

ELLESMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Dear Councillors,

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Finance, Asset & Resources Committee to be held
on Thursday 13th November 2025 at 7.15pm,
at Ellesmere Town Hall at 6pm, for the transaction of business as set out in the agenda below.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Joanne Butterworth'.

Joanne Butterworth
Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE VERY WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Public Participation Session. A period of 10 minutes will be granted for members of the public to make representations, answer questions, and give evidence in respect of the business on the agenda, or raise matters for a future agenda (as per section 3 of the Town Council's Standing Orders).

AGENDA

FAR 11/25/01 **To receive apologies and reasons for absence.** To approve.

FAR 11/25/02 **Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.** To receive declarations under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

Members are reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, whether or not the Interest is entered in the register of members' interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.

FAR 11/25/03 **Grant Dispersations.** In pursuance of the Localism Act 1972 s31 (4) to report on any dispensations requested/granted (**please contact the Clerk prior to the meeting if you require a dispensation form**).

FAR 11/25/04 **Minutes.**
(a) To read and confirm the minutes of the Finance, Asset & Resources Committee meeting held on the 20th October.

FAR 11/25/05 **2025/2026 Priorities.** To consider the following priorities chosen for the 2026/2027 budget when looking at the programme of works and agree how and which members are going to investigate the

costs for delivery of the projects.

Electricity to the Wharf – Finance, Asset & Resources Committee.

It was felt that it is important to look into the possibility of having an electricity supply at the Wharf so that the council can look at hiring it out for events. The Committee needs to identify how they would like the electricity source delivered and what costs would need to be considered.

Blue Green Algae at The Mere.

Triathlons, weekly swim sessions, the Carnival and much more are held at The Mere. It also has a very high footfall of visitors for other reasons. Members agreed that the control of the water quality and blue green algae should be a priority. Earlier in the year the Town Council approved that their 2024/2025 profits from their jointly owned properties be used to identify ways to improve the water quality. Ellesmere Town Council has agreed for Shropshire Council to use their profits from the Boathouse for this project.

Look at making repairs to the stage/bandstand at the Mere so that it can be used for events.

Cllr Elner is currently investigating the repairs required to stage/bandstand. It may be possible to apply for the Shropshire Council Environmental Maintenance Grant (EMG) in April 2026 to help towards the costs, but it will only cover part of the costs, some additional funding would need to be considered when looking at the budget. The EMG is only £750 and needs to be match funded.

Tourist walks with QR information.

Town Walks guided by QR information directing people to points of historic interest were identified as a priority. This needs further investigation and costs exploring.

Traders Carpark & Garage Asset Transfer from Shropshire Council.

Shropshire Council will be looking at the devolution of some of its assets and services. The Town Council would like to discuss the possibility of an asset transfer of the Traders Car Park in the hope of creating a coach park and additional town centre carparking area. There are several garage sites around the town which could create a revenue for the council if Shropshire Council would transfer them to the Town Council. However, there would also be an initial outlay costs to bring the areas into a good state of repair, unless a deal could be negotiated with Shropshire Council.

FAR 11/25/06 **New Wharf Square.** To consider hire charges for the area.

FAR 11/25/07 **Mayoral Chain.** To consider quotations to recommend to full Council. Designs will be presented at the meeting.
