

Minutes of a meeting of the Assets & Amenities Committee held on 16th December 2025 in the Council Chamber, The Old Courthouse, Jaycroft Road, Burnham-on-Sea at 7 pm

Present: Councillors P. Clayton (Chair), P. Mills, S. Perry, C. Searing

In attendance: K. Noble (Town Clerk), J. Hook (Theatre Manager), N. Brooks (RFO) and 2 members of the public

Public Participation:

A resident stated that the lights were still not working on the South Esplanade.

146.A25 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Millard, Wynn, Metcalfe and Vickers.

147.A25 To receive any declarations of interest on items included on this agenda

There were no declarations of interests.

148.A25 To receive and approve the minutes of the Assets & Amenities meeting held on 21st October 2025

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Assets & Amenities Committee held on 21st October 2025, were presented by the Chairman.

Resolved that the minutes be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

149.A25 To note the most recent committee income and expenditure report

A query was raised regarding the income figures in brackets, which the RFO explained. The report was noted.

150.A25 To consider response to correspondence received

150.1 To consider a request from a resident for dog waste bins to be located between Briar Close and Worston Lane

The Committee requested that their thanks be passed on to the resident for removing the litter from the alley.

Resolved that in the first instance Somerset Council are asked to erect dog fouling signs, as there is a dog bin in a reasonable distance from the alley.



150.2 To consider a request from a resident for the flowerbed by the Esso Garage roundabout to be planted with shrubs or wildflowers

It was agreed that this item would be discussed and a decision be made during item 156.A25.

151.A25 Princess Theatre

151.1 To receive Theatre Managers update report

The kurling sessions have become so popular, they will now be held twice per week.

The Theatre Manager gave an overview of the circulated report. Advertising screens have been ordered, which was part of the marketing element of the business plan.

152.A25 Cemeteries

152.1 To receive cemeteries update report

There is an issue with the pumps, which is being actioned.

The cemeteries report was noted.

153.A25 Allotments

153.1 To receive allotments update report

The allotments report was noted.

154.A25 Public Conveniences

154.1 To receive public conveniences update report

A query was raised regarding the rough sleeper in the public conveniences. This was reported to Street Link.

The public conveniences report was noted.

154.2 To consider a quote for air fresheners for the Esplanade public conveniences

Resolved that anti-vandal air fresheners and refill cartridges are purchased for the esplanade public conveniences at a cost of £440 + VAT to be taken from the public conveniences budget.

155.A25 To receive the Estate Managers general update report

It was noted that the bus shelter is being used.

A query was raised whether the damaged bin in Regents Street had been removed. A request had been made to Somerset Council for this to be done.

The report was noted.



156.A25 To consider floral displays for 2026/27 report

A very lengthy discussion took place.

Resolved that a mix of sustainable and bedding plants are planted as agreed, within budget. Hanging baskets are to be installed in Burnham. Options for enhancing the areas by the Esso garage in Burnham and on the junction with Church Street in Highbridge are to be considered by

157.A25 To consider the draft committee budget for 2026/2027 for recommendation to the Finance & Governance Committee

Officers

The draft budget was reviewed. Councillors were given the opportunity to raise questions, which were answered by the Officers present.

Resolved that the draft budget for 2026/2027 is recommended to the Finance and Governance Committee.

158.A25 To consider the report on replacement of Union Jack flags

Resolved that two replacement Union Jack flags are purchased at a cost of £303.86 + VAT, to be funded from the maintenance budget.

159.A25 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Assets and Amenities Committee will be an extraordinary one to be held on 12th January 2026 at 7pm.