



# RYDE

## TOWN COUNCIL

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RYDE TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7PM ON 27 APRIL 2016 IN THE COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL OFFICES, 10 LIND STREET, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

PRESENT: Councillors David Woodward (Chairman), Henry Adams, Adrian Axford, Conrad Gauntlett, Roi Milburn, Malcolm Ross, Tim Wakeley

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor Phil Warren, Gareth Hughes (Responsible Financial Officer), Liz Dutton (Administration Officer)

#### 34/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

#### 35/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Tim Wakeley declared a non-pecuniary interest as President of Vectis Boating and Fishing Club and also a non-pecuniary interest in Binstead Scout Group as he occasionally visited the Group

Councillor Roi Milburn declared a non-pecuniary interest as Church Warden of All Saints' Church

#### 36/16 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30 MARCH 2016

##### RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 March 2016 be approved as an accurate record and be signed by the Chairman.

#### 37/16 MEMBERS QUESTIONS

There were no questions raised.

In response to a question the Responsible Financial Officer confirmed that the investment of cash holdings would be considered at the May meeting.

### 38/16 COMMUNITY GRANTS 2016-2017

The Committee considered the following grant applications. It was noted that 1 applicant had submitted 8 applications and the suggestion was made that guidelines should be revisited in order to limit the number of applications one organisation could make.

(a) 1<sup>st</sup> Ryde 1<sup>st</sup> Binstead Scout Group – Scout Hut – Internal Refurbishment

Following confirmation of the level of reserves currently held consideration was given to the application. It was noted that this was a capital programme of works by a national organisation and the Committee were keen to support the work carried out by the scouting movement. However, following further discussion concerning the poor state of the exterior building, in particular the roof, it was felt that more information including future costs were required before a decision could be made.

RESOLVED:

THAT the decision be deferred until further information was received regarding the current the state of the roof.

(b) All Saints' Church, Ryde – Project HEAT

The committee noted the Church and its hall were used by a variety of groups within the local community including schools and was regularly used as a venue for choirs and the IW Music Festival. After discussion it was agreed to recommend a grant of £4,500 out of reserves to support the project to allow the Church to continue to offer the facilities to a wide range of community groups.

RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL:

THAT the sum of £4,500 from reserves be awarded.

(c) Vectis Boating and Fishing Club (Junior fishing open competition) - (Improving communications with the public – provision of noticeboard)

These two applications were considered together as they were both for relatively small sums.

RESOLVED:

THAT the sum of £250 be awarded for the Junior Fishing Competition and also £200 be awarded for provision of a noticeboard

(d) The Methodist Church, Garfield Road

(Prior to discussion it was noted that Ryde Town Council used the venue to hold meetings on occasions).

The application for a grant of £750 was considered. It was noted that the total project cost would be £3,500 and it was hoped that the award of the grant would allow for the Church to purchase a projector straight away so it could be put to immediate use.

RESOLVED:

THAT a grant of £750 be awarded.

(e) Aspire Ryde – Community Share Project – a library of things

Concern was expressed over the large number of applications from one organisation which totalled over £10,000.

The application for a community sharing scheme was discussed. However, the Committee believed that there was an overlap with another application from the same organisation – Men in Sheds. Members were disappointed that there was no evidence of other partnership funding.

RESOLVED:

THAT the application for a grant of £1,500 be declined.

(f) Aspire Ryde – Food for free recycling project

After discussion the Committee believed that there was an overlap with the Foodbank, although it was accepted that this new project would be dealing with perishable food. It was recognised that using waste food was a good idea however the Committee would like to have seen stronger evidence particularly from supermarkets and other organisations to demonstrate support and viability.

RESOLVED:

THAT the application for a grant of £1,500 be declined.

(g) Aspire Ryde – Community Action Team

The Committee believed this could be a worthwhile project to improve the local area.

RESOLVED:

THAT a grant of £500 be awarded.

(h) Aspire Ryde CIO (Ryde Men in Sheds & Greenhouses & Beach Huts)

The Committee considered the application and were aware of the success of other similar schemes.

RESOLVED:

THAT a grant of £500 be awarded.

(i) Aspire Ryde – Community Gallery Scheme

Councillor Adrian Axford declared a non-pecuniary interest as his wife organised art exhibitions.

Councillor Tim Wakeley declared a non-pecuniary interest as his wife was the secretary to the Isle of Wight Arts Society.

Consideration was given to the application for a grant for £700 for a creation of a community art gallery. Members believed that there were already a number of exhibitions and displays in different locations around Ryde and that there was a need to work together and build relationships with other organisations and groups that were already established to further develop this theme.

RESOLVED:

THAT a grant of £700 be declined.

(j) Aspire Ryde – Ryde Community in Bloom

Councillor Phil Warren addressed the meeting. The Committee was supportive of the application believing it would improve the local area for visitors and residents and may also strengthen any bids for Britain in Bloom.

RESOLVED:

THAT a grant of £500 be awarded conditional on Aspire Ryde participating in South and South East in Bloom and Britain in Bloom

(k) Aspire Ryde – Aspire Inspirational Music Movement

The Committee considered the application and was supportive of the objectives of the courses and workshops offered.

RESOLVED:

THAT a grant of £500 be awarded.

(l) Aspire Ryde – Marketing Project

Members considered that this application was outside the parameters of the community grants criteria. The committee believed that this type of application may be better suited for considering under the marketing criteria which was aimed at marketing Ryde as a town.

RESOLVED:

THAT a grant of £1,500 be declined.

(m) VIVA – Valuing Individuals Valuing All

The application from Expanding Horizons would enable VIVA members to make a positive and colourful contribution to a range of events taking place in Ryde and would allow running of two club nights where disabled and non-disabled people would work together on carnival related activities. Members were supportive of this application.

RESOLVED:

THAT a grant of £1,025 be awarded

(n) Foal Arts CIC – Creative Ryde

Members considered the application and were keen to support the community engagement element of the Project.

RESOLVED:

THAT a grant of £1,500 be awarded

(o) Oakfield Youth Football Club

Consideration was given to the application to Maintain Charter Standard and for the purchase of new equipment and training courses.

RESOLVED:

THAT a grant of £1,400 be awarded

(p) Ryde Saints Football Club

Members considered a grant for funding to allow training through the winter months by allowing the use of floodlit training.

RESOLVED:

THAT a grant of £1,200 be awarded

(q) Isle Access – Accessible Ryde

Members gave consideration to the project which would provide in map form, information about accessible features in the town centre for people with specific access needs. However, members believed that the application would be more suitable for considering under the marketing criteria when awarding marketing grants later in the year. Members commented that making the map trifold and the marking the location of defibrillators around the town would be useful.

RESOLVED:

THAT a grant of £1,446 declined

39/16 FINAL ACCOUNTS 2015/2016

Members gave consideration to the final accounts submitted for the year 2015/2016. Members noted where there were underspends and also the current level of reserves. The Responsible Financial Officer agreed to separate out the amounts for the Children's Paddling Pool and the Waterside Pool.

RESOLVED:

That the final accounts for the year 2015-2016 be approved

40/16 FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR FIRE SAFETY SUPPLIES

Members were informed that the Isle of Wight Council were tendering for the supply, servicing, repair and refurbishment of fire extinguishers and associated firefighting products and their intention was to create a framework agreement which would allow parish councils to contract with a particular company at beneficial rates. Members noted that if the Town Council was not named in the agreement at the outset, it would not be able to use the framework and would therefore have to procure services separately. By being named in the agreement the Town

Council would not be committed to using the contracting arrangement but merely had the option to use it if it chose to.

RESOLVED:

That Ryde Town Council be named on the Framework Agreement for fire safety supplies.

41/16 WARD ALLOCATIONS

Members considered a ward-reallocation for Councillor Lucioni

RESOLVED:

THAT the ward re-allocation for Councillor Lucioni to Oakfield Football Club for £150 be approved

42/16 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

THAT in accordance with Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 (2) and Standing Order no.80 – contract matters, the public and press be temporarily excluded for the following item in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed

43/16 STANDING ORDER WAIVER REQUEST

Members considered the request for a waiver from the requirements of the Contract Standing Orders of the Council which would allow the Council to enter into a single, collaborative contract with a sole supplier. The report gave details of the contract and those of the supplier.

RESOLVED:

THAT the contract be awarded on the terms set out in the confidential report to the named supplier.

44/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would take place in the meeting room at 10 Lind Street on Wednesday 1 June 2016 commencing at 7pm.

