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TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RYDE TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7PM ON TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 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 Jordan, Sue Lyons, Malcolm Ross

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

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Diana Conyers, 4 members of the public

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: Mr H Monaghan asked a question suggesting that the Town Council sign up to the faith covenant. The Chairman advised that that the Clerks would look into the matter and respond accordingly.

15/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Charles Chapman.

16/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations declared at this stage.

17/19 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests received.

18/19 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2019 be approved as an accurate record and be signed by the Chairman.

19/19 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

20/19 PRESENTATION FROM THE FOOTPRINT TRUST

Ray Harrington-Vail gave a presentation to the Committee on the work of the Footprint Trust in relation to the Ryde Warmer Homes initiative that had taken place over the past year. 50 households had received home visits and 100 people in Ryde had benefitted from receiving energy saving advice although it was recognised that there were still some hard to reach areas. The Town Council had also funded the purchase of energy saving measures to a number of homes following home visits. Advice had also been given by the Footprint Trust to residents following phone calls. The Committee thanked the Footprint Trust for their presentation.

21/19 REPORT FROM THE FOOTPRINT TRUST

The Committee received a quarterly report from the Footprint Trust detailing the number of home visits and grants made for energy saving measures. The Committee noted the report and approved the invoice for Quarter 3 (October to December).

RESOLVED:

That the invoice for October – December 2018 be approved.

22/19 CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs P Reeks addressed the Committee regarding correspondence she had sent to the Town Council concerning the lack of a working aerial in order for the radio system used by Shopwatch to operate. The Committee thanked Mrs Reeks for attending and advised that in order to progress the matter the Town Council would require a detailed proposal, including costings and benefits, to be submitted for further discussion to take place. The correspondence was noted.

23/19 TIMETABLE FOR THE AWARD OF COMMUNITY AND MARKETING GRANTS 2018/19

The timetable for the award of community and marketing grants was noted.

24/19 DIRECT DEBITS

Members noted the current list of direct debits that had been set up on the bank account.

25/19 REQUEST FROM FULL COUNCIL MEETING 28/1/19

Members considered the request from Full Council to identify a budget should the Council need to purchase any legal or professional advice in relation to Ryde

Harbour and received advice from the Responsible Financial Officer that the money would need to come from reserves.

RESOLVED:

That should the council need to purchase any legal or professional advice in relation to Ryde Harbour that the money be taken from reserves.

26/19 GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RELEASE OF FUNDING AWARDED TO ASPIRE

Following a request from Full Council consideration was given to setting out governing arrangements for the release of funding for Aspire. Heath Monaghan from Aspire attended and addressed the meeting. The Committee confirmed that the arrangements would not preclude organisations that work with Aspire from applying for grants. The payment would be made in full each year for the agreed term. After discussion it was

RESOLVED:

- (i) That a representative from Ryde Council Town is appointed to sit on the board (not as trustee) and will be entitled to attend all meetings. This appointment would be in addition to RTC's current Mayor who, by invitation, is presently acting as Patron.
- (ii) That Councillor Phil Jordan be appointed as the RTC representative and would provide quarterly reports to the Council
- (iii) That as a result of this annual funding Aspire be excluded from all future marketing and community grant rounds in the financial years funding has been awarded
- (iv) Following the award of the agreed funding that no further requests for core funding will be considered from Aspire during the period of the funding award
- (v) That Aspire produces quarterly reports and accounts together with a business plan and for this to be submitted to the Finance Committee for consideration and to be supported by a presentation (if requested)
- (vi) That funding is for the specific purposes set out in Aspires request for funding application dated 18/1/19 and RTC may request evidence that these costs have been incurred
- (vii) That funding will be withdrawn or repayment requested if the above conditions are not adhered to

- (viii) Press releases issued by partner organisations about joint ventures with the Town Council should not be issued by the partner organisation without the consent of the Town Council. This consent will need to be obtained from the Town Clerks who may consult with the Mayor/relevant Committee Chairman. The press release should include the Town Council logo and a quote from the Town Council as appropriate.

27/19 WARD ALLOCATIONS

Consideration was given to a number of ward allocations. Cllr Chapman requested the remainder of his be given to Ryde Sea Cadets and Oakfield Football Club, Cllr Adams requested his allocation be given to St Johns Church to go towards a kitchen refurbishment, Cllr Lilley asked for his allowance to be split equally between the Ryde branch of the Foodbank and IW Red Box and Cllr Conyers asked for hers to be given to the Friends of Binstead Primary School to help fund an Active Travel Activities Day.

RESOLVED:

That the following ward allocations be made

- (i) £50 Ryde Sea Cadets
- (ii) £100 Oakfield Football Club
- (iii) £250 St Johns Church
- (iv) £125 IW Foodbank (Ryde Branch)
- (v) £125 IW Red Box
- (vi) £250 Friends of Binstead Primary School

28/19 COMPLETION REPORT

Consideration was given to the completion report from Isle Access for a marketing grant awarded in October 2018 for a Christmas Hamper event. The Clerk advised that clarification had been sought regarding £100 payment to Aspire from Isle Access for use of the room where the application said there was no charge for room hire and it had been confirmed that this amount was a donation to Aspire. The Clerk also informed members that confirmation had been received from Isle Access that £100 of the grant had not been used. Therefore in accordance with the conditions of the grant the Committee requested that the unspent money be returned to the Town Council.

RESOLVED:

That Isle Access be requested to return the unspent grant money.

29/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Finance Committee would be held on Tuesday 26 March 2019.

CHAIRMAN

DATE