



RYDE

TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RYDE TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE
HELD AT 7PM ON TUESDAY 20 JUNE 2017 IN THE RYDE METHODIST CHURCH,
GARFIELD ROAD, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

PRESENT: Councillors Tim Wakeley (Chairman), Henry Adams, Adrian Axford,
Charles Chapman, Jim Moody, Malcolm Ross, Wayne Whittle

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

3 members of the public were present

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: Heath Monaghan gave thanks to the Mayor for choosing
Aspire to be one of the Mayors Charites for the forthcoming year.

54/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jordan and Lucioni.

55/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Adams declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item no. 7 as Mayor of
Ryde Town Council.

Cllr Axford declared an interest in agenda item 12 as Ryde Town Council's
representative on Ryde Saints Football Club Committee.

Cllr Ross declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 12 as member of
the Isle of Wight Bus and Coach Museum.

Mrs Dutton noted for the record that she knew the applicants in agenda item 12
– Ryde Swimming Club, Rydeking's Badminton Club and Wight Ice Leisure Ltd.

56/17 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No written requests had been received.

57/17 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2017 be approved as an accurate record and be signed by the Chairman subject to minute 50/17 being altered to read 'that there was no provision made in the budget'.

58/17 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were no questions from members.

59/17 TOWN CRIER'S HONORARIUM

The payment of the Town Crier's Honorarium for the year 2017/18 was noted.

60/17 MAYOR'S HONORARIUM

The payment of the Mayor's Honorarium for the year 2017/18 was noted.

61/17 PROCUREMENT OPTIONS UPDATE – WORKS TO 147 HIGH STREET, RYDE – NETWORK RYDE

Consideration was given to the report from the Procurement Adviser detailing the procurement options for the delivery of the necessary works, supplies and services required for the premises at 147 High Street, Ryde to be used as an Internet Café / Youth Centre. The report recommended that as the approval process in the Councils Contract Standing Orders for the award and commencement of certain elements of the project were currently outside the delegated authority of the clerks, that the delegated authority of the Clerks be amended to enable this project to be delivered within the timescale required by the lease.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the project be broken down and procured in accordance with the work packages identified in the report (items 1 to 8 inclusive set out in the report)
- (ii) That the Clerks to the Council under their delegated authority in accordance with the Councils approved CSO's commence the immediate procurement of the following elements of the project:
 - a. The undertaking of a full Fire Risk Assessment of the premises at 147 High Street, Ryde (item 6 in the report).

- b. The procurement of all necessary fire equipment and signing identified as part of the above Fire Risk Assessment (Under a Call-Off Contract in accordance with the Fire Equipment Framework Agreement) (item 7 in the report)
 - c. The further investigation and removal of all asbestos from the premises by a competent contractor (item 8 in the report)
- (iii) That the Clerks, subsequent to the specifications being finalised, to commence the procurement of items 3, 4 and 5 in the report in accordance with the Councils approved CSO's and the Clerks delegated authority.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL:

- (i) That the commencement of the procurement of items 1 and 2 in the report be agreed, in accordance with the Councils approved CSO's, but with the CSO's modified for this project in accordance with the recommendation detailed below to enable both elements to be procured and delivered by no later than 2 October 2017
- (ii) That following the quotation process undertaken for items 1 and 2 in the report, the delegated authority of the Clerks to award be raised from £5,000 to a maximum of £25,000 for each of these two elements. Any award will, however, be subject to prior discussion with, and approval of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Finance Committee and any decision taken will be noted at the next available Full Council meeting
- (iii) That the General Purposes Working Party continues to be fully updated with progress of the Project.

62/17 BUDGET FOR THE MAYOR'S MOTION IN RESPECT OF £500 FUNDING FOR ISLE OF WIGHT DAY

Following approval at Full Council, the Finance Committee was asked to identify a budget for funding this motion. After discussion it was

RESOLVED:

That the motion be funded from reserves.

63/17 BUDGET TO FUND SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS FOR THE 2017/18 ACADEMIC YEAR

Following approval at Full Council, Finance Committee was asked to identify a budget to fund 2 school crossing patrols for one year only. After discussion it was

RESOLVED:

That funding be met from reserves.

64/17 COMPLETION REPORTS

The Committee noted that completion reports had recently been received from Aspire for projects relating to Men in Sheds, Ryde Community in Bloom, Community Action Team and Inspirational Music Movements and also Ryde Methodist Church in respect of grants that had been awarded.

65/17 COMMUNITY GRANTS 2017/18

Prior to consideration of the applications the Responsible Financial Officer confirmed that there was currently a £10,000 budget for community grants.

(a) The Methodist Church, Ryde –to buy and fit a projector into the Church Hall

Consideration was given to the application to buy and fit a projector into the Church Hall for the benefit of users of the hall. Members noted that they had previously awarded a grant for providing a projector for users of the Church.

RESOLVED:

That a grant for £800 be awarded.

(b) Aspire, Ryde CIO – Community Larder

The Committee considered the application which would build on the current free food project and would enable food retailers and restaurants to divert their leftover food products to be redistributed or reused to the community, particularly those suffering from food poverty.

RESOLVED:

That a grant for £1,500 be awarded.

(c) Ryde Saints Football Club CIC - Increased cost of grass football facilities for football matches

Consideration was given to the application for a grant to help meet the increased costs of grass facilities for football matches.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £1,000 be awarded.

(d) Isle of Wight Music, Dance and Drama Festival

The application requested funding to cover the main costs of two music sessions – the choirs evening and the Junior singers and school and youth groups choirs.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £300 be awarded.

(e) Citizens Advice Isle of Wight, Citizens Advice in Ryde

Consideration was given to a request for a grant fund to travel and parking for the volunteers and staff and for IT support for a 'drop in' service at Aspire in Ryde. After discussion the Committee decided to exclude the parking element of the application as they believed that arrangements should be made with the Isle of Wight Council as core funder to secure a parking solution relating to Isle of Wight Council car parks.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £800 be awarded.

(f) Jigsaw Family Support – Helping Grandparents

Consideration was given to the application for a grant for helping grandparents through support groups, outreach services and to provide access to information. After discussion the Committee felt that there was a lack of evidence in the application to support the local need and further detail and explanation was required therefore it was

RESOLVED:

That the application for a grant be declined.

(g) Isle of Wight Bus and Coach Museum Ltd

The Committee considered the application for a grant to develop of the Junior Membership group.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £700 be awarded.

(h) The Isle of Wight Literary Festival

The Committee considered the grant to provide two storytellers for "The Great Telling Off "Storytelling project.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £1,200 be awarded.

- (i) Ryde Swimming Club –Expansion under Swim England Swim 21 Standard

The Committee received an application for a grant to purchase new equipment and training courses for the purpose of achieving a sustainable future for a swim 21 swimming club for the children of Ryde and surrounding areas. Members noted the importance of children to be competent swimmers and knowing how to be safe in the water. Members requested details of the number of young people that the coaches would be able to teach, the number of sessions that would be delivered and the level to which those taking part would be coached to. During the discussion concern was expressed at the absence of lifeguards on the beaches over the previous warm weekend and the Administrative Officer agreed to look into the matter.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £1,000 be awarded

- (j) Wight Ice Leisure Ltd

Consideration was given to the request for a grant from Wight Ice Leisure Ltd in order for a full commercial survey and valuation of Ryde Arena to be undertaken. After discussion it was

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £1,500 be awarded.

- (k) Ryde Business Association – Christmas in Ryde – Festival of Light

(Cllr Whittle declared an interest as a member of Ryde Business Association)

The Committee considered the application for a grant for the provision of lantern making workshops and also for entertainment following the Christmas Lantern Parade. The application expressed the view that the number of school participating in the previous year had been limited as the schools were required to fund the cost of making of lanterns themselves. Members noted that a grant had already be awarded from the Town Council for advertising and promotion of the event. Members expressed the view that further funding from the Town Council should be to help engage with schools and run lantern making workshops and not for performers providing entertainment. After discussion it was

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £500 be awarded to help engage with the schools and run lantern making workshops.

(l) Ryde Business Association – Autumn at Appley

Consideration was given to an application to fund art based nature projects that would be carried out in and around Appley. After discussion it was

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £500 be awarded to fund two days artistic leader fees together with material costs.

(m) Rydekings Badminton Club – Skills Improvement for All

The Committee discussed an application for a grant from Rydekings Badminton Club to allow them to move to a new sports hall following the redevelopment of Ryde Academy. It would no longer be possible to book ad hoc courts but necessary to book the whole hall. The Club viewed this as an opportunity to offer coaching and to increase membership. After discussion it was

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £1,000 be awarded.

(n) Youth for Christ – Ryde Area Schools and Youth Work Project

(During the discussion Cllr Adams declared a non-pecuniary interest as his wife was treasurer to St Johns PCC).

Consideration was given to an application for a grant to help fund residential trips. It was noted that the objectives of the organisation were to promote the Christian faith and the Committee believed that as the Town Council was not a faith based organisation it could not support the promotion of any one particular faith. Members suggested that this was made clear in future guidance to applicants.

RESOLVED:

That the grant be declined.

(o) Isle Access – Access Audit Ryde Town Centre

Consideration was given to the application for a grant to Isle Access to undertake a survey of Ryde Town Centre to assess accessibility for people who experience problems with access. Members were

concerned that there was a lack of detail and means over how recommendations would be actioned and therefore were at risk of not being followed through.

RESOLVED:

That the grant be declined.

(p) VIVA Valuing Individuals Valuing All

The Committee considered an application for a grant to contribute towards the costs of running weekly clubs (craft and making activities and drum and dance) to ensure those with disabilities could participate and support community events in the town.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £1,100 be awarded.

66/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Finance Committee would be held on Wednesday 26 July 2017. Members noted that this was a change from the published calendar as the previous date clashed with an Isle of Wight Council meeting.

CHAIRMAN

DATE