



**MINUTES OF RYDE TOWN COUNCIL'S FINANCE & COMMUNITY RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE HELD ON  
TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2020 VIA THE ZOOM MEETING FACILITY**

Present: Cllr Nancy Farrell (Chair), Cllr Adrian Axford, Cllr Charles Chapman, Cllr Diana Conyers, Cllr Michael Lilley, Cllr Sue Lyons, Cllr Malcolm Ross and Cllr Lou Temel

In Attendance: Steve Johnson (Aspire) Peter Taylor (Waterside Community Trust), Liz Dutton Tonia Voller, Gareth Hughes

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**1/20 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Phil Jordan and Cllr Henry Adams.

**2/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations declared at this stage.

**3/20 MINUTES**

The minutes to the previous meeting held on 25 February 2020 were reviewed.

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2020 were approved as a true and accurate record and were signed off by the Chair.**

**4/20 MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

**5/20 TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE FINANCE AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

The Terms of Reference for the Committee were noted.

**6/20 REPORT FROM THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER**

The Responsible Financial Officer introduced his report which provided an updated budget report, budget monitor and budget forecast. It was noted that a budget line had been created for mileage allowance which had previously been included in the general administration line. Going forward, budget headings were now more closely aligned with committee responsibilities. Current forecasts showed that at the end of the current financial year reserves would be in the region of £287,000 and approximately £205,000 in the following year. The report was noted.

## **7/20 PROJECT FUNDING PROPOSAL FROM ASPIRE**

Consideration was given to a proposal from Steve Johnson, the Community Connector at Aspire for funding for a Volunteer Co-ordinator. The postholder would work to develop and maintain a database of volunteers who would be willing to help and support a variety of projects in Ryde. It was recognised the invaluable part volunteers played in the recent lockdown and the importance of not losing this level of goodwill and strong social engagement. It was confirmed that funding would be for the first year and this would increase the ability to seek funding for future years from stakeholders and grant funding avenues.

### **RESOLVED:**

**That funding for a Volunteer Co-ordinator be approved up to the value of £9,152 for one year only and for this amount to be taken from reserves.**

## **8/20 WATERSIDE COMMUNITY TRUST – FUNDING REQUEST**

A request had been received from the Waterside Community Trust for a further £60,000 funding due to loss of income due to Covid-19 to April next year. Members were advised that the pool was operating at a reduced capacity although outgoing have remained largely the same and this had resulted in a £6,000-£9,000 loss per month. The pool was being used again by schools and lessons were being offered again. The representative from the WCT confirmed the £60,000 funding being requested was in addition to the £20,000 already given by the Town Council this financial year. Members requested the Town Council's RFO meet with representatives of WCT to discuss possible options and for a report with proposals be considered at the next full council meeting. A further grant award was also discussed as was the suggestion of the Council's bid writer to investigate other sources of funding for WCT

### **RESOLVED:**

- i) That a report be taken to Full Council setting out possible options**
- ii) That a grant is made for £10,000 and for this amount to include the services of the Town Council's bid writer for 3 days (to a maximum of £1,500) to identify other possible sources of funding**

## **9/20 APPOINTMENT TO THE TOWN MARKETING SUB-COMMITTEE**

Consideration was given to appointing three members to the Town Marketing Sub-Committee.

### **RESOLVED:**

**That Cllrs Phil Jordan, Malcom Ross and Sue Lyons be appointed to the Town Marketing Working Sub-Committee.**

## **10/20 APPOINTMENT TO THE GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE**

Consideration was given to appointing three members to the Grants Sub-Committee.

### **RESOLVED:**

**That Cllr Phil Jordan, Nancy Farrell and Charles Chapman be appointed to the Grants Sub-Committee**

## **11/20 ASSET REGISTER 2020**

The Asset Register for 2020 was received and noted by the Committee.

## **12/20 ANNUAL GRANT FUNDING**

Members received and noted an update on the annual grant funding programme.

## **13/20 ADOPTION OF GRANT POLICY**

Consideration was given to a new Grant Policy.

### **RESOLVED:**

**That the Grant Policy be adopted.**

## **14/20 NETWORK RYDE BANKING ARRANGEMENTS**

**Consideration was given to new banking arrangements in relation to Network Ryde**

### **RESOLVED:**

**That Network Ryde have and manage their own bank account**

## **15/20 THE MAYOR'S FUNDING OBJECTIVES**

The Mayors funding objectives for 2020-2021 were noted as follows: The Mayor's fund will work with the local community and voluntary sector focusing on the physical and emotional well-being of residents in Ryde and raise funds for community led projects and local charities that supported the local community throughout Covid-19.

## **16/20 BEACH LIFEGUARD REPORT**

The Ryde Beach Lifeguard's Report 2020 was received. Members were disappointed that a Harbour Master had not been in residence during the summer and this had led to an increase in work and call outs for the lifeguards. Cllr Lilley as Mayor of Ryde agreed to write a letter of thanks and appreciation to the lifeguards for their work over the summer months. It was also noted that in future years more publicity should be given to the fact the lifeguards (although managed through the Waterside Community Pool) were funded by the Town Council. The report was noted.

## **17/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

### **RESOLVED:**

**THAT the next meeting of the Finance and Community Resources Committee will be held on Tuesday, 24 November 2020.**