



RYDE

TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RYDE TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7PM ON TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2018 IN THE IN THE COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL OFFICES, 10 LIND STREET, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

PRESENT: Councillors Tim Wakeley (Chairman), Adrian Axford, Julian Critchley, Michael Lilley, Sue Lyons, Malcolm Ross

IN ATTENDANCE: Gareth Hughes (Responsible Financial Officer), Liz Dutton (Administration Officer) Jonathan Thornton (PCC Consultants)

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

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: There were no questions from members of the public.

115/18 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Charles Chapman, Phil Jordan and Henry Adams.

116/18 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations declared at this stage.

117/18 **REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

Cllr Critchley declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item number 11 as he was requesting a ward allocation.

Cllr Ross declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item number 7 as a member of the IW Bus & Coach museum.

Cllr Lilley declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item numbers 7 and 8 as Ryde Town Council representative to Ryde Business Association.

Cllr Wakeley declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 8 as he was currently President of the Vectis Boating and Fishing Club.

118/18 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2018 be approved as an accurate record and be signed by the Chairman.

119/18 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Axford asked why the details of the applicants were not given on the grant application form. The Clerk responded that the name of the organisation was on the form but under GDPR personal details of the person who submitted the application were not in the public domain.

Cllr Wakeley requested an update from Cllr Lilley (as the Town Councils representative for the Waterside Pool) on the equipment in the Splash Park which was mentioned at the previous meeting. Cllr Lilley responded that he had not yet received a response but would chase up a reply as a meeting would be taking place in the following week.

Cllr Lilley raised a question relating to the budget timetable. The Clerk responded that a timetable outlining the process would be given on the next agenda.

120/18 BRIEFING PAPER IPADS

Consideration was given to the briefing paper on the provision of Ipads for members. Members requested greater clarity surrounding costs and savings and potential benefits to members. Mr Thornton from PCConsultants gave advice regarding data protection and security. Members requested that a further report be brought to the next meeting giving a more detailed analysis. The report was noted.

121/18 MARKETING GRANTS 2018/2019

(a) Ryde Business Association – Christmas in Ryde

Consideration was given to a marketing grant for Christmas in Ryde which would feature a late night shopping event, street entertainment attractions and a Christmas Window Competition.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £237 be awarded.

(b) IW Bus & Coach Museum – Marketing to Foreign Tourists

Consideration was given to an application for a grant to reprint publicity fliers in foreign languages for overseas tourists.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £371 be awarded.

(c) Ryde Business Association – Winter Wanderland

Consideration was given to a grant to encourage businesses and residents to create windows based displays. Members were keen to encourage that where possible artworks be placed in the windows of empty shops and premises in the High Street and along Union Street and to approach Network Ryde to engage with the project with the aim of improving the look of the local area.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £400 be awarded.

(d) Magpie Arts – T-Shirt Project

Consideration was given to an application for a grant for a T-shirt project to be undertaken by people with mental health challenges. Members recognised the need for supporting those with mental health issues. It was agreed to £250 funding from the marketing budget to cover promotion of the event and £250 for the community budget to help support the wider project.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £500 be awarded.

(e) Isle Access – Christmas Hamper Building Event

Consideration was given to an application to an event that would enable people to build their own Christmas hampers from products largely produced on the Island giving local producers an opportunity to sell their goods.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £250 be awarded.

(f) Ryde Rowing Club – Ryde Rowing Regatta

Consideration was given from an application received from Ryde Rowing Club for the annual rowing regatta.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £750 be awarded.

(g) Rotary Club of Ryde – Party on the Green 2019

Consideration was given to an application from the Rotary Club of Ryde for the Party on the Green 2019 event. Members recognised the success of the event held in previous years.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £1500 be awarded.

122/18

COMMUNITY GRANTS 2018/2019

(a) League of Friends of the Adelaide – On-going upkeep and maintenance of a fish tank

Consideration was given to an application from the League of the Friends of Adelaide. Members believed the application did not give sufficient detail or financial information and that it appeared to be a request to fund on-going expenses. Members agreed that they would like to know more about the organisation and the services that it offered and with that aim requested that a visit to the Adelaide be arranged for the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the grant be declined.

(b) IW Music Dance & Drama Festival – 2019 Music Dance & Drama Festival

Consideration was given to an application to fund the main costs relating to two of the Music Sessions.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £300 be awarded.

(c) NHS Trust – Children in Care & Care Leavers Team – Children in Care and Leavers Christmas Party

Consideration was given to an application from the IOW NHS Trust Children in Care Leavers Team. Members acknowledged that other funding requests had not been successful this time around.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £300 be awarded.

(d) Vectis Boating & Fishing Club – Refurbishment of Kitchen and Social Area

(The Chairman declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the VBFC and vacated the Chair and the Vice- Chairman took the Chair for this item).

Consideration was given to an application for the refurbishment of the kitchen and social area of the Vectis Boating and Fishing Club.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £1000 be awarded.

(e) Aspire - Social Media and Marketing Training

Consideration was given to a grant from Aspire to support staff and volunteers to improve their social media and marketing skills. The Committee recognised the importance of passing down skills and knowledge through the voluntary sector and imposed a condition that the training sessions were available were made open for all Ryde based voluntary organisation to apply to.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £1000 be awarded on condition that the training was open to all Ryde based voluntary organisations to apply.

(f) Ryde Business Association – Christmas in Ryde

Consideration was given for a community grant for the Christmas in Ryde event.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £1050 be awarded.

(g) Citizens Advice – Ryde Local Hub

Consideration was given to application for a Ryde local hub in order to provide a drop in service at Ryde library 2 days a week.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £1,250 be awarded.

(h) VIVA – VIVA! Long Live VIVA

Consideration was given to an application to run twice weekly sessions making costumes and craft activities for those with disabilities.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £1,200 be awarded.

123/18 REQUEST FROM IWPRIDE

The Committee considered a request from IW Pride to provide funding for the removal of Pride decorations. The meeting was informed that a quote in the region of £180 had been received from Island Roads for the removal of the decorations. Members noted that the Town Council had already given a grant to IW Pride and wondered if as Island Roads often undertook community activities they could look favourably to removing the decorations as a good will gesture in the spirit of the occasion. Cllr Lilley offered to write to Island Roads and suggest this as a solution.

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council decline to pay for the removal of IW Pride decorations.

124/18 REPORT FROM THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

The Responsible Finance Officer introduced his report regarding the findings of the External Auditor following the conclusion of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return.

RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL

That the report from the Responsible Financial Officer on the External Audit of the 2018 Annual Governance and Accountability Return and the matters arising from the audit be noted.

125/18 WARD ALLOCATIONS

Consideration was given to a ward allocation from Cllr Critchley to Ryde Sea Cadets for the refurbishment of interior of the sea cadet building.

RESOLVED:

That a ward allocation of £250 be made to the Ryde Sea Cadets.

126/18 COMPLETION REPORT

The completion reports were received and noted for a marketing grant awarded on November 2017 to the Rotary Club of Ryde for Party on the Green, Ryde Business Association for a community and marketing grant awarded in March and June 2017 for the Appley Sessions and also for a community and marketing grant awarded in March and June 17 for Christmas in Ryde.

127/18 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.

128/18 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT – CONTRACT WAIVER REQUEST REPLACEMENT WALLGATE UNITS -ST JOHNS

Consideration was given to the confidential report to replace the Wallgate units because as from next year the units would not be covered under the annual maintenance agreement due their age and condition.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL

- (i) That a request for a waiver of Contract Standing Orders be agreed to enable the Wallgate units to be replaced with the current standard units provided by the same manufacturer.
- (ii) That the cost of the new Wallgate units as set out in the report be met from reserves in the current financial year.
- (iii) That the colour for the units be as follows:
Units – Slate
Surround – Folkstone Grafix

128/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Finance Committee would be held on Tuesday 20 November 2018.

CHAIRMAN

DATE