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TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RYDE TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7PM ON TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2019 IN THE COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL OFFICES, 10 LIND STREET, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

PRESENT: Councillors Phil Jordan (Chairman), Diana Conyers, Nancy Farrell, Michael Lilley, Karen Lucioni, Malcolm Ross, Ian Stephens, Lou Temel, Tim Wakeley, Wayne Whittle

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

ALSO PRESENT: 3 members of the public

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: There were no public questions.

139/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Julian Critchley, Sue Lyons, Charles Chapman, Adrian Axford and Henry Adams.

140/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations received.

141/19 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests received.

142/19 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 October 2019 be approved as an accurate record and be signed by the Chairman.

143/19 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Temel asked a question about how the agenda for the Finance Committee is set. The Clerk responded and agreed to send the terms of reference for Committee for information.

144/19 PRESENTATION BY IW BEACH SOCCER

The Chairman informed the Committee that this presentation would be rescheduled as the organiser was unable to attend due to work commitments.

145/19 WATERSIDE COMMUNITY TRUST PRESENTATION

Trustees Keith Gentleman and Peter Taylor addressed the meeting and updated the Committee on the activities and projects of the Waterside Community Trust. Thanks was expressed for the funding provided by the Town Council and the Trustees confirmed that further funding would be required. An update was given regarding plans for dry side activities. It was noted that the Waterside Pool received no funding from the Isle of Wight Council unlike the Heights and Medina Leisure Centre. Members were informed about the current fundraising initiatives. It was explained that wages, energy costs had all increased considerably and the Committee were informed of future possibilities regarding energy saving schemes that were currently being investigated. It was noted that the current issues with the Splashpark had yet to be satisfactorily resolved. The Chairman thanked the trustees for attending the meeting. The Committee noted the report.

146/19 PROVISION OF GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES AND SUMMER BEDDING

Consideration was given to the latest letter from IWC who was seeking continued financial support on the provision of grounds maintenance services and summer bedding. The Committee were keen to involve community organisations where possible.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL:

- (i) That the Town Council make a funding contribution of £10,165 in 2020/21 to the Isle of Wight Council's Ground Maintenance Contract for the maintenance of community parks and open spaces
- (ii) That the Town Council make a funding contribution of £26,400 in 2020/21 to the Isle of Wight Council's provision of summer bedding plants

147/19 MAYORS CHARITY

The Mayor, Cllr Michael Lilley updated the Committee on his fundraising activities. He reported that this would be linked to Network Ryde, IW Youth Trust and to local groups. The Mayor confirmed that all monies raised would be used for projects to support the emotional wellbeing of young people in Ryde. The report was noted.

148/19PROCUREMENT FORWARD PLAN

The Committee considered the Procurement Forward Plan also known as the Contracts database which set out a list and value of current contracts that had been entered into by the Town Council. The report was noted.

149/19RYDE SAINTS FOOTBALL CLUB – REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE

The Committee received and noted the report from Cllr Lou Temel, the Town Council's representative for Ryde Saints Football Club on the success of the local club.

150/19GIFT TO NATURE – INTERIM REPORT

The Ryde Nature Reserves (Interim) report from Gift to Nature was considered and noted.

151/19COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP

The Council's representative, Cllr Malcolm Ross introduced the report from the Community Rail Partnership. The partnership was a useful link to transport providers across the island and had a good relationship with local schools. However the committee would like to see more projects taking place in Ryde and involving the voluntary sector and effort placed in to promoting stations in Ryde. The report was noted.

152/19REPORT FROM THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER

(a) Budget Monitor 1 April 2019 – 31 October 2019

Consideration was given to the budget monitor. The report was noted.

(b) Treasury Management

The Responsible Finance Officer confirmed the Nationwide account had now been opened and the account at National Westminster Bank was in the process of being opened.

153/19BUDGET TIMETABLE AND CONSULATION

The Committee noted the budget timetable and the budget consultation questions were noted.

154/19COMPLETION REPORT

The completion reports in respect of a community grant for Citizens Advice awarded in October 2018 and a letter of thanks from Vectis Boating and Fishing Club for a community grant were received and noted.

155/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 21 January 2020.

CHAIRMAN

DATE