



# RYDE

## TOWN COUNCIL

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RYDE TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7PM ON TUESDAY 22 JANUARY 2019 IN THE IN THE COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL OFFICES, 10 LIND STREET, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Tim Wakeley (Chairman), Henry Adams, Adrian Axford, Julian Critchley, Michael Lilley, Phil Jordon, Karen Lucioni, Sue Lyons, Malcolm Ross, Ian Stephens

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Gareth Hughes (Responsible Financial Officer), Liz Dutton (Administration Officer)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Diana Conyers, 2 members of the public

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** Cllr Conyers asked a question relating to ways in which providing paper copies of agendas and reports could be reduced. The Clerk confirmed that arrangement would be reviewed in due course.

#### **1/19 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Charles Chapman.

#### **2/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations declared at this stage.

#### **3/19 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

There were no requests received.

#### **4/19 MINUTES**

##### **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2018 be approved as an accurate record and be signed by the Chairman.

5/19 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

6/19 COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE – WATERSIDE COMMUNITY TRUST

The Committee received and noted correspondence between the Waterside Community Trust and the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

7/19 FUNDING REPORTS 2018/19

The Committee received and noted reports from the following organisations who had been in receipt of funding support during the 2018/19 financial year. Harp on Wight, Warmer Ryde, Gift to Nature (countryside sites in Ryde), Ryde Arts 2018, Waterside Community Trust, Classic Car Extravaganza, Ryde Carnival Association New Carnival Company and Historic Ryde Society. It was also noted that the Waterside Community Trust had invited members to visit the Waterside Pool to see improvements made over the past year. The Chairman confirmed this would be looked into at a later date.

8/19 BUDGET AND PRECEPT SETTING 2019/2020

Consideration was given to the report of the Responsible Financial Officer regarding the base budget and precept for the 2019/2020 financial year. The Committee also considered funding requests that had been received from Ryde Business Association, The Footprint Trust (Warmer Ryde Initiative), Waterside Community Trust and Aspire. Members agreed that a request for funding relating to the Appley Tower Feasibility Study be withdrawn as funding had now been secured from another source. After the Chairman used his casting vote in relation to the setting the precept, it was

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL:

- (i) That the Town Council sets a precept of £1,114,280 (net) to balance the budget as contained in the attached Appendix A of the budget report, to provide reserves of £180,000.
- (ii) That this be equivalent to an increase in the Band D Council Tax of 19.8% per annum or an increase of 44p per week to give a total Band D Council Tax of £2.64 per week or £137.36 per annum.
- (iii) To note that setting the precept at £1,114,280 could if agreed qualify the Council for the NALC' Super Councils' Network in 2020/2021.
- (iv) That the Ryde in Bloom budget be reduced from £6000 to £4500 as listed in Appendix A.

- (v) That the Marketing budget be reduced from £21,000 to £15,000 as listed in Appendix A.
- (vi) That the budget for ward allocations be deleted.
- (vii) That a contribution of £46,400 be made to the Isle of Wight Council for Park Services (Principal Parks and Community Sites Grounds Maintenance Contract and Bin Emptying) in 2019.
- (viii) That the Mayors Honorarium be reduced from £700 to £100 as listed in Appendix A as the £700 allocated for 2018/2019 remained unspent.
- (ix) That additional funding of £1000 be awarded to Warmer Ryde for energy saving measures. This is in addition to the current £8000 allocation.
- (x) That additional funding of £10,000 be awarded to the Waterside Trust for improvements at the Splash Pool. This is in addition to the £10,000 already awarded for operational costs.
- (xi) That annual funding of £15,000 be awarded to Aspire in 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022
- (xii) That no funding be awarded to Ryde Business Association and that they apply for funding for events through the Town Council grant scheme.
- (xiii) That all other budget lines remain as listed in Appendix A

#### 9/19 WARD ALLOCATIONS

Consideration was given to a ward allocation from Cllr Axford to Ryde All Saints' Parochial Church Council for their church and community centre and to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ryde Boys Brigade for the purchase of hi-viz yellow vest for use on outdoor activities.

#### RESOLVED:

- (i) That a ward allocation of £150 be made to Ryde All Saints' Parochial Church Council
- (ii) That a ward allocation of £100 be made to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ryde Boys Brigade

#### 10/19 COMPLETION REPORT

The completion report from Rotary Club of Ryde for a marketing grant awarded in March 2018 for the firework extravaganza was received and noted.

#### 11/19 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

##### RESOLVED:

That in accordance with Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 (2) and Standing Order no. 80, the public and press be temporarily excluded for the following items in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

#### 12/19 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT – WAIVER REQUEST – WIGHTLINK TV COVERAGE

Consideration was given to the confidential report of the Procurement Adviser which requested a waiver to enable the Council to enter into a sole supplier contract in accordance with the Town Councils Contract Standing Orders.

##### RESOLVED:

- (i) That a waiver of contract standing orders of the Council for the award of a contract to Bob Ede TV Limited for the provision of the Wightlink TV service be agreed
- (ii) That the Clerk to the Council be given authority to award the contract with the provider for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 at a total cost detailed in the report

#### 13/19 BEACH CLEANING - CALL OFF CONTRACT

The confidential report of the Procurement Adviser set out the background to the contract and current arrangements regarding beach cleaning.

##### RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL:

- (i) That a call off contract is entered into with Brighstone Landscaping Services fully in accordance with the Isle of Wight Councils' Framework Agreement for a further period on one year commencing on 1 April 2019 and terminating on 31 March 2020.
- (ii) That option B as set out in the confidential report be agreed.

#### 144/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Finance Committee would be held on Tuesday 19 February 2019.

CHAIRMAN

DATE