



# RYDE

## TOWN COUNCIL

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RYDE TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7PM ON WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL 2018 IN THE IN THE COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL OFFICES, 10 LIND STREET, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.**

PRESENT: Councillors Tim Wakeley (Chairman), Sue Lyons, Jim Moody

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

ALSO PRESENT: 1 member of the public

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: Cllr Diana Conyers asked on behalf of a resident if the Town Council had considered negotiating with Wightlink to offer discount ferry prices to Ryde residents travelling to the mainland to receive medical treatment. The Chairman confirmed there were no current plans to do so and the issue would be better sit with Isle of Wight Council and the NHS authority.

Cllr Diana Conyers asked a question on whether it was possible for the next review of staff to be carried out before the budget process so that the results could be included in the annual budget. The Chairman replied that this could be a matter for the General Purposes Working Party to look into with a view of bringing them in line.

#### 46/18 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Axford, Adams, Chapman, Jordan, Lucioni and Ross.

#### 47/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations declared at this stage.

#### 48/18 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No written requests had been received.

49/18 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

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

50/18 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were no members' questions.

51/18 MARKETING GRANTS 2017/18 – ISLE OF WIGHT BEACH SOCCER

Consideration was given to a grant for Isle of Wight Beach Soccer to hold a series of events over the summer months. The Committee noted that the vast majority of members were male and were pleased that the organisation were taking steps to increase the number of women and girls participating. Members were keen to see how this would be achieved built on in future years.

RESOLVED:

That a grant of £1500 be awarded.

52/18 TIMETABLE FOR MARKETING AND COMMUNITY GRANTS

Members noted that the next round of Marketing and Community Grants would be considered at the June meeting of the Finance Committee.

53/18 IDENTIFICATION OF A BUDGET FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF STAFF

Following approval by Full Council of the annual staff review members agreed that any shortfall should be met from Council reserves.

RESOLVED:

That the shortfall is met from Council reserves.

54/18 IDENTIFICATION OF A BUDGET FOR THE HONOURS WORKING PARTY AS AGREED BY FULL COUNCIL

Full Council had agreed a budget for the Honours Working Party of £2,500 (£1,500 for the purchase of trophies for the ward of honours and £1,000 allocated for the tenth anniversary celebrations). The Responsible Financial Officer confirmed that in future years a budget line would be allocated. After consideration it was

RESOLVED:

That £2,500 be met from Council reserves.

#### 55/18 WASTE COLLECTION, OFFICE AND WINDOW CLEANING

The Committee received an update on the next round of procurement to be undertaken in accordance with the Council's procurement forward plan which related to waste collection, office and window cleaning for the Lind Street Offices and 147 High Street. The report confirmed that these services were currently within the financial delegated authority of the clerks but if after completing the quotation process there was a potential that if a longer term contract was awarded the value may potentially be exceeded.

#### RESOLVED:

That options 1 and 2 as set out in the report are approved and that the Clerks commence a procurement process to enable new contracts to be put in place for each of the services named in the report.

#### 56/18 DIRECT DEBITS

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

#### 57/18 COMPLETION REPORT

The Committee noted the completion reports received from the Isle of Wight Beach Soccer for a marketing grant awarded in March 2107 and also Citizens Advice for a community grant awarded in June 2017.

#### 58/18 LETTER OF THANKS

Members noted a letter of thanks received from Historic Ryde Society, Play Lane Millennium Green and Wight DASH following a ward allocation.

#### 59/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Finance Committee would be held on Tuesday 22 May 2018.

CHAIRMAN

DATE