillors: L. Davies, I. Fordham, J. Hood, R. Kenney and A. Mottershead

EST26/011 Apologies

Councillors: L. Davies, I. Fordham, J. Hood, R. Kenney and A. Mottershead

EST26/012 Declarations of Interest and declarations under Section 103 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

None made.

EST26/013 Requests for Dispensations

None received.

EST26/014 Representations from Members of the Public

None received.

EST26/015 Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Estates Sub-Committee meeting held on the 18 November 2025 (Minute Numbers EST26/001 – EST26/010), be approved as a correct record.

EST26/016 Budget 2026-27 – 2028-29

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Town Clerk* which considered the level of budget that the Sub-Committee may wish to recommend to the General

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Purposes Committee at its meeting on 3 February 2026 for the services under its control.

The Sub-Committee reviewed the standstill budget, and the amounts included for each service. It also considered other costs and savings to be taken into account when setting the budget for 2026-27 and future years.

The Sub-Committee considered provision for refurbishment of the bus shelter in Christchurch Way (in front of Morrisons Supermarket) and the street furniture in the High street which needed a repaint.

The Town Clerk informed the Sub-Committee that there was a proposal a few years ago to refurbish the bus shelter but the Council decided not to proceed because it was anticipated the shelter would be subject to further vandalism. He said a recent requote had come back at £2,400 but on the basis of the Council's previous decision, he hadn't brought the item forward for consideration.

The Town Clerk confirmed there was currently money in the budget for the maintenance of street furniture although the Town Council was only responsible for one bench in the High Street, the seating around the base Joules Clock. The remaining benches are Stafford Borough Council assets.

The Sub-Committee discussed the process for installing a bus shelter on the Eccleshall Road (by Londis) as well as installing a replacement bench near Longhope Drive (towards Udall Grange), and a bench on the Lichfield Road (near the petrol station).

Although the Richard Vernon Trust may be approached for support with purchasing new benches, the Town Clerk said he believed the existing Estates budget was sufficient to handle small reasonable improvements to the Council's benches.

The Town Clerk was asked whether the Building Maintenance Fund could be used to refurbish the bus shelter in Christchurch Way. He informed the Sub-Committee that this fund was usually reserved as a contingency against the need to undertake major building works, but that it could be used for this purpose if approved by the General Purposes Committee.

The Borough Councillors present said they would raise the poor condition of the street furniture in the High Street with the Borough Council.

RECOMMENDED: That the standstill budget set out in the Town Clerk's report is accepted, after making the adjustments set out below:

- a. A one-off contingency provision of £500 should be made in the Frank Jordan Centre 2026-27 budget for improvements to parking arrangements.

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- b. As a result of the above, the Sub-Committee's budget would be changed as follows compared to the standstill budget:

	£	
2025-26	0	No change
2026-27	500	Increase
2027-28	0	No change
2028-29	0	No change

EST26/017 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting whilst the next items of business are discussed on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the debate.

RESOLVED: To exclude the Press and Public from the next item of business.

EST26/018 Update on Stone Station

The Town Clerk gave an update on Stone Station in respect of the extended use of the lease.

He advised the Sub-Committee that, following the meeting on Friday 21 November 2025 between representatives of the Council, Network Rail and Sir Gavin Williamson CBE MP, to discuss Stone Station and the lease, he had been contacted by a newly appointed officer of the landlord company and was waiting to take the discussions forward.

Chairman

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Introduction

1. Following the removal of the Management Sub-Committee, budgets previously considered by that Sub-Committee now fall to the General Purposes Committee. The purpose of this report is to determine the level of budget for the specific services below that the Committee wishes to recommend for consideration as part of the Council's overall budget alongside the Sub-Committee recommendations later on today's agenda.

Background

2. The Committee, on 9th December 2025, considered the standstill budget for 2026-27 and indicative figures for the next two years based on a number of assumptions contained within the report.
3. The standstill budget was prepared on the basis that all Council services will continue at broadly their current level. Inflation has not, however, been included in individual budgets beyond 2025-26. A separate estimate of inflation beyond this date has been made across the whole of the Council and will be considered as part of the overall budget report later on today's agenda.
4. The figures for this Sub-Committee on the above basis are set out at the top of the next page.
5. In respect of these figures, Committee members should note:
 - a. The Stone Heritage Centre (Setup) budget includes running costs incurred prior to the opening of the Centre and further setup costs yet to be incurred. This budget will be removed once setup is complete
 - b. The Heritage Centre (Running Costs) budget includes the costs of running the Centre from December 2024. This is currently still a broad estimate, as the centre is a new establishment with very limited cost history.
 - c. The Grants budget currently has an underspent balance of around £3,100. Any sum remaining unspent at the end of the financial year will be rolled-over and added to the budget for spending in 2026-27.
 - d. The Salaries and Employment Costs budget is forecast to slightly underspend in the current year due reduced working hours.

Actual 2024-25 £		Budget 2025-26 £	Forecast 2025-26 £	Budget 2026-27 £	Budget 2027-28 £	Budget 2028-29 £
38,078	Stone Heritage Centre (Setup)	73,922	73,922	-	-	-
7,754	Stone Heritage Centre (Running)	45,250	13,650	45,000	45,000	45,000
2,389	Grants	5,611	5,611	4,000	4,000	4,000
228,007	Salaries & Employment Costs	253,800	252,900	249,600	251,000	251,000
8,087	Accommodation	15,010	10,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
9,289	Insurances	10,760	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
29,186	Administration	50,096	50,096	40,400	55,400	40,400
2,063	Audit & Legal Fees	1,450	1,800	1,765	1,765	1,765
-	Town Council Elections	-	-	-	35,000	-
2,941	Allowances - Mayor & Deputy Mayor	3,440	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
601	Regalia & Presentations	200	300	4,200	800	300
2,287	Civic Dinner & Hospitality	2,600	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
2,893	Remembrance Sunday & War Memorials	3,500	3,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
492	Miscellaneous	800	800	800	800	800
-6,640	Interest	-5,600	-5,300	-4,500	-4,500	-4,500
-	Inflation Contingency	-	-	14,190	31,260	42,270
-	Market Square Improvements	30,000	30,000	-	-	-
-11,461	Concurrent Functions Allowance	-11,460	-11,460	-11,461	-11,461	-11,461
315,964	TOTAL	479,379	441,319	376,994	442,064	402,574

- e. The forecast underspending for the Accommodation budget is due to the agreement with Stafford Borough regarding the Town Council's use of Station Road not yet being in place. Payment is continuing at the previous rate until this has been completed.
- f. The Administration budget for 2027-28 includes the cost of replacement iPads.
- g. Election costs have only been provided for in 2027-28. No provision has been made for future by-elections, so should any be required the costs would need to be met from reserves.
- h. The Regalia and Presentations budget includes provision in 2026-27 for the purchase of additional Past Mayor/Deputy Mayor/Consort badges.
- i. The interest budget provides for reducing income following a estimated reductions in both interest rates and the Council's level of reserves.
- j. The Inflation Contingency represents forecast increased costs for the whole of the Council. It will be considered in the overall budget report later on today's agenda.
- k. Other budgets have been provided at broadly current levels. No provision has been made for any Neighbourhood Plan spending, though £7,580 is still held in the Neighbourhood Plan reserve.

6. As reported to the meeting of this Committee on 19th December 2025, the standstill budget is just the starting point for the budget process. Members of the Committee will want to review this standstill budget and the amounts provisionally included. In addition, there are likely to be other areas where the Committee will want to undertake new developments or stop/change the things that they are doing now.
7. The Committee is asked to consider the standstill budget and any areas of growth or savings which they would want to be taken into account in setting the budget for 2026-27 and future years.

Recommendations

8. The Committee is asked to recommend their proposed budget for further consideration later in the agenda when the Committee determines the overall budget for recommendation to the Council.
9. It should be noted that the Committee's decision on this item will not have the status of a resolution, and may be amended as part of the determination of the overall budget recommendations to the Council.

Introduction

1. This report considers the Budget to be recommended to the Council for 2025-26 and the indicative budgets for 2026-27 to 2028-29.

Background

2. At a series of meetings during January 2026, Sub-Committees have considered their potential budgets for 2026-27 to 2028-29, and consideration of this Committee's budget was undertaken earlier in today's meeting. It is now the role of this Committee to consider these proposals and decide, for recommendation to the Council meeting on 17th February 2026:
 - a. The budget for 2026-27.
 - b. Any contributions to or from reserves to be built into the budget.
 - c. The precept and Council Tax for 2026-27.
 - d. Indicative figures for 2027-28 and 2028-29 for each of the above items.
3. At the time of writing this report, the budget recommendations are not all available due to the consideration of this Committee's budgets being undertaken earlier in today's meeting. This report will thus focus on the sums available to spend and the impact on reserves. Details of all budget proposals will be available at the meeting.
4. Recent year's budgets have been prepared in the context of major inflationary pressures, particularly with respect to energy. For this reason, the three-year budgets have been calculated without taking into account the effects of inflation. A separate estimate of inflation beyond this date was made across the whole budget as an "inflation contingency" and added to the General Purposes Committee budget.
5. The "Budget 2025-26" figures in the table below include a reallocation of £10,657 from this inflation contingency to individual budget lines to meet inflationary pressures throughout the rest of the financial year.
6. Inflation for 2026-27 is expected to be relatively low compared to some recent years, but this may change in the future. The same approach has therefore been used this year, with no inflation beyond 31st March 2026 being provided within individual budget lines and a separate inflation contingency being included within the General Purposes Committee budget.
7. The figures below, therefore, assume that all Council services will continue at broadly their current level, adjusted for any known variations within existing Council policy.

Payments by Stafford Borough Council

8. For a number of years, the Council has received payments of over £30,000 from Stafford Borough Council in addition to the precept. For 2026-27 this includes £29,184 to compensate for a previous reduction in this Council's Taxbase due to benefit changes and £11,461 for the cost of concurrent functions. The figures in this report assume that these payments will continue into the foreseeable future at the same cash level as estimated for 2026-27.

Council Tax

9. Currently the Town Council's share of the Council Tax in Stone is £63.99 per year for a property classed as Band D. This compares to the national average of £92.22 per year for all town/parish councils in 2025-26.
10. With reference to the determination of the Council Tax level by the Council for 2026-27, the Secretary of State has the power to require a referendum of local people before the Council Tax can be put up by more than a specified percentage.
11. At the time of writing this report, the Secretary of State is still consulting on the Local Government Finance Settlement for 2026-27. The proposals include a continuation of the arrangements whereby this power will not be used for 2026-27 and extends this arrangement until 2028-29, giving the Town Council three years of certainty instead of the usual one. This is likely to continue into the future providing that the sector as a whole "shows restraint".

Standstill Budget

12. A "standstill" budget was presented to the last meeting of this Committee. The figures are set out in Appendix A and can be summarised as follows:

Actual		Budget	Forecast	Budget	Budget	Budget
2024-25		2025-26	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
£		£	£	£	£	£
479	Estates	37,865	39,660	26,700	26,700	26,628
25,791	Environment	31,635	30,560	21,480	21,480	21,471
46,604	Tourism & Town Promotion	49,240	42,550	52,710	51,210	51,210
315,964	General Purposes	479,379	441,319	376,994	442,064	402,574
-37,206	Earmarked Reserves	-113,682	-113,682	-	-	-
351,633	TOTAL	484,437	440,407	477,884	541,454	501,883

13. The figures above and in Appendix A are based on the following:

- Known and forecast expenditure for the remainder of the current financial year.
- Forecast expenditure for the next three years, based on a standstill position. These figures assume that current services will continue with no growth or cutbacks other than those which have already been committed by previous decisions of the Council.

- c. A provisional estimate of 3.2% has been made for cost inflation in 2026-27, with a further 3% in 2027-28 and 2.9% in 2028-29. Energy costs have, however been assumed to increase by 5% per annum across the three years, and salaries by 3% each year. An annual 5% increase in all fees and charges has been built in.

Reserves and Balances

- 14. In considering its recommendations to Council, the Committee will also need to consider the level of general reserves (balances) held by the Council.
- 15. Excluding the reserves earmarked for the Neighbourhood Plan and rollovers, the standstill budget projects that the Council will be holding a reserve of around £263,000 as at 31st March 2026, reducing to £218,000 by 31st March 2029.
- 16. I would normally recommend that a Council the size of Stone Town Council should hold general reserves equivalent to around six months' net expenditure (approximately £240,000), unless there is a good, financially sound reason not to do so. Where balances are lower than this amount, there should be a plan to return them to this level, and an understanding by Councillors of the increased financial risk to the Council and the potential need for mitigations until the reserves are reinstated.
- 17. The level of reserves across the three years of the medium-term financial plan (MTFS) will need to be taken into account when assessing Sub-Committee and other proposals for budget changes and recommending a final budget to the Council.

Conclusions

- 18. This report has set out the background to setting the budget for 2026-27 and determining the financial strategy for the following two years. The Committee is thus asked to make recommendations to the Council regarding:
 - a. Whether it accepts the proposed standstill budget, and the assumptions behind it, as the baseline for setting the budget for 2026-27 and the medium-term financial strategy (MTFS).
 - b. What adjustments it would want to make to the standstill budget, after consideration of the recommendations made by Sub-Committees and consideration of the Committee's own budget.
 - c. What Council Tax and precept levels should be set for 2026-27, with indicative figures for 2027-28 and 2028-29, in order to ensure that the budget is balanced such that reserves do not fall to an unacceptable level in any year.
- 19. It should be remembered that whilst this Committee is responsible for making recommendations on the budget, the Council is free to set the Council Tax at any level in any year and does not have to follow this Committee's recommendations. In addition, only the Council's decision regarding the 2026-27 precept/Council Tax is binding. The indicative figures for the following two years can be changed as part of future budget setting processes.

Recommendations

20. That the Committee considers the Sub-Committee and other budget proposals which will be presented to the meeting, alongside the additional information in this report, and determine the budget and precept level for recommendation to the Council.

Stone Town Council

Standstill Budget 2026-27 to 2028-29

Actual 2024-25		Budget 2025-26	Forecast 2025-26	Budget 2026-27	Budget 2027-28	Budget 2028-29
£		£	£	£	£	£
-33,236	Frank Jordan Centre	-23,650	-16,500	-10,500	-10,500	-10,500
27,653	Stone Station	35,125	29,600	18,780	18,780	18,708
7,754	Stone Heritage Centre (Running)	45,250	13,650	45,000	45,000	45,000
-2,139	Town Market	-2,020	-3,940	-2,090	-2,090	-2,090
3,497	Bus Shelters & Street Furniture	5,840	6,020	5,870	5,870	5,870
940	Street Lighting	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
864	Dog & Litter Bins	900	890	900	900	900
100	Joules Clock	-	-	-	-	-
660	Town Electricity Supply	650	650	650	650	650
-	Building Maintenance	18,000	18,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
20,455	Grounds Maintenance	25,565	24,040	23,650	23,650	23,650
7,959	Crown Meadow Improvements	4,120	4,930	-	-	-
-2,623	Allotments	-50	-410	-2,170	-2,170	-2,179
-	Environmental Initiatives	2,000	2,000	-	-	-
20,153	Christmas Lights	21,260	20,000	23,500	22,000	22,000
28,590	Tourism & Town Promotion	30,000	26,490	31,300	31,300	31,300
2,389	Grants	5,611	5,611	4,000	4,000	4,000
228,007	Salaries & Employment Costs	253,800	252,900	249,600	251,000	251,000
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2,063	Audit & Legal Fees	1,450	1,800	1,765	1,765	1,765
-	Town Council Elections	-	-	-	35,000	-
2,941	Allowances - Mayor & Deputy Mayor	3,440	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
601	Regalia & Presentations	200	300	4,200	800	300
2,287	Civic Dinner & Hospitality	2,600	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
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492	Miscellaneous	800	800	800	800	800
-6,640	Interest	-5,600	-5,300	-4,500	-4,500	-4,500
-	Neighbourhood Plan	-	-	-	-	-
38,078	Stone Heritage Centre (Setup)	73,922	73,922	-	-	-
-	Market Square Improvements	30,000	30,000	-	-	-
-	General Contingency	-	-	-	-	-
-	Inflation Contingency	-	-	14,190	31,260	42,270
-11,461	Concurrent Functions Allowance	-11,460	-11,460	-11,461	-11,461	-11,461
-37,206	Rollover Reserve	-113,682	-113,682	-	-	-
-	Neighbourhood Plan Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
351,633	TOTAL	484,437	440,407	477,884	541,454	501,883

Application for Grant Aid



Name of organisation:

Stone Alzheimer's Club

Purpose of organisation:

The club provides a safe environment within the community where those with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia and their carers can meet and be supported. The club runs for fifty weeks of the year, receives no formal funding so relies on donations from individuals and local organisations to operate.

Our objective is to provide social interaction, professional advice and information. We have gentle exercise to music and fun activities in a social atmosphere with cups of tea, coffee and lovely cakes. Throughout the year we hold special events with entertainment to add variety as well as bringing in local specialists such as physiotherapy, hair care and the local surgery for blood pressure checks once a month. Carers are also well supported where networking and problem sharing is encouraged and supported

Amount of grant requested:

£350.00

Total cost of project (if appropriate):

£500.00

Reason for grant request:

Over the last year the club has expanded considerably and now we have members not only from Stone but Stafford and many local villages. We have moved from using one room in the Christ Church Centre to three for each meeting that we hold so communicating in a large and noisy space so that everyone can hear what is going on is getting harder. If successful with our application, we would like to purchase a speaker and microphone system that can also be used to play music so that we can communicate effectively and if we do not have an entertainer on a particular day, we can still provide musical activities. This will make managing our popular meetings easier and we will not be reliant on others for use of a sound system.

Benefits to Stone residents:

The club has members from Stone, Stafford, Eccleshall and many surrounding villages so we are already functioning at the heart of the community and supporting those with Alzheimer's and their 24/7 carers. Because of the increase in numbers we have seen over the last year or so and the success of our Better Lives project, the club is having to change how it operates to better support our members. Having a functioning sound system of our own will reduce costs and make us more efficient allowing more time for the volunteers to spend with members and their carers.

Environmental Impact of proposals:

Most sound/speaker systems are battery operated so less power will be consumed during a meeting. There will be fewer car/van journeys as we will not need to move equipment in and set it up on a meeting day.

Other sources of funding secured or being explored (with amounts where known):

We have recently been given a grant by a local company and some of this funding will make up to shortfall.

Is this an “exceptional” request (see notes)? If so, please explain why the Council should treat it as an exception:

Grants awarded by the Council in the last two years, and the uses made of the funding:

Statement of support from Council appointed representative (if applicable):

Please Ensure that your Latest Accounts are Included with your Application

Stone Alzheimers Drop In Club

Accounts: 1st April 2024 - 30th March 2025

Bank Account

Bank Opening Balance 01/04/2024	£ 5,692.55
Total Income	£ 11,392.60
Total Expenditure	£ 8,718.00
Bank Closing Balance 30/03/2025	£ 8,367.15

Income

Donations	£ 4,569.20
From Petty Cash	£ 2,984.40
Better Lives Project - Support Staffordshire	£ 3,339.00
Better Lives Project - SCC Jill Hood	£ 500.00
	<u>£ 11,392.60</u>

Expenditure

Entertainment	£ 2,835.00
Room Hire	£ 2,456.00
Donation Given	£ 20.00
Better Lives Project - Support Staffordshire	£ 2,907.00
" Room Hire	£ 852.00
" Solicitor	£ 300.00
" Physiotherapy	£ 1,300.00
" Promotion	£ 455.00
Better Lives Project - SCC Jill Hood	£ 500.00
" Hair	£ 300.00
" Nails	£ 200.00
	<u>£ 8,718.00</u>

Petty Cash

Petty Cash Opening Balance 01/04/2024	£ 687.69
Total Income	£ 5,959.94
Total Expenditure	£ 5,881.45
Petty Cash Closing Balance 30/03/2025	£ 766.18

Income

Donation	£ 2,447.40
Raffle	£ 854.43
Collection Tin	£ 2,658.11
Cash from Bank	£ -
	£ 5,959.94

Expenditure

Milk	£ 68.85
Coffee	£ 27.56
Tea	£ 9.84
Sugar	£ 4.46
Biscuits	£ 140.04
Other Kitchen	£ 23.30
Birthday / Aniversary Cards	£ 75.06
Stationary	£ 205.48
Volunteer Meetings / Gifts	£ 165.00
Raffle Prizes	£ 110.44
Games Prizes	£ 164.93
Entertainers	£ 775.00
Valentines Party	£ 124.16
Easter Party	£ 82.00
2nd Year Party	£ 41.10
Birthday Party	£ 86.97
Christmas Party	£ 436.17
AGM	£ 73.47
Insurance	£ 227.27
Other	£ 55.95
Transfer to Bank	£ 2,984.40
	£ 5,881.45

Application for Grant Aid



Name of organisation:
Tilling Drive Allotments CIC

Purpose of organisation:

To provide allotments for the community of Stone which will support and promote a healthy lifestyle with the opportunity to grow their own produce of fruit and vegetables.

Amount of grant requested:

£500

Total cost of project (if appropriate):

Approx £1000

Reason for grant request:

The allotment site has a self-laid water pipe system which provides water to a series of 10 troughs around the site for allotments holders to water their growing plants. This system has been working for around 20 years plus. It has been working adequately until the winter of 2023/2024. The system has now started to show signs of failing; we experienced several major leaks last year which greatly impacted on our funds as the cost of water increased beyond our budgeted estimated costings.

We have completed a survey on the system as best we can, however it is evident there is no plan or knowledge of where the pipes are buried, until we have a leak and the water shows itself above ground, by which time a large amount of water has been lost.

The only viable option now is to replace the system with new pipe work and fittings, with a plan of where the system is laid. Suitable access points to the new system will allow isolation points should leaks be identified allowing easier repairs to the system.

With our current financial income raised through annual rent we estimate we could complete this project in three years.

While the total cost is estimated to be around £1000 we can only use a small amount each year to fund this project, any additional funds will allow us to work on this project to complete sooner. The risk we are most concerned about it should we suffer more leaks our annual funding will be reduced to cover extra water costs

Benefits to Stone residents:

The early completion of this project will ensure that all allotments holders (residents) will continue to enjoy having an allotment and there will be no loss of water. The alternative would be an increase in rents purely to cover lost water.

Environmental Impact of proposals:

Continued loss of water through a failing system.

We do encourage all plot holders to harvest water through collection from all structures, and we are hoping to support all those to increase water collection by providing containers and guttering, unfortunately due to any extended hot dry period this does not allow sufficient water to be harvested, we continue to work on this project.

Other sources of funding secured or being explored (with amounts where known):

None

Is this an "exceptional" request (see notes)? If so, please explain why the Council should treat it as an exception:

No

Grants awarded by the Council in the last two years, and the uses made of the funding:

While we have had previous monies from the council we have had no funding in the last 2 years.

Statement of support from Council appointed representative (if applicable):

Please Ensure that your Latest Accounts are Included with your Application

TILLING DRIVE ALLOTMENTS CIC

**AGM 2025 TREASURERS REPORT
COVERING THE PERIOD FROM
01 SEPTEMBER 2024 TO 31 AUGUST 2025**

BANK ACCOUNT OPENING AND CLOSING BALANCES:

OPENING BALANCE	2024/2025	2023/24
CASH	£55.37	£193.31
BANK	£1160.04	£2148.02

CLOSING BALANCE	2024/25	2023/24
CASH	£138.87	£55.37
BANK	£1566.17	£1160.04
PROFIT/LOSS	£489.63	(£1125.92)

**TILLING DRIVE ALLOTMENTS CIC 2024/25
INCOME**

Membership Fees	£6040.01	
Grant Titanic Brewery	£500	Raised Beds
Other income	£84.01	Show refund & concrete sale
Shop income	£300.00	Refund of loan to shop & transfer of petty cash
Donations in	£64.75	BBQ donations & compost sale
Total Income	£6988.77	

EXPENDITURE

Allotment Consumables	£452.49	Petrol, weedkiller, F & V show, various fixings
Equip/Maintenance	£1454.74	Mower service, trolleys, Generator, Cement Mixer, Various tools
Grounds Maintenance	£571.37	Digger hire, hedge cutting, store roof repair, plastic waste disposal
Insurance	£435.65	Increased to cover 142 members
Office Consumables	£92.49	Companies House, Postage
Projects	£1744.25	Notice boards, compound gates, Raised Beds, Wash off area, Door Closer
Water Rates	£1327.61	To end of July 2025
Donations Out	£19.00	Bark for Staffs Venture
Tax	£0.00	
Allotment Association	£147.00	
Shop Expenditure	£200.00	Initial loan to shop for stock, repaid
Plot Clean	£234.00	Skip hire for plot clearance & tyre disposal
TOTAL	£6678.50	
PROFIT	£310.27	

SHOP INCOME = £5282.35 + CASH FLOAT £64.05

SHOP EXPENDITURE = £5167.04

SHOP PROFIT = £179.36

Application for Grant Aid



Name of organisation: STONE LIONS CLUB (C10)	
Purpose of organisation: "WE SERVE" WE HELP VARIOUS 'COMMUNITY' GROUPS AND ALSO INDIVIDUALS WITH EITHER FINANCIAL OR PHYSICAL PRESENCE (i.e. STONE TRADER'S EVENT OR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON). WE ALSO RESPOND TO VARIOUS LIONS INTERNATIONAL APPEALS. WE HAVE VARIOUS FUNDS RAISING ACTIVITIES TO HELP WITH THIS	
Amount of grant requested: £5000	Total cost of project (if appropriate): £10,000 - £11,000
Reason for grant request: PROSTATE SCREENING (PSA TEST) HAVE BECOME AN ANNUAL EVENT HELD AT THE STONEHOUSE HOTEL. STONE STONE TOWN COUNCIL HAVE SUPPORTED US IN PREVIOUS YEARS TO PROVIDE THIS FACILITY FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. SINCE COVID THE SUPPORT FROM THE LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY HAS NOT BEEN AS MUCH AS PREVIOUSLY. WE HAVE A "RESTRICTED" FUND FOR PSA AND WE HAVE TO SUPPLEMENT ANY SHORTFALL FROM OUR GENERAL CHARITY ACCOUNT. THE EVENT THIS YEAR WILL BE ON: TUESDAY 28th APRIL.	

Benefits to Stone residents:

THE CONTACT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM MEN FOLLOWING THE EVENT INDICATE THE VALUE TO STONE RESIDENTS. LAST YEAR 472 MEN WERE TESTED (520 HAD BOOKED) AND OF THOSE 44 HAD A "RED" RESULT AND 49 "AMBER". AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS SOME MEN HAVE SINCE HAD TREATMENT ALTHOUGH AT THE TIME THEY HAD NO INDICATION THERE WAS A PROBLEM.

Environmental Impact of proposals:

Other sources of funding secured or being explored (with amounts where known):

WE REQUEST SUPPORT FROM LOCAL PARISH COUNCIL AND BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS. THERE IS PROVISION FOR "DONATIONS" ON THE NIGHT. THE STONEHOUSE HOTEL PROVIDE THE BALLROOM FREE OF CHARGE AND ALSO REFRESHMENTS FOR THE NURSET & STONE LIONS

Is this an "exceptional" request (see notes)? If so, please explain why the Council should treat it as an exception:

Grants awarded by the Council in the last two years, and the uses made of the funding:

THE COUNCIL HAS GRANTED US £500 EACH YEAR AND THIS HAS GONE DIRECTLY TO OUR PROTECTED PSA FUND VIA OUR CHARITY ACCOUNT.

Statement of support from Council appointed representative (if applicable):

Please Ensure that your Latest Accounts are Included with your Application



Stone Lions Club (CIO)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. 1180413

Examined

Accounts for 2024 / 2025

President	Glenys Sanders
Secretary	Shirley Martin
Treasurer	Rod Niven
Examiner	Barbara Martin

Stone Lions (CIO)

Notes on the accounts for the 2024/2025 year

The attached sheets show the club accounts for the year just ended. The accounts have been run in accordance with Lions Clubs International requirements.

PSA

Within the Charity account is a PSA fund enabling us to hold a Prostate Testing event during the year. Some donations are given specifically for this event so this is classed by the Charity Commission as a Restricted Fund. These figures have to be shown separately on our return to them. The fund started the year with a balance of NIL. During the year funds were raised for the event but there was a shortfall of £1038.97. This amount was taken out of the General Charity fund leaving the year end balance of the PSA fund at NIL.

Charity account.

The General Charity account underspent £2480.14 over the year. This was off-set by the money needed to cover the PSA costs. The club goes forward with a healthy fund for future benefit of the community.

3C's

This account is run as a "100 club" within the Charity account. For the convenience of the club this is run using a separate bank account. Any surplus funds are transferred to the Charity bank account, usually once a year.

The £48 shown as an expense against the Subscriptions was due to an overpayment by a club member which was refunded.

Admin account.

This is money provided by members for the running of the club.

HMRC will only pay money to one of our accounts. The nominated account is the Admin account as transferring from Admin to Charity is easy but transferring the other way round is a little more difficult as it is against Lions rules. This applies to Gift Aid payments.

The £54 as an expense against club subscriptions is due to Ken Harper paying his subscription and then withdrawing from membership. At his request the money was transferred to the Charity account as a donation.

Subscriptions are insufficient to cover the costs of running the club so we are dependent upon other income that we cannot actually rely upon, such as donations and Easy Fundraising. Our "loss" this year is £83.39 but I am reluctant to propose increasing the subscription until it is absolutely necessary. We have a buffer of £700 at present.

To keep things simple the accounts do not show a number of transactions between the accounts of the club. The accounts show the transactions where they should be. These are all due to club members paying money into the wrong account. The Treasurer pleads with you, when making payments to the club, to use the correct account. You all have details of the three accounts.

Charity Commission

The CC require our financial information to be presented in a different format to that shown on the attached sheets. They do not recognise our separation of Charity and Admin monies. The actual figures are exactly the same, just presented differently.

If you have any questions or need clarification on anything, just ask

Rod Niven
Treasurer

Charity Account

Year ending 30 June 2025

	Income	Expenditure	Balance	Balance 2023/24
Fund raising events				
Christmas Raffles	3,093.00	910.17	2,182.83	
Easter Eggs	2,106.79	479.00	1,627.79	
Prom Concert	1,034.35	356.00	678.35	
Quiz Night	643.00	15.00	628.00	
Rock Choir	325.00	50.00	275.00	
	7,202.14	1,810.17	5,391.97	4,426.30
Donations received				
Stone Traders Group	143.00			
[REDACTED]	521.17			
[REDACTED]	201.00			
[REDACTED]	85.00			
Joules Court	117.00			
Market Traders	74.30			
Summerfield Court	86.30			
[REDACTED]	54.00			
Other	152.15			
	1,433.92	-	1,433.92	779.34
Other Income				
Just Giving	29.23			
From 3C's account	2,000.00			
	2,029.23		2,029.23	1,667.34
Welfare Donations given				
Oak Tree Farm Rural Project		200.00		
Back2Back Gymnastics Community		500.00		
St Dominic's Social Centre		200.00		
Eccleshall First Responders		275.00		
RBL Poppy Appeal		150.00		
Stone Community First Responders		700.00		
A Child of Mine		1,000.00		
Family Practitioners Service		150.00		
Chuckle Productions CIC		500.00		
LCI Sightsavers		500.00		
LCI UK Sepsis Trust		250.00		
LCI Lions' Sight Project		250.00		
Kids Cancer Charity		400.00		
[REDACTED] (NYMT Sponsorship)		250.00		
LCI MD & District Youth		210.00		
		5,535.00	-5,535.00	-4,416.00

	Income	Expenditure	Balance	Balance 2023/24
Welfare Activities				
Peace Poster Competition	50.00	190.95		
Message in a bottle		265.00		
Oak Tree Farm Staycation		240.00		
Foxfield		394.82		
Young Leaders in Service		24.00		
	50.00	1,114.77	-1,064.77	-966.73
Mobility				
Donations received				
	360.00			
	50.00			
	100.00			
Other	475.00			
	985.00		985.00	1,070.00
Expenses				
EE Mobile phone		124.22		
Disable Aids		15.00		
Total		139.22	-139.22	-646.89
Club operating costs				
Tabbards		217.50		
Public relations		193.00		
Insurance		150.50		
Statutory licences		60.00		
		621.00	-621.00	-174.25
Charity Account General Fund	11,700.29	9,220.16	2,480.13	1,739.11

	Income	Expenditure	Balance	Balance 2023/24
PSA Testing				
Restricted Fund Donations received				
Stone Town Council	500.00			
D M & V A Kidd	150.00			
Stone & District Round Table	750.00			
Cash before night	20.00			
BACS donations - on night	50.00			
Card donations - on night	2,369.48			
Cash donations - on night	3,741.00			
Gift Aid	1,960.49			
Testing expenses				
The Doctor's Laboratory		7,342.44		
GFCT Ltd		2,601.50		
Nurses		600.00		
Posters		36.00		
	9,540.97	10,579.94	-1,038.97	-1,530.13
PSA Restricted Fund	9,540.97	10,579.94	-1,038.97	-1,530.13
Charity Account total	21,241.26	19,800.10	1,441.16	208.98

Charity Account	General Charity account	PSA Restricted Fund	Total
1 July 2024 Account balance	13,362.32	-	13,362.32
Excess income over expenditure	2,480.14		2,480.14
Excess expenditure over income		-1,038.97	-1,038.97
Transfer from General to PSA fund	-1,038.97	1,038.97	-
30 June 2025 Account balance	14,803.49	-	14,803.49

3C's Account

For year 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 (ie NOT 3C's year)

		Income	Expenditure	Balance	Balance 2023/24
Income					
	Subscriptions	3,398.00	48.00	3,350.00	
	Donations	22.00		22.00	
	Cheques donated back	180.00		180.00	
	Cheques assumed lost or out of time	90.00		90.00	
		3,690.00	48.00	3,642.00	3,759.00
Outgoing					
	Prizes 12 months at £130 per month 1x£50 + 1x£20 + 6x£10		1,560.00		-1,560.00
	Additional cheques issued. Previous ones credited back		20.00		
	Transfer to Charity account		2,000.00		-2,220.00
	Totals	-	3,580.00	-3,580.00	-3,780.00
Totals		3,690.00	3,628.00	62.00	-21.00

01-Jul-24 Account balance	2,433.00
Excess income over expenditure	62.00
30-Jun-25 Account balance	2,495.00

Administration Account

Year ending 30 June 2025

	Income	Expenditure	Balance	Balance 2023/24
Income				
Subscriptions	1,170.50	54.00	1116.50	
Tail twister	274.65			
Easy Fundraising	172.50			
Recycled ink cartridges	2.60			
	100.00			
S O T Fireworks	300.00			
	2,020.25	54.00	1,966.25	2,033.17
LCI dues etc				
International		893.76		
Multiple District		752.50		
District		182.75		
		1,829.01	-1,829.01	-1,797.04
Operating Expenses				
Presidents' Honorarium		400.00		
Regalia		8.00		
Almoner's expenses		10.00		
Accounts' examination		37.00		
Postage LCI MD105 HQ		3.90		
		458.90	-458.90	-549.64
Social Events				
Cinema visit	70.00			
Bowls evening	10.00			
Social, speaker cost		50.00		
Charter Night	3,610.00	3,589.32	20.68	
	3,690.00	3,639.32	50.68	-33.10
Gift Aid				
on 2023/24 subscriptions	187.59		187.59	-381.05
Totals	5,897.84	5,981.23	-83.39	-727.66

Administration Account

01-Jul-24 Account balance	784.58
Excess expenditure over income	-83.39
30-Jun-25 Account balance	701.19

Application for Grant Aid



Name of organisation:

Stone Community Hub

Purpose of organisation:

To relieve those living in Stone (Staffordshire) and surrounding areas who are in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage by providing advice, assistance and activities to improve their quality of life and to alleviate the impacts of social isolation and adverse economic circumstances.

Amount of grant requested:

£500

Total cost of project (if appropriate):

£1000

Reason for grant request:

To start a series of activities in 2026 to promote health and wellbeing through a range of 'health promotion' activities, making them accessible and enjoyable. These have been identified through feedback from clients and staff and will include exercise, cookery skills, gardening, together with any others identified during the year.

These activities will have a staggered start whilst funding is identified and accessed to support them.

These will enhance the regular services and activities offered by The Hub - Food Bank, craft sessions, Hub Grub, information giving etc, all supported by a friendly and warm welcome helping to reduce the physical and emotional effects of social isolation and financial hardship.

The amount applied for will be used to pay for 6 months of weekly seated exercise classes. Not only will these help with clients physical health and mobility but will be followed by an opportunity to enjoy some refreshments and each other's company, encouraging new friendships.

Funding from other sources will be applied for to support other programmes, such as gardening and food related activities.

Benefits to Stone residents:

The impact of exercise on peoples mental and physical health is well proven. Many of our clients, however, cannot or do not access opportunities, mainly due to their limited incomes (and the need to priorities of daily living) or because of lack of confidence due to their social isolation and/or their physical or mental health issues.

The classes will be fully inclusive, recognise peoples limitations and concerns and be delivered in such a way that although intended to improve people's health , they will be fun! Something that many of our clients miss out on.

Environmental Impact of proposals:

None identified for this project.

Other sources of funding secured or being explored (with amounts where known):

The funding applied for would cover the delivery of this project for 6 months minimum - qualified instructor, accommodation (this will be delivered in a separate room to The Hub subject to availability in the FJC) refreshments, any equipment required.

Additional funding will be sought for cookery and gardening activities. We have been advised of a possible small plot of land that we will be allowed to use so funding will be sought for gardening tools etc.

Is this an "exceptional" request (see notes)? If so, please explain why the Council should treat it as an exception:

Grants awarded by the Council in the last two years, and the uses made of the funding:

Not applicable

Statement of support from Council appointed representative (if applicable):

As an appointed representative of the Council for Stone Community Hub this new project has my support. I think its an excellent idea to offer professionally led exercise classes to clients of the hub. This forms part of The Hub strategy to widen its offering which will benefit the existing clients in a number of ways as well as encourage new clients who are in need of community support. With this in mind I think the application fits the purpose of the Town Council grant very well. Cllr Robert Townsend

Please Ensure that your Latest Accounts are Included with your Application



Stone Community Hub

Annual Report 2024/25

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1. Chair's Report

The Hub has continued to thrive during 2024/25 with another busy, successful, exciting – and sometimes, challenging! - 12 months. New services have been tried some more successful than others but all have been in response to our clients identified needs.

We are still seeing an increasing number of people using the Food Bank and we are working hard with them to help access other support that is available to them, to help maximise their income and prioritise their household expenditure. We will of course help our clients for as long as they need us but want to help them to become as independent as possible.

The Hub is open daily, Monday to Friday, and any residents of Stone and the surrounding area are warmly welcomed to pop in for a chat, information targeted to their needs, the chance to join in any activities that are going on that day – and, importantly a cuppa and a chance to make new friends!

We couldn't do any of this without the support of our loyal volunteers and staff, who all go above and beyond to ensure the successful running of the Hub. Local businesses have again, this year, been very generous with their donations as have our individual supporters and local organisations. We are so grateful for your continuing support in what are still challenging times.

The focus for the coming year will be to increase our membership and income and to recruit to our Board of Trustees. As the demand for our services grows exponentially, so do our running costs increase and, for example, some equipment comes to the end of its life and needs replacing. Applying for funding and grants is a time-consuming business! Looking ahead though, we are positive about developments we are hoping to make that will provide more support and opportunities for our clients. A very big thank you again to all our greatly valued staff, volunteers and supporters. We look forward to working with you all in 2025/2026.

Chair

Gill Wyatt

2. Reference and Administrative Details

Patron	Viscount Hugo Sandon
Trustees	Gill Wyatt (Chair) Lyn Cuthbert Catherine Jones Simon Walsh (to 15/04/2025) Hugo Wildblood Phil Yates (Treasurer)
Secretary	Karen Leighton (from 16/04/2025)
Manager	Karen Leighton
Principal Office	The Frank Jordan Centre Lichfield Street Stone Staffordshire ST15 8NA
	The charity is incorporated in England.
Company Registration Number	06330349
Charity Registration Number	1121854
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank 42-43 Greengate St Stafford ST16 2JA
Independent Examiner	Lisa Healings FCCA VAST The Dudson Centre Hanley Stoke-on-Trent ST1 5DD

3. Objectives and Activities

For the public benefit

1. To relieve those living in Stone (Staffordshire) and surrounding areas who are in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, or financial hardship, in particular, but not exclusively, by providing advice, assistance and activities to help improve quality of life and in particular to alleviate the impacts of social isolation and adverse economic circumstances.
2. To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society. For the purpose of this clause “socially excluded” means being excluded from society, or part of society, as a result of being a member of a socially and economically deprived community.
3. The relief of poverty or financial hardship in Stone and the surrounding areas by providing to individuals in need (and their dependents): (a) food, essential toiletries and household items that they could not otherwise afford; and (b) such other means, including (but not limited to) the provision of support, advice or signposting to relevant information and other advisory services.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirement of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

4. Achievements and Performance:

Stone Community Hub remains a vital source of support for residents of Stone and its neighbouring villages. Fondly referred to as "the Hub," our organisation is designed to be flexible and responsive to the diverse needs and circumstances of the people we serve. Though modest in size, we take great pride in the depth and range of assistance we offer—welcoming individuals of all ages and backgrounds.

Our ability to deliver meaningful support each day is made possible by a dedicated team of volunteers and generous donors. Among our volunteers is a committed Board of Trustees who work in close partnership with the Hub Manager to ensure we operate in full compliance with the necessary policies and procedures that underpin a successful charity.

To further enhance our services, we employ two part-time Activity and Support Workers who provide tailored assistance to clients requiring more specialised care.

We regularly invite feedback from those who use our services. This helps us ensure we're meeting their needs effectively and delivering the right support at the right time. It also allows us to address any concerns promptly and make improvements where needed. Below is a snapshot of the feedback we've received:

- ***"The Hub is a safe haven. Just coming in today and having someone to talk to meant everything—I had no one else to turn to. It's comforting to know there are people who truly listen. The Hub welcomes everyone with open arms."*** – CG, Client
- ***"You've supported me in so many ways—through the Food Bank and even when I had no Wi-Fi. I was here almost every day, and it helped me stay connected to my friends and family. It means the world to me."*** – CA, Client
- ***"It's such a warm and welcoming place where people can come together. Whether you're looking to relax, chat, or make new friends, the Hub is always open with a smile."*** – SP, Volunteer
- ***"Being part of the Hub gives me a sense of purpose. I love hearing laughter during games and seeing people enjoy themselves. It's also a place where people can access vital information, food, and regular lunches. The lunches are especially popular! I genuinely enjoy getting to know the clients."*** – JG, Volunteer

This reporting year brought several changes to the Hub's team. We bid farewell to Jane Harding, our former Manager, and Jess Johns, one of our Activities and Support Workers. During the recruitment phase, the Board of Trustees, alongside Kerry Hague (Activities and Support Worker), stepped up to take on additional responsibilities, ensuring the Hub continued to operate smoothly and provide uninterrupted support. We're pleased to share that since then, Karen Leighton has joined us as our new Manager, and Amey Lloyd has come on board as an Activities and Support Worker. Due to changes in staff and trustees over this year, the number of grants applied for reduced, but we were successful with those for which we applied.

5. Events and Activities:

Over the course of the year, our daily drop-in sessions experienced a significant increase in attendance, providing essential support to individuals navigating hardship, isolation, or moments of crisis. In particular we saw a rise in people attending the service with no fixed abode and also an increase in people accessing the service who live permanently on canal boats and were transitioning through the area because of the proximity of canal system to the centre.

For clients requiring one-to-one personalised assistance, we arranged meetings to explore their individual needs. In addition, we offered guidance, signposting, and referrals to partner organisations that deliver specialised support and funding. These included:

- Citizens Advice - advice about benefits
- Salvation Army – clothing provision
- New Start 4 U - employment support
- Staffordshire County Council – housing and social care support
- Staffordshire Women's Aid – abuse prevention and emotional support
- The Fire Service – home safety advice
- Lighthouse – benevolent funds
- Alzheimer's Society – primary carer support
- Local police community officers – community safety

We saw a growing need for Foodbank services, particularly among those facing short-term difficulties—such as delays in benefit decisions, family breakdowns, or unexpected emergencies like a broken cooker with no available contingency funds in place. In these instances, access to temporary food support was crucial.

Contributions made by volunteers include collecting food donations, sorting the food once delivered to the foodbank, cook meals, make refreshments, meet and greet clients and visitors, talk to clients, listen to clients, run craft sessions, help with form filling. Our Volunteers held a Tombola stall during the Christmas Lights switch on in Stone. They raised £100 plus during a very snowy and cold night!

During the reporting year 20 volunteers donated 2,802 hours of time and support which equates to £34,212.in monetary terms.

During celebration dates such as Christmas, Easter etc, we are lucky enough to receive large donations of food which is fantastic, however people started making monetary donations and this has helped us enormously to purchase materials to help with activities. It has been amazing to see people starting to talk and interact when crafting, for example. People are interacting and providing peer support during the sessions which is great to see especially for people who are isolated for most of the week.

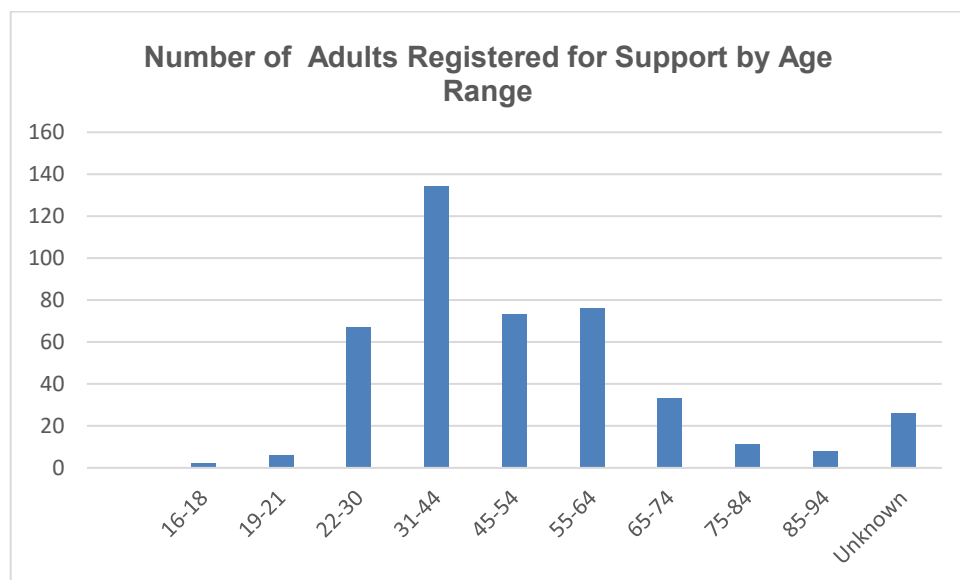
We celebrated a wonderful Christmas with two traditional Christmas meals donated by individuals and local companies. Families all received a hamper of food with additional treats. All children received a present or two!

Hub Grub which provides lunchtime two course nutritious meal each Monday has been further developed and well received by clients. Food is prepared and cooked by volunteers who have all undergone L2 Food Hygiene training.

Fundraising activities and monthly membership donations remained stable. We thank our members for their valued support in the past year. They play a vital role in the continued growth of the service. Expanding our membership scheme remains a key priority in strengthening sustainability.

Accessing the service:

We register adults when first accessing the service. Not everyone in the family will be able to attend the Hub as they may be living with long term health conditions, working, or it's just not for them. When registering an adult we ask how many other adults and children are in the household. This is invaluable when people use the foodbank as we can ascertain the level of food a family may require, or the level of support needed either now or in the future.



During the reporting year 439 adults registered with us for all types of support

Information at a Glance:

- In the reporting year we have provided 3,360 hot meals for adults and children
- We provided 3,200 food bank parcels
- We provided 1,300 individual support sessions
- We helped one person gain employment
- We provided 40 craft sessions, providing 360 attended places.
- An additional 223 adults living in the same household as a registered client benefitted from foodbank provision and support.
- 51 children supported with foodbank provision and support for parents./ carers.

6. Financial Review

Income and Expenditure

The Hub recorded total funds of £37,772 at the year-end (31st July 2025). This was a loss of around £20k on the position a year earlier (£57,256).

Much of this was due to a significant fall in grants received. 23-24 being an exceptional year.

There has been an increase of 4% in income from donations and legacies.

Funds and Reserves

The trustees use a bank known for its ethical banking principles, The Co-operative Bank for our day-to-day banking needs.

Trustees intend that reserves be used both to provide financial resilience during any period of financial difficulty and support the increased service provision as necessary.

We continue to hold around 2 months cash in a non-interest generating Co-op business account in order to provide for any immediate needs and a further 2 months in an interest bearing Aldermore savings account.

Remaining funds are invested with the CCLA, the leading UK Charity Asset Manager in a combination of 4 lower risk funds focused on gilts, bonds and lower risk equities.

Summary of financial activities Year End 31st July 2025

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donation and legacies	26,719	25,715
Other trading activities		
Investment income	9,937	1,285
Grants from other charities	22,000	51,551
TOTAL INCOME	58,656	78,551
Expenditure		
Raising funds		
Charitable activities	(78,816)	(82,196)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	(78,816)	(82,196)
Net (Expenditure) / Income	(19,504)	(1,858)
Net movement in funds	(19,504)	(1,858)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	57,256	59,114
Total funds carried forward	37,752	57,256

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets investments	2,715	5,289
Investments	20,782	31,565
	23,497	36,854
Current assets		
Debtors	1,438	1,438
Cash at bank and in hand	12,947	19,774
	14,385	21,212
Creditors: Amounts falling within one year	(110)	(810)
Net current assets	37,772	20,402
Funds of the charity		
Restricted income funds		
Restricted funds	-	3,496
Unrestricted income funds		
Unrestricted funds	37,772	53,760
Total funds	37,772	57,256

Directors' responsibilities

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476: and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees recognise the need to manage prudently the finances of the organisation and protect the position of potential creditors and employees by:

- Ensuring unrestricted financial reserves to the equivalent of a minimum of 3 months budgeted expenditure, plus restricted funds and;
- Putting in place corrective action should the level of reserves fall below this level, and;
- Triggering an orderly closure of the organisation and the termination and settlement of contracts should unrestricted financial reserves fall below 1 months budgeted expenditure



Stone Community Hub thanks the following organisations for their help and support during the year:

A Little Bit of Stone
All Saints First School and Church
Aston Cubs
Barlaston Methodist Church
Beeston Shenton Solicitors
CAB
Christchurch First School
Christchurch Academy
Church at the Crossing
Co-operative, Eccleshall Rd
DRAC Logistics
Fairway Service Station
Fareshare
Futures2gether Kier
HS2
Manor Hill First School
Mansion House Surgery
Marks & Spencer
Midlands Partnership Foundation NHS Trust
Morrisons, Stone
Neighbourly
New Life Family Church
Oulton First School

Pirehill First school
Sandon Hall
SCVYS
Springfields First School
St Dominic's Church
St John's Church
St Michael's First School
St Michael's Freemasons
St. Dominic's School
Sisters at St. Dominic's Stone
Stafford Borough Council
Staffordshire Newsletter
Staffordshire Parish Councils
Stone & Eccleshall Gazette
Standon and Cotes Heath W.I.
Stone Golf Club
Stone Labour Women's Group
Stone PCSO's
Stone Rural Parish Council
Stone Town Bonfire Committee
Stone Town Council
Stone Stitch and Pint
Support Staffordshire
The Inner Wheel Club of Stone
Tittensor Brownies
Town Mayor
Walton Priory Middle School
Yarnfield Village Hall



THANK YOU
SO MUCH

YOU ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

Application for Grant Aid



Name of organisation:

St Michael's Community Hall

Purpose of organisation:

To provide a venue for the people of Stone and the surrounding areas to carry out their legal activities.

Amount of grant requested:

£500

Total cost of project (if appropriate):

£1980.00

Reason for grant request:

With Stone Revellers Musical Theatre now performing their shows at Cown Wharf Theatre the main room, which used to be converted into a studio theatre four times a year and thus incurred some cosmetic damage over the 20+ years it had been used, needs redecorating.

This redecoration will make it more attractive to potential hirers and restore it to its former clean décor.

The work is planned to be carried out mid-February 2026

Benefits to Stone residents:

Anyone using the hall will encounter a clean, fresh atmosphere. This includes our current hirers: A keep fit club, a community choir, Stone U3A – chess club, RMP care, Stone Revellers Musical Theatre rehearsal schedule, Stone Historic and Civic Society, a Drop In Lunch club.

Environmental Impact of proposals:

Non anticipated

Other sources of funding secured or being explored (with amounts where known):

The balance will be met from our own fund raising

Is this an “exceptional” request (see notes)? If so, please explain why the Council should treat it as an exception:

No

Grants awarded by the Council in the last two years, and the uses made of the funding:

None

Statement of support from Council appointed representative (if applicable):

Please Ensure that your Latest Accounts are Included with your Application

Saint Michaels Hall - CHARITY NUMBER 503206

Accounts to 31st March 2025

INCOME	2025	2024	2023	EXPENDITURE	2025	2024	2023
Revellers	4250.20	4,667.95	4,196.45	Total Electric	860.31	1,018.81	924.88
Keep Fit Class	836.00	718.10	557.60	Everflow Water	475.07	287.57	510.54
Revellation Choir	516.00	634.80	435.60	PRS for Music	162.00	154.80	172.90
Casual Hire	1165.10	397.60	619.25	Total Gas	1,175.92	1,234.47	1,188.05
Drop In Lunch	40.00	50.00	84.80	Cleaning & Consumables	247.58	263.43	419.09
Historic Society	250.00	250.00	250.00	Repairs	1,235.67	538.60	2,991.80
Donations	95.80	527.83	158.97	Insurance	1,313.61	1,282.27	1,357.57
Fund Raising	753.20	563.40	943.92	Accountancy	79.20	52.80	188.70
Grants	0.00	500.00	2,750.00	B Hygenic	749.76	631.13	1,189.06
RMP	900.80	826.80	543.20	Chairs and Tables	0.00	0.00	1,937.35
Prestige Performance Academy	653.80	576.50	0.00				
	9460.90	9,712.98	10,539.79		6,299.12	5,463.88	10,879.94

BALANCE SHEET

	2025	2024	2023		2025	2024	2023
Opening Bank Balance 01/04/24	7236.53	3,093.01	3,764.83	Bank Expenditure	6,299.12	5,563.78	10,879.94
Opening Cash Balance 01/04/24	10.46	10.46	10.46	Cash Expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Income	9460.90	10,949.05	11,520.79	Closing Bank Balance 31/03/25	10,398.31	7,236.53	3,093.01
Cash Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	Closing Cash Balance 31/03/25	10.46	10.46	10.46
				Debtors	0.00	1,241.75	1,312.67
	16707.89	14,052.52	15,296.08		16,707.89	14,052.52	15,296.08

Prepared By:

JMD Bookkeeping & Tax Ltd

Apr-25

Application for Grant Aid



Name of organisation:

Alleyne's Academy Gardening Club

Purpose of organisation:

Alleyne's is the only comprehensive high school in Stone and as a result it is important that the students are respectful to the town and its local community. Unfortunately, with limited funds each year, it is becoming extremely difficult to finance extra-curricular clubs such as the Gardening Club. This is a new venture this year aimed at disadvantaged students who may not have the opportunity to grow their own flowers or vegetables.

Amount of grant requested:

£250.00

Total cost of project (if appropriate):

£400

Reason for grant request:

I'm really keen on starting a gardening club at the school and salvaging what equipment we once had. We have a greenhouse which needs urgent repair and need to purchase other items such as baskets, tools etc... I would also like to use some of the money to help fund the purchase of tannalised timber so that the D&T students can make some raised beds for the vegetables that the students are going to grow.

Gardening is a very useful activity when dealing with students with behavioural issues due to the fact that there is something tangible at the end of it. It allows students to be creative outside of the classroom which is something that is being lost in the world of education at the moment.

I have obtained some 'free' materials from a garden centre that recently closed down and I have purchased seeds, bulbs etc myself which I do not mind doing at all. I am a keen gardener and have my own allotment so I will quite happily donate plants, shrubs etc... The initial club will target the disadvantaged students that are also in care and then I hope to expand the club to include any students with a passion for gardening.

<p>Benefits to Stone residents:</p> <p>The students will grow flowers which will be used at school events and the produce that they grow will be donated to charities operating in Stone such as the Stone Community Hub.</p>
<p>Environmental Impact of proposals:</p> <p>We are hopeful of establishing a sustainability policy during this academic year and also deliver assemblies on Sustainability and re-wilding. This will help some of the students to see first hand the importance of growing your own produce and how this benefits the environment.</p>
<p>Other sources of funding secured or being explored (with amounts where known):</p> <p>Donations from parents and the kind donation from a local garden centre. Total cost of donation is probably £100</p>
<p>Is this an “exceptional” request (see notes)? If so, please explain why the Council should treat it as an exception:</p> <p>I appreciate that this is not an exceptional request but with the limited amount of funding in schools I truly believe that the money could have a really big impact on the students involved. In an ideal world we get some funding from the school but unfortunately there is not the spare money available.</p>
<p>Grants awarded by the Council in the last two years, and the uses made of the funding:</p> <p>We have not received any previous grants.</p>
<p>Statement of support from Council appointed representative (if applicable):</p>
<p>Please Ensure that your Latest Accounts are Included with your Application</p>

Alleyne's Academy
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
Annual Report and Financial Statements
Year ended 31 August 2025

Company Registration Number
08611863 (England and Wales)

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Chartered Accountants

Birmingham
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Alleyne's Academy
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 August 2025
(including income and expenditure account)

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted pension fund £'000	Restricted general funds £'000	Restricted fixed asset funds £'000	Endowment Funds £'000	Total 2024/25 £'000	Total 2023/24 £'000
Income from :								
Donations and capital grants	2	6	-	-	153	-	159	210
Charitable activities :	3							
Funding for the academy trust's educational operations		225	-	6,097	-	-	6,322	6,202
Other trading activities	4	27	-	-	-	-	27	25
Investments	5	-	-	-	-	3	3	2
Total		258	-	6,097	153	3	6,511	6,439
Expenditure on :								
Charitable activities:								
Academy trust educational operations	6	258	(37)	5,774	332	-	6,327	6,095
Total		258	(37)	5,774	332	-	6,327	6,095
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers		-	37	323	(179)	3	184	344
Transfers between funds	15	-	-	(64)	64	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) after transfers		-	37	259	(115)	3	184	344
Other recognised gains/(losses)								
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	15, 24	-	703	-	-	-	703	225
Asset ceiling adjustment	15, 24	-	(685)	-	-	-	(685)	-
Net movement in funds		-	55	259	(115)	3	202	569
Reconciliation of funds								
Total funds brought forward	15	311	(55)	555	8,854	68	9,733	9,164
Total funds carried forward		311	-	814	8,739	71	9,935	9,733

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All of the Academy's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two financial periods.

Alleyne's Academy
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Company number : 08611863

Balance sheet as at 31 August 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		8,606		8,736
Current assets					
Debtors	12	353		199	
Investments	13	68		68	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,390		1,437	
		<u>1,811</u>		<u>1,704</u>	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>482</u>		<u>652</u>	
Net current assets			1,329		1,052
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>9,935</u>		<u>9,788</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability			9,935		9,788
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	24		-		(55)
Total net assets			<u><u>9,935</u></u>		<u><u>9,733</u></u>
Funds of the academy trust :					
Restricted funds					
Fixed asset fund	15	8,739		8,854	
Restricted income fund	15	814		555	
Pension reserve	15	<u>-</u>		<u>(55)</u>	
Total restricted funds			9,553		9,354
Unrestricted income funds	15		311		311
Endowment funds	15		71		68
Total funds			<u><u>9,935</u></u>		<u><u>9,733</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 22 to 44 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 25th November 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:

 Mrs S Crookshank - Chair of Trustees

Alleyne's Academy
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Notes	2024/25 £'000	2023/24 £'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	19	(1)	293
Cash flows from investing activities	20	(46)	(225)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(47)	68
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 September 2024		1,437	1,369
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 August 2025	21	<u>1,390</u>	<u>1,437</u>

Application for Grant Aid



Name of organisation:

Futures2getherCIC

Purpose of organisation:

To work together with adults who have learning disabilities and autism to build brighter, more independent futures through personalised, empowering, and compassionate support.

Amount of grant requested:

£500.00

Total cost of project (if appropriate):

Reason for grant request:

The Crossing community centre (Where Futures2gether is based) has secured funding for a community garden project, the landscaping will take place in February 2026. Once complete, the community garden will be available for a variety of local groups to use and enjoy.

Futures2gether will have the responsibility of maintaining and caring for the garden, planting and nurturing the various plants and vegetables and general tidying and maintenance.

Therefore, we would like to request some funding to purchase some additional gardening tools and equipment. Such as: Wheelbarrows, spades, forks, trowels, secateurs, gardening gloves and kneelers.

We would also like to put some of the money towards plants to include in the garden to attract wildlife and insects to the garden, herbs & flowers will also create a sensory experience for the garden which has positive well-being benefits for those with Autism & sensory needs.

The additional equipment will enable the individuals we work with to learn new skills and engage fully with the task.

Benefits to Stone residents:

The Community garden at the Crossing centre will benefit a variety of groups that already access the Crossing community centre, this includes; social groups for older people, individuals with learning disabilities, sports groups, toddler groups and the church. The garden will also be available for other groups to access should they wish to including local schools, nurseries, brownies & scouts etc. Being in a tranquil garden setting can help people connect with nature and improve their well being.

Environmental Impact of proposals:

The environmental impact will be beneficial as the plan will be to include plants that attract wildlife and insects. Bird houses and bee & insect houses will also be included in the garden.

Other sources of funding secured or being explored (with amounts where known):

Is this an "exceptional" request (see notes)? If so, please explain why the Council should treat it as an exception:

Although the turnover of Futures2gether exceeds £100,000 per year the majority of the expenditure is spent on staffing to support clients to access the activities and opportunities on offer. Clients require significant support to access and engage with various activities and support them with their social and emotional needs. The funding Futures2gether receives to support clients does not cover additional activities, equipment etc. therefore additional grant funding enables us to provide meaningful and beneficial activities for the individuals we work with.

Grants awarded by the Council in the last two years, and the uses made of the funding:

Funding was received in June 2023 (£470) this was to access sports and crafts activities in the local community

Statement of support from Council appointed representative (if applicable):

Please Ensure that your Latest Accounts are Included with your Application

Company registration number 11663503 (England and Wales)

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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025
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FUTURES2GETHER C.I.C

COMPANY INFORMATION

Directors	Mrs. K Morton Mrs. A Lloyd
Company number	11663503
Registered office	17 Lichfield Street Stone Staffordshire ST15 8NA
Accountants	Plant & Co Limited 17 Lichfield Street Stone Staffordshire ST15 8NA
Business address	The Crossings Centre Station Approach Stone ST15 8ER

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FUTURES2GETHER C.I.C

DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Directors

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were as follows:

Mrs. K Morton

Mrs. A Lloyd

Small companies exemption

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

On behalf of the board

Mrs. K Morton

Director

Mrs. A Lloyd

Director

14 October 2025

FUTURES2GETHER C.I.C

INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Gross surplus	394,304	329,207
Administrative expenses	(383,495)	(309,079)
Surplus before taxation	10,809	20,128
Tax on surplus	(2,083)	(4,011)
Surplus for the financial year	8,726	16,117

The income and expenditure account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

FUTURES2GETHER C.I.C

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	3		162		243
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		64,902		59,772	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(9,911)		(13,588)	
Net current assets			54,991		46,184
Net assets			55,153		46,427
Reserves					
Income and expenditure account			55,153		46,427
Total members' funds			55,153		46,427

For the financial year ended 30 June 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

In accordance with section 444 of the Companies Act 2006, all of the members of the company have consented to the preparation of abridged financial statements pursuant to paragraph 1A of Schedule 1 to the Small Companies and Groups (Accounts and Directors' Report) Regulations (SI 2008/409)(b).

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 14 October 2025 and are signed on its behalf by:

Mrs. K Morton
Director

Mrs. A Lloyd
Director

Company registration number 11663503 (England and Wales)

FUTURES2GETHER C.I.C

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE PREPARATION OF THE UNAUDITED STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF FUTURES2GETHER C.I.C FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of Futures2Gether C.I.C for the year ended 30 June 2025 which comprise the income and expenditure account, the statement of financial position and the related notes from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <https://www.icaew.com/regulation>.

This report is made solely to the board of directors of Futures2Gether C.I.C, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of Futures2Gether C.I.C and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the board of directors of Futures2Gether C.I.C, as a body, in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 07/16 AAF. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Futures2Gether C.I.C and its board of directors as a body, for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Futures2Gether C.I.C has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus of Futures2Gether C.I.C. You consider that Futures2Gether C.I.C is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the financial statements of Futures2Gether C.I.C. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.

Plant & Co Limited

14 October 2025

Chartered Accountants

17 Lichfield Street
Stone
Staffordshire
ST15 8NA

FUTURES2GETHER C.I.C

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

1 Accounting policies

Company information

Futures2Gether C.I.C is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 17 Lichfield Street, Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 8NA. The principal place of business is The Crossings Centre, Station Approach, Stone, ST15 8ER.

1.1 Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The disclosure requirements of section 1A of FRS 102 have been applied other than where additional disclosure is required to show a true and fair view.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Turnover

Revenue comprises sales of goods or services provided to customers net of value added tax and other sales taxes, less an appropriate deduction for actual and expected returns and discounts. Revenue is recognised when performance obligations are satisfied and the control of goods or services is transferred to the buyer. Where the performance obligation is satisfied over time, revenue is recognised in accordance with its progress towards complete satisfaction of that performance obligation.

When cash inflows are deferred and represent a financing arrangement, the promised consideration is adjusted for the effects of the time value of money, which is recognised as interest income.

Revenue from contracts for the provision of professional services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion when the stage of completion, costs incurred and costs to complete can be estimated reliably. The stage of completion is calculated by comparing costs incurred, mainly in relation to contractual hourly staff rates and materials, as a proportion of total costs. Where the outcome cannot be estimated reliably, revenue is recognised only to the extent of the expenses recognised that are recoverable.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computers	3 years straight line
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged to surplus or deficit.

1.4 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting period end date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

FUTURES2GETHER C.I.C

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

Recognised impairment losses are reversed if, and only if, the reasons for the impairment loss have ceased to apply. Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (or cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

1.5 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.6 Financial instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's statement of financial position when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Classification of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

FUTURES2GETHER C.I.C

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, bank loans, loans from fellow group companies and preference shares that are classified as debt, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.7 Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

Current tax

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the income statement because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting end date.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all timing differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the timing difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the tax profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting end date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered. Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the income statement, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when the company has a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority.

1.8 Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.9 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

FUTURES2GETHER C.I.C

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.10 Government grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised in income when the performance conditions are met. Where a grant does not specify performance conditions it is recognised in income when the proceeds are received or receivable. A grant received before the recognition criteria are satisfied is recognised as a liability.

1.11 Operating Surplus

The company made an post-tax operating surplus of £14,346 during the period. This surplus is carried forward to be used in the future provision of the social services that it was incorporated to provide.

2 Employees

The average monthly number of persons (including directors) employed by the company during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Total	17	18

3 Tangible fixed assets

	Total £
Cost	
At 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025	1,452
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 July 2024	1,209
Depreciation charged in the year	81
At 30 June 2025	1,290
Carrying amount	
At 30 June 2025	162
At 30 June 2024	243

4 Members' liability

The company is limited by guarantee, not having a share capital and consequently the liability of members is limited, subject to an undertaking by each member to contribute to the net assets or liabilities of the company on winding up such amounts as may be required not exceeding £1.

Application for Grant Aid



Name of organisation:
STONE COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

Purpose of organisation:
TO SUPPORT WEST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE IN THE STONE COMMUNITY BY OUR TRAINED TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS BEING ON CALL TO ATTEND 999 CALLS, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF WMAS CONTROL CENTRE. WE ALSO PROVIDE THE COMMUNITY WITH FREE CPR AND DEFIB TRAINING VIA HAVE A GO INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR ALL AGES

Amount of grant requested:
£500

Total cost of project (if appropriate):
£1200-1400

Reason for grant request:

RECENTLY THE 'KIT' LIST FOR EQUIPMENT TO BE CARRIED ON OUR FIRST RESPONDER VEHICLE HAS BEEN UPDATED BY WEST MIDLANDS AMBUANCE SERVICE TO INCLUDE :

Laerdal suction unt

The Laerdal Suction Unit (LSU) is a portable device used in emergency medical situations to clear a patient's airways. It is designed to be effective and safe, allowing for the removal of fluids such as saliva, mucus, and secretions that could enter the lower respiratory tract. The LSU is equipped with two types of suction catheters: a rigid, wide bore catheter and a smaller flexible catheter that fits down the oral and nasopharyngeal airways. This versatility makes it suitable for various medical situations, including emergency medical services, hospitals, and home healthcare. The LSU's ability to provide efficient suction is essential for quick and effective airway management, especially in situations where patients cannot clear their own airways

More info can be provided on request

<p>Benefits to Stone residents:</p> <p>Stone residents deserve the best chance of surviving a medical episode and the First Responders need to be equipped with all the vital items required to provide a high level of emergency care</p>
<p>Environmental Impact of proposals:</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>Other sources of funding secured or being explored (with amounts where known):</p> <p>This is an unexpected expense for us , we are always exploring fundraising opportunities , and can cover the remaining funds needed from monies already raised.</p> <p>Please note that we are already fundraising to support the purchase of our next vehicle in 6-8 years time, we have training equipment that will need replacing in 2-5 years , plus we have basic annual expenses of £2000-3000 per year to keep us operational.</p> <p>More info on request</p>
<p>Is this an “exceptional” request (see notes)? If so, please explain why the Council should treat it as an exception:</p> <p>It is very rare that a new item of equipment with an expense of this scale is added to our kit list</p>
<p>Grants awarded by the Council in the last two years, and the uses made of the funding:</p>
<p>Statement of support from Council appointed representative (if applicable):</p> <p>There are many people in the community who have benefitted from Stone Community First Responders – we have ‘professionally’ visited many following a 999 call, we have stopped when we have witnessed an incident that might require us , we have provided advice , training and support for many in the community with CPR and Defib training .</p>
<p>Please Ensure that your Latest Accounts are Included with your Application</p>

STONE COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS												2025		
DATE	PAYEE/PAYER	INFORMATION	DETAIL	BALANCE	SALES	WMAS EXPENSES	DONATION	WMAS EXPENSES	EQUIPMENT	MARKETING	ANNUAL COSTS	BALANCE	END OF MONTH BANK STATEMENT BALANCE	ERROR CHECK
1-Jan-2025	BALANCE	FROMDEC 2024		£29,250.22								£29,250.22		
10-Jan-2025	OPTIMISE	DONATION	SO				£10.00					£29,260.22		
29-Jan-2025	500010	ASDA, YARNFIELD & CHUTNEY	DEP				£541.00					£29,801.22		
31-Jan-2025	NATIONAL LOTTERY	GRANT	BGC				£20,000.00					£49,801.22	£49,801.22	£0.00
5-Feb-2025	PAYPAL	ASDA	BGC				£146.31					£49,947.53		
7-Feb-2025	WMAS	EXPENSES	BGC			£285.60						£50,233.13		
7-Feb-2025	500011	MARKS AND SEPNCERS	DEP				£609.00					£50,842.13		
10-Feb-2025	OPTIMISE	DONATION	SO				£10.00					£50,852.13		
10-Feb-2025	ROTARY	DONATION	FPI				£260.00					£51,112.13		
19-Feb-2025	KS PRINT	ROLLER BANNERS	FPO							£69.60		£51,042.53	£51,042.53	£0.00
3-Mar-2025	DVLA	CAR TAX	DD								£20.00	£51,022.53		
10-Mar-2025	HILL AND SWIFT	SERVICE	FPO								£84.84	£50,937.69		
10-Mar-2025	OPTIMISE	DONATION	SO				£10.00					£50,947.69		
12-Mar-2025	PAYPAL	DONATION	BGC				£29.47					£50,977.16		
17-Mar-2025	CPOINTON-SPONSORED WALK	DONATION	FPI				£24.00					£51,001.16		
20-Mar-2025	PAYPAL	DONATION	BGC				£5.89					£51,007.05	£51,007.05	£0.00
3-Apr-2025	PAYPAL	DONATION	BGC				£9.82					£51,016.87		
9-Apr-2025	PAYPAL	DONATION	BGC				£23.57					£51,040.44		
10-Apr-2025	OPTIMISE	DONATION	SO				£10.00					£51,050.44		
16-Apr-2025	CHEBSEY PC	DONATION	FPO				£50.00					£51,100.44		
17-Apr-2025	PAYPAL	DONATION	BGC				£3.92					£51,104.36		
24-Apr-2025	PAYPAL	DONATION	BGC				£13.75					£51,118.11		
30-Apr-2025	PAYPAL	DONATION	BGC				£9.82					£51,127.93		

30-Apr-2025	S HARRIS(EQUIPMENT)	TRAINING EQUIP PURCHASE	FPO						£400.00			£50,727.93	£50,727.93	£0.00
1-May-2025	HILL AND SWIFT	NEW CAR PURCHASE	FPO						£26,945.00			£23,782.93		
6-May-2025	WMAS	CAR INSURANCE	FPO								£795.20	£22,987.73		
6-May-2025	500012	MILWICH AND FRADSWELL	DEP				£60.00					£23,047.73		
6-May-2025	500013	RAFFLE DONATION	DEP				£454.00					£23,501.73		
7-May-2025	CREATIVE BEE	SELF FRAME	BP							£36.00		£23,465.73		
12-May-2025	OPTIMISE	DONATION	SO				£10.00					£23,475.73		
13-May-2025	PAYPAL	DONATION	BGC				£9.82					£23,485.55		
13-May-2025	HIXON	TRAINING EQUIP PURCHASE	FPI				£150.00					£23,635.55		
22-May-2025	WMAS	CAR INSURANCE	FPO								£714.59	£22,920.96		
22-May-2025	WALTON COMM	ROOM HIRE	FPO							£22.00		£22,898.96	£22,898.96	£0.00
3-Jun-2025	PANDA PRESS	BANNER	FPO							£162.00		£22,736.96		
10-Jun-2025	OPTIMISE	DONATION	SO				£10.00					£22,746.96		
11-Jun-2025	L MOORE	RAFFLE DONATION	FPI				£1,889.00					£24,635.96		
27-Jun-2025	500016	MILWICH AND FRADSWELL	DEP				£200.00					£24,835.96	£24,835.96	£0.00
10-Jul-2025	OPTIMISE	DONATION	SO				£10.00					£24,845.96	£24,845.96	£0.00
11-Aug-2025	OPTIMISE	DONATION	SO				£10.00					£24,855.96		
28-Aug-2025	S FISHER RE KUGA	SEAT COVERS	FPO						£36.44			£24,819.52		
28-Aug-2025	S FISHER RE KUGA	CAR MAPS	FPO						£59.99			£24,759.53		
29-Aug-2025	500019	STONE RURAL PARISH COUNCIL	DEP				£250.00					£25,009.53		
29-Aug-2025	500018	STONE INNER WHEEL	DEP				£125.00					£25,134.53		
29-Aug-2025	500020	TREFOIL GUILD	DEP				£100.00					£25,234.53	£25,234.53	£0.00
2-Sep-2025	STONE TOWN COUNCIL	MAYOR	FPI				£2,500.00					£27,734.53		
10-Sep-2025	OPTIMISE	DONATION	SO				£10.00					£27,744.53		
10-Sep-2025	REDDICHTH AND BROM	CAR SALE	FPI				£1,500.00					£29,244.53		

16-Sep-2025	BRISTOR SYSTEMS	CAR FIT OUT	FPO						£1,800.00			£27,444.53		
16-Sep-2025	S FISHER RE UNIFORM	NEW UNIFORMS	FPO						£110.99			£27,333.54		
16-Sep-2025	S FISHER RE UNIFORM	NEW UNIFORMS	FPO						£137.67			£27,195.87		
17-Sep-2025	PAYPAL	EMERGENCY SERV DAY	BGC				£19.64					£27,215.51		
18-Sep-2025	J & J DESIGNS	UNIFORM EMBROIDERY	FPO						£48.00			£27,167.51	£27,167.51	£0.00
1-Oct-2025	PAYPAL	DONATION	BGC				£0.98					£27,168.49		
10-Oct-2025	OPTIMISE	DONATION	SO				£10.00					£27,178.49		
30-Oct-2025	500014	MILWICH AND FRADSWELL	DEP				£100.00					£27,278.49		
30-Oct-2025	500015	STONE GOLF CLUB	DEP				£150.00					£27,428.49		
30-Oct-2025	500017	STONE GOLF RANGE	DEP				£185.00					£27,613.49		
30-Oct-2025	500021	BIRTHDAY (VIA t&s)	DEP				£20.00					£27,633.49		
30-Oct-2025	500022	YARNFIELD COLLECTION BOT	DEP				£12.85					£27,646.34		
30-Oct-2025	500023	DONATION TRENTHAM COMMUNITY	DEP				£10.90					£27,657.24		
30-Oct-2025	NIGHT SAFE	DONATION	DEP				£40.00					£27,697.24		
30-Oct-2025	AED DONATE	DEFIB BATTERY	FPO						£246.00			£27,451.24	£27,451.24	£0.00
Total				£29,250.22	£0.00	£29,603.74	£29,784.09	£289.60	£1,614.63					

FINANCIAL POSITION as at 31 OCT 2025

ASSETS

CAR	35000
BANK ACCOUNT	27451.2
	FROM
PETTY CASH	25 BARLASTON
	WARM SPACE
TRAINING EQUIPMENT	480 dummy defib
TRAINING EQUIPMENT	950 mannikins
GAZEBO	150
CHEQUE	1200 FROM STONE
	CARNIVAL
TOTAL	<u>65256.2</u>

LIABILITIES

PUBLIC LIABILITY (DUE DEC)	290
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TOTAL **290**

NET **64966.2**

Programme of Meetings and Events in 2026-27

The first meeting on each evening will commence at 7:00pm

May 2026	12th	Council – Annual Meeting	19th	General Purposes Committee Planning Consult. Committee		
June 2026	2nd	Council General Purposes Committee Planning Consult. Committee Town Hall Charity				
July 2026	7th	Council General Purposes Committee (including Grants) Planning Consult. Committee Richard Vernon Charity	21st	Tourism & Town Promotion Sub Environment Sub Estates Sub Mayor's Charity	12th	Civic Sunday & Mayor Making
August 2026	4th	Council General Purposes Committee Planning Consult. Committee				
September 2026	8th	Council General Purposes Committee Planning Consult. Committee	22nd	Tourism & Town Promotion Sub Environment Sub Estates Sub		

October 2026	6th	Council General Purposes Committee Planning Consult. Committee			17th	Trafalgar Dinner
November 2026	3rd	Council General Purposes Committee Planning Consult. Committee	17th	Tourism & Town Promotion Sub Estates Sub Environment Sub	8th 19th	Remembrance Sunday Christmas Light's Switch On
December 2026	1st	Council General Purposes Committee Planning Consult. Committee			13th	Civic Carol Service
January 2027			12th	Planning Consult. Committee Tourism & Town Promotion Sub Environment Sub Estates Sub		
February 2027	2nd	General Purposes Committee (including Grants)	16th	Council Planning Consult. Committee		
March 2027	2nd	Council General Purposes Committee Planning Consult. Committee	16th	Tourism & Town Promotion Sub Environment Sub Estates Sub		

April 2027	13th	Council General Purposes Committee Planning Consult. Committee			24th	Civic Dinner

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The table below lists payments made by the Council in the period identified, for the Committee's information.

The table includes payments by cheque, direct debit, payment card, telephone banking and online banking. It excludes salary and related payments, payments from the Mayor's Charity, and transfers between the Council's bank accounts. All amounts exclude VAT.

Payment Date From : 01/11/2025

Payment Date To : 31/12/2025

<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount (£)</u>
03/11/2025	SBC Rates	Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates FJC - Nov 25	279.00
03/11/2025	9317	Prism Solutions	Leased line rental - Oct 25	106.31
03/11/2025	wp-INV10638318	Water Plus	Water Usage - N Road - 15.09 to 15.10	16.18
03/11/2025	SBC Rates	Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates SSTN - Nov 25	180.00
03/11/2025	9317	Prism Solutions	Leased line rental - Oct 25	4.58
03/11/2025	9317	Prism Solutions	Leased line rental - Oct 25	59.90
03/11/2025	SBC Rates	Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates HC - Nov 25	379.00
03/11/2025	SBC Rates	Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates Mkt Sq - Nov 25	21.00
04/11/2025	12758983	British Gas	Elec Usage - Ampitheatre 19.08 to 19.10	9.30
06/11/2025	Inv2110	The Secret Kitchen	Buffet for 110 - Remembrance Sunday	1,080.00
06/11/2025	V02403637014	EE	EE Mobile 29.10 - 28.11.25	15.74
06/11/2025	ORD510189-1	Society of Local Council Clerks	Clerks Manual 2026	144.00
06/11/2025	53824	Panda Press (Stone) Ltd	Remembrance Day order of service sheets	259.00
06/11/2025	V02403637014	EE	EE Mobile 29.10 - 28.11.25	15.74
06/11/2025	26302	Stone Gazette Ltd	Half page advert Nov/Dec	320.00
06/11/2025	53806	Panda Press (Stone) Ltd	Vinyl patches for Christmas switch on banners	44.00
06/11/2025	ORD510189-1	Society of Local Council Clerks	Clerks manual postage	4.50
07/11/2025	INV-1880	IG Stage Hire	Stage Hire Christmas Lights - 50%	425.00

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10/11/2025	12811094	British Gas	Elec Supply Feeder Pillar 1 -25/09 to 25/10/25	12.60
11/11/2025	444008-046	Virgin Media Business	Telephone rental and calls to 21.11.25	88.74
12/11/2025	201615202591190	Pozitive Energy	Gas Usage - HC 01.10 to 31.10.25	71.32
13/11/2025	INV-1218	CE & PS Ltd	Barrier hire for Remembrance 2025	483.91
13/11/2025	INV-11601	EDG Security Limited	HC - Repairs to emergency light in foyer	136.50
13/11/2025	210267703	Steve's Sound Systems	PA System for Remembrance 2025	280.00
14/11/2025	INV329859144	Zoom Video Comm Inc	ZOOM Subscription Nov 14 to Dec 13 2025	25.98
17/11/2025	9000328204	Christmas Tree World	Christmas tree lights x 15 sets	224.88
18/11/2025	CD-244180636	Culligan	Water Cooler Rental - Nov 25	23.06
18/11/2025	138266	B&M Retail Ltd	Prizes for card competition winners	11.04
18/11/2025	210082679	Florence Brass	Florence Brass at Remembrance 2025	200.00
18/11/2025	INV0004733059	Eurooffice Ltd	Copier Paper	49.91
18/11/2025	17419	All Print Equipment Ltd	Copier usage - Oct 25	73.66
18/11/2025	SSGB	Stone Scouts & Guides Brass Band	Donation to S&G Band for Remembrance 25	100.00
18/11/2025	RBL	Royal British Legion	Donation for Bugle Playing Rem 25	50.00
18/11/2025	210267722	JB Window Cleaner	Window Cleaning Oct 25	65.00
18/11/2025	210267722	JB Window Cleaner	Window Cleaning Oct 25	25.00
18/11/2025	210267722	JB Window Cleaner	Window Cleaning Oct 25	30.00
18/11/2025	210267708	Miscellaneous	Prizes for Christmas card winners	30.00
18/11/2025	4999	Miscellaneous	Prizes for Christmas card winners	1.25
19/11/2025	03547	Griffin Environmental Asbestos	SSTN - Asbestos Survey	680.00
20/11/2025	01575247	VALDA ENERGY	FJC Gas Usage 01.11 - 30.11.2025	599.97
20/11/2025	01575247	VALDA ENERGY	FJC Elec Usage-01.11 - 30.11.2025	309.01
20/11/2025	01575247	VALDA ENERGY	SSTN Gas Usage-01.11 - 30.11.2025	555.54
20/11/2025	01575247	VALDA ENERGY	SSTN Elec Usage - 01.11 - 30.11.2025	316.87

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20/11/2025	01575246	VALDA ENERGY	SSTN Elec Usage - 01/10 to 31/10/25	1.50
21/11/2025	210083472	Kath Stanway	Compere for Christmas switch on 2025	450.00
21/11/2025	53969	Panda Press (Stone) Ltd	Christmas Cards with Mayor	159.00
21/11/2025	53968	Panda Press (Stone) Ltd	Christmas cards - no Mayor	115.00
21/11/2025	INV0004733244	Eurooffice Ltd	Post it notes	1.89
24/11/2025	743014903/001/11	Virgin Media Business	Broadband Usage to 06.11-5.12.25	50.00
24/11/2025	wp-INV10799880	Water Plus	Water Usage - SSTN to 05.11.2025	114.99
25/11/2025	230622	Prism Solutions	Prism IT Managed Service - Dec 25	1,338.22
26/11/2025	1000159909	Staffordshire County Council	Annual website hosting 2025/26	150.00
26/11/2025	INVOICE6	KTC Security Services Ltd	SECURITY at Christmas switch on	94.50
26/11/2025	597	Hazzard Promotions	Sound system hire for Switch on 2025	400.00
26/11/2025	INV000276	Hearts Cross Medical	Medical support at Christmas switch on 2025	350.00
26/11/2025	13105814	British Gas	HC - Elec to 13.11.2025	171.35
26/11/2025	136757	B Hygienic Ltd	FJC - Toilet rolls	78.57
27/11/2025	wp-INV10803931	Water Plus	Water Usage - FJC to 6.11.25	91.95
28/11/2025	SOT1154902	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	Waste Collection - SSTN - Oct 2025	78.63
28/11/2025	210821127	Trudy Williams	Catering costs - Remembrance 2025	82.56
28/11/2025	13136623	British Gas	Elec Usage - 61 High St -28.10.19 to 25.11.2025	1,300.40
28/11/2025	12989588	British Gas	Elec Usage - HC 9.10 to 13.11.25	198.08
28/11/2025	SOT1154901	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	Waste collection - FJC Oct 2025	113.82
01/12/2025	wp-INV10844015	Water Plus	Water Usage - Mount Road - 09.10 to 09.11	368.54
01/12/2025	9606	Prism Solutions	Leased line rental November 25	60.90
01/12/2025	9606	Prism Solutions	Leased line rental November 25	59.90
01/12/2025	9606	Prism Solutions	Leased line rental November 25	49.99
01/12/2025	9606	Prism Solutions	Leased line rental November 25	54.99

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02/12/2025	INV-1256	CE & PS Ltd	Christmas Switch on 2025 - barrier hire and electrics	1,140.24
02/12/2025	INVOICE5	KTC Security Services Ltd	Install/remove bollards 2.11-30.11.25	67.50
04/12/2025	wp-INV10921640	Water Plus	Water Usage - NR 15.10 - 15.11.25	215.70
04/12/2025	Land Registry	Land Registry	Land Reg Search Fees	91.00
04/12/2025	01596306	VALDA ENERGY	Elec Usage - HC 14.11 - 13.12.25	170.19
04/12/2025	5681	Christmas Plus	Installation of Festive display 2025 -70%	5,347.20
04/12/2025	5646	Christmas Plus	Plane Tree additional spheres and snowfall tubes	991.00
08/12/2025	V02413726583	EE	EE Mobiles 29 Nov - 28 Dec	15.74
08/12/2025	V02413726583	EE	EE Mobiles 29 Nov - 28 Dec	15.74
08/12/2025	13067270	British Gas	Elec Usage - Amp 19.10-19.11.25	13.02
09/12/2025	01620728	VALDA ENERGY	FJC Gas Usage 1.11-30.11.2025	58.76
09/12/2025	INV6001400	MEB Total Ltd	Pat Testing SSTN Nov 25	61.86
09/12/2025	MEM256385-1	Society of Local Council Clerks	SLCC Membership 2026	316.00
09/12/2025	01620728	VALDA ENERGY	SSTN Elec Usage 1.11-30.11.2025	20.03
09/12/2025	INV6001400	MEB Total Ltd	Pat Testing HC Nov 25	103.44
09/12/2025	INV6001400	MEB Total Ltd	Pat Testing FJC Nov 25	61.86
10/12/2025	13102553	British Gas	Elec Supply - Feeder Pillar 1 to 25.11.25	13.02
11/12/2025	93	MJ Plant	Annual grass cutting and removal Crown Meadow	568.00
11/12/2025	92	MJ Plant	Grounds maint - Oct- Amp, CM, MR, Abbey St	1,784.00
11/12/2025	99	MJ Plant	Marquee set up - Oct 25	307.50
11/12/2025	94	MJ Plant	Annual maint of Town borders and Walton Roundabout	4,642.00
11/12/2025	98	MJ Plant	Cenotaph stand	1,000.00
11/12/2025	95	MJ Plant	Weed Control CM, Amp and surrounding area	338.00
11/12/2025	96	MJ Plant	FJC Weed Control x 8 visits	338.00
11/12/2025	Land Registry	Land Registry	Land Reg Search Fees	28.00

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11/12/2025	100	MJ Plant	Marquee Setup - Nov 25	905.00
11/12/2025	100	MJ Plant	Marquee Set up - Switch on	187.50
11/12/2025	97	MJ Plant	Maint of war memorial, maint of stand and removal of	548.00
12/12/2025	444008-047	Virgin Media Business	Telephone charges to 21.11.25	87.85
12/12/2025	13136623	British Gas	Elec Usage - 61 High St -28.10.19 to 25.11.2025	36.77
15/12/2025	201615202593144	Pozitive Energy	Gas Usage - HC 01.11 to 30.11.25	95.59
15/12/2025	INV333791610	Zoom Video Comm Inc	Zoom Subscription - Dec 14 to Jan 13	25.98
16/12/2025	CD-244225305	Culligan	Water Cooler Rental - Dec 25	23.06
16/12/2025	9804	Prism Solutions	Leased line rental - December 25	54.99
17/12/2025	211986148	Miscellaneous	Postage charge to Carthage	3.40
19/12/2025	01620728	VALDA ENERGY	FJC Gas Usage 1.11-30.11.2025	106.59
19/12/2025	01620728	VALDA ENERGY	SSTN Gas Usage 1.11-30.11.2025	8.31
19/12/2025	01620730	VALDA ENERGY	FJC Gas Usage 1.12-30.12.2025	683.08
19/12/2025	01620730	VALDA ENERGY	SSTN Gas Usage 1.12-30.12.2025	789.59
19/12/2025	01620730	VALDA ENERGY	FJC Elec Usage 1.12-30.12.2025	322.63
19/12/2025	20155646	Pitney Bowes	Postage top up	120.00
19/12/2025	01620730	VALDA ENERGY	SSTN Elec Usage 1.12-30.12.2025	343.33
23/12/2025	7070297920	Stafford Borough Council	Install/remove bollards Oct-Dec25	485.96
23/12/2025	7070297918	Stafford Borough Council	Emptying Bins Amphitheatre-Oct-Dec25	55.94
23/12/2025	5813476/CE/56059	The Arch Rent Collectors	SSTN Rent 25.12 to 24.03.26	1,550.00
23/12/2025	7070297919	Stafford Borough Council	Emptying bins T&M Canal & towpath Oct-Dec 25	166.53
23/12/2025	17532	All Print Equipment Ltd	Copier usage - Nov 25	27.49
23/12/2025	6018813501	E On	Highways Lighting Maint and Energy 2025/26	843.88
24/12/2025	743014903/001/12	Virgin Media Business	Broadband Usage 6.12 - 5.01.26	50.00
29/12/2025	SOT1156131	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	Waste Collection - FJC Nov 25	113.80

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29/12/2025	231884	Prism Solutions	Prism IT Managed Service - Jan 26	1,336.07
29/12/2025	SOT1156132	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	Waste Collection SSTN - Nov 2025	78.25
31/12/2025	Stafford BC Rates	Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates Mkt Sq - Dec 2025	21.00
31/12/2025	wp-INV11083097	Water Plus	Water Usage SSTN - 14 May-5 Dec	50.70
31/12/2025	wp-INV11093835	Water Plus	Water usage - FJC to 19.11 to 06.12.25	3,934.53
31/12/2025	Stafford BC Rates	Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates FJC - Dec 2025	279.00
31/12/2025	Stafford BC Rates	Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates STN - Dec 2025	180.00
31/12/2025	Stafford BC Rates	Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates HC - Dec 2025	379.00
				49,818.04