



# RYDE

## TOWN COUNCIL

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RYDE TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7PM ON TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2019 IN THE COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL OFFICES, 10 LIND STREET, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

PRESENT: Councillors Phil Jordon (Chairman), Henry Adams, Adrian Axford, Charles Chapman, Diana Conyers, Julian Critchley, Nancy Farrell, Michael Lilley, Sue Lyons, Malcolm Ross, Lou Temel, Tim Wakeley

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

ALSO PRESENT: 1 members of the public

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: A written question had been received and was read out by the Clerk concerning the Town Council's financial reporting processes in particular those in relation to Network Ryde. The Chairman agreed to provide a written reply.

#### 107/19APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

#### 108/19DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Conyers declared an interest in agenda item 12 as she works closely with the Community Connector and is the CAB representative on the Steering Group. Additionally she was a Director in the new Local Area Coordinators IW.

#### 108/19REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests received.

#### 109/19MINUTES

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 July 2019 be approved as an accurate record and be signed by the Chairman subject to the following addition in relation to minute 100/19 "That Cllr Axford declared a non-pecuniary interest as he held an account with the Nationwide".

#### 110/19 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

A question was raised requesting written confirmation of the IWC financial contribution to the recent announcement regarding High Street Heritage Funding bid. The Chairman agreed to follow up.

Cllr Wakeley raised a question regarding the legal status of the Ryde Regeneration Working Party and how it the membership could be expanded to make it more open and representative. The Chairman reported that the issues raised would be looked into.

#### 111/19 RYDE PLACE PLAN

Following a request from Full Council consideration was given to identify a share of costs to support the production of the Ryde Place Plan. The Chairman stated that governance here related solely to financial governance. Although the letter requested a 50:50 split of the costs it had now been accepted by IWC that a 2:1 division – essentially the same allocation of costs as had been accepted by Newport Parish Council – would be considered more appropriate. The Committee noted that the Ryde Place Plan was estimated to cost in the region of £5,000-8,000

#### RESOLVED:

That a third of the expected costs ie 1/3 of £8,000 be agreed and for this amount to come from reserves.

#### 112/19 MARKETING AND COMMUNITY GRANTS TIMETABLE

The timetable for Marketing and Community grant was noted with the next round being considered at the October meeting of this Committee.

#### 113/19 WATERSIDE POOL

The Committee received a written report from the Town Council's representative for the Waterside Pool who also gave a verbal update on the current issues faced with the filtration system and the splash park, together with ideas to raise funds for a new cover for the pool. Concern was expressed that the Waterside Pool was placed at a disadvantage due to users having to pay parking fees. The Mayor and Chairman of the Finance Committee agreed to write a letter to the Council to resolve the situation. During the discussion it was suggested that the Trustees be invited to a future meeting to give a further update and the Town Council's representative agreed to facilitate a visit for members to the Waterside Pool to gain a more detailed understanding of the issues. The report was noted.

#### 114/19 RINGWAY ISLAND ROADS SERVICE SAVINGS

The Chairman informed the Committee that it was hoped to bring further information which had been requested at the last meeting of the Committee however unfortunately no further information had been received from IWC.

#### 115/19 REPORT FROM RTC'S REPRESENTATIVE FOR ASPIRE

Cllr Phil Jordon the Town Council's representative for Aspire spoke to his report giving an update on the 2 board meetings he attended. The report was noted.

#### 116/19 REPORT FROM ASPIRE

The report from Aspire was received and noted.

#### 117/19 COMMUNITY CONNECTORS

- (a) Task and Finish Group – Winding Up  
Members noted that the Task and Finish Group had been wound up following the completion of their task.
- (b) Community Connector – Appointment  
The appointment of the Community Connector on the 19 August 2019 was noted.
- (c) Governance Arrangements  
The governance arrangements for the grant agreement were noted.
- (d) Appointment of RTC Representative to Steering Group  
Cllrs Conyers and Farrell were appointed to the Steering Group.

#### 118/19 NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF AUDIT – ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

The Committee noted the Section 3 Conclusion of Audit Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ending March 2019.

#### 119/19 COMPLETION REPORT

The completion report for a community grant awarded in June 2019 from IW Pride was received and noted.

#### 120/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 22 October 2019.

CHAIRMAN

DATE