



# RYDE

## TOWN COUNCIL

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RYDE TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7PM ON TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2018 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, Sue Lyons, Malcolm Ross

IN ATTENDANCE: Gareth Hughes (Responsible Financial Officer), Liz Dutton (Administration Officer) Jonathan Thornton (PCC Consultants) Daniel Dunn (PCC Consultants) Keith Gentleman (Waterside Community Trust) Peter Taylor (Waterside Community Trust)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Diana Conyers, 1 member of the public

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

129/18 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Charles Chapman, Christine Hall and Michael Lilley.

130/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations declared at this stage.

131/18 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests received.

132/18 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2018 be approved as an accurate record and be signed by the Chairman.

133/18 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

134/18 PRESENTATION FROM THE WATERSIDE COMMUNITY TRUST

Keith Gentleman and Peter Taylor attended the meeting and gave an update on the recent activities at the Waterside Pool and the Splash Park. Issues concerning the planned fitness studio were outlined together with details of planned maintenance of the pool area. Details were also given of the annual operating costs for the Splash Park.

Consideration was given to the £70,000 grant the Town Council had given the Waterside Pool in the current financial year. £50,000 of this had been given to support the new development and as this would not now be going ahead in the planned format the Committee felt it prudent for the sum to be returned to RTC. It was reiterated that the Waterside Trust would be welcome to apply again in the future. Members noted that funding had been awarded on a sliding scale as the Trust moved towards self-sufficiency.

RESOLVED:

That the £50,000 awarded to the Waterside Community Trust be returned to the Town Council.

135/18 BRIEFING PAPER IPADS

Consideration was given to a second briefing paper on the provision of Ipads for members which set out the practical advantages and benefits for members. Jonathan Thornton and Daniel Dunn from PC Consultants attended the meeting to answer any technical points that maybe raised. Members noted that training would be offered to members to ensure devices would be used effectively as possible. After discussion the Committee felt that moving towards the provision of Ipads for those members who wanted them would help to ensure compliance with GDPR, equality of opportunity, improve efficiency and provide savings. It was noted that a minimal number of paper copies would still be required for the agenda file, members of the public attending meetings and members who did not wish to use an Ipad.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL:

That the Town Council should provide Ipads for members in order to help ensure compliance with GDPR, equality of opportunity, improve efficiency and provide savings.

136/18 REPORT FROM THE FOOTPRINT TRUST – RYDE WARMER HOMES

Consideration was given to the quarterly report from the Footprint Trust which detailed the number of home visits and grants made for energy saving measures made to October 2018. Members noted that the target of home visits stood at 80 for the year but only 29 had taken place in the first half of the year. The Committee had received a further request for funding from the Footprint Trust as the amount for energy saving measures was running low. After discussion the Committee felt that as the target for home visits had not been reached any shortfall in money for energy saving measures should be taken of the amount set aside for home visits and therefore no further funding would be awarded in this financial year. The Committee approved the invoice for Quarter 2.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That a request for further funding in the current financial year be declined
- (ii) that the invoice for Quarter 2 be approved and the report be noted.

137/18 TIMETABLE FOR 2019/20 BUDGET

The timetable for the 2019/20 budget was noted.

138/18 GRANT TO ISLE ACCESS

Members noted a recent communication from Isle Access informing the Town Council that the location for the proposed café at the Esplanade was no longer suitable for the project and an alternative location was being sought. Mention was made that should another appropriate local location be found Isle Access would be welcome to reapply for funding.

139/18 WARD ALLOCATIONS

Consideration was given to a ward allocation from Cllr Lyons to the Phoenix Project for a printing programme for the computers and funds to support a new woodwork unit and from Cllr Chapman to Ryde Sea Cadets to progress their unit in general and for on-going works.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That a ward allocation of £250 be made to the Phoenix Project
- (ii) That a ward allocation of £250 be made to Ryde Sea Cadets once confirmation was received from Cllr Chapman that this sum was in addition to the recent

ward allocation given to the Cadets by Cllr Critchley for refurbishment of the building

140/18 COMPLETION REPORT

The completion report was received and noted for a marketing grant awarded in November 2017 to the IOW Red Squirrel Trust for their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

141/18 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.

142/18 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT – CURRENT CONTRACT WITH PC CONSULTANTS

Consideration was given to the confidential report detailing current arrangements for the provision of IT maintenance and support services.

RESOLVED:

That a contract be entered into on the terms as set out in the confidential report.

143/18 CONTRACT WAIVER REQUEST REPLACEMENT WALLGATE UNITS -ST JOHNS

The Clerk gave a verbal update to the Committee regarding further information that had been received concerning the replacement of handwashing facilities at St Johns toilets. After consideration the Committee confirmed and recommended the previous decision for approval.

RESOLVED:

- (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

144/18

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Finance Committee would be held on Tuesday 22 January 2019.

CHAIRMAN

DATE