

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the BEST VALUE, SCRUTINY AND BRIDPORT AND WEST BAY TOWN PLAN SUB COMMITTEE of Bridport Town Council held at Mountfield, Bridport on Tuesday 8 September 2015 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT Cllr Miss S.A. Brown (Chairman)

Cllrs: K.C. Clayton Mrs M.J. Ray
 W.B. Irvine Mrs E.A. Rickard
 C.M. Ray Ms S.J. Williams (ex officio)

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

16. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G.J. Ackerman and D.G. Rickard.

17. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Best Value, Scrutiny and Bridport and West Bay Town Plan Sub Committee held on 9 June 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

With reference to the Code of Conduct, the following interests were declared under Appendix B of the Code (non-pecuniary interests). In accordance with paragraph 12 of the Code, and Paragraph 35(c) of Standing Orders, members left the room during the decision making and voting on the applications.

Minute 20 – Cllr Miss S.A. Brown - the Chamber Orchestra and the New Elizabethan Singers. (Cllr Ms S.J. Williams took the chair for these items).

Minute 22 – Cllr Ms S.J. Williams as a member of the Bridport Area Development Trust.

19. TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS 2014/15 – REPORT BACK FROM GRANTS MADE LAST YEAR

The Town Clerk stated that he was still waiting for a couple of further reports.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted and, when complete, councillors be circulated with a summary.

20. TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS TO SMALLER BODIES 2015/16

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2993.

The Sub Committee considered each grant in turn, having regard to the Town Council's agreed criteria for grants and the application forms submitted.

Following discussion of each grant, it was RECOMMENDED that

(a) the following grants be approved, under the General Power of Competence:

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St Mary's CE VC Primary School – Replace Play Equipment	250
First Dorset Credit Union – Publicity	500
Heritage Coast Canoe Club – Racking	250
Axe Valley Ring and Ride – Community Transport Scheme (*to be reviewed if increase in Bridport usage)	500*
Melplash Agricultural Society - Education Initiative	500
Chamber Orchestra – General Rehearsal Costs	250
Youth Dance – Dance Studio	600
Small Things – Art Workshops	250
New Elizabethan Singers – 50 th Anniversary Concert and Exhibition	250
Total Small Grants	£3,350

(b) that the application from Charmouth Primary School be not supported at this time as it was considered that it did not meet the criteria:

(c) that in respect of approved applications from national and county bodies, it was on the understanding that the money was ring-fenced for Bridport only,

21. TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS TO LARGER BODIES 2015/16

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2994.

RECOMMEND: to note the previous decision to continue the existing service level agreements for 2015/16 and the grants be awarded to the Arts Centre, Museum, CAB and Leisure Centre as set out in 3.1 of the report (at existing levels) and the Sub Committee receive a further report back at its December meeting on the level of future SLA funding.

22. COASTAL REVIVAL FUND

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2995

RESOLVED: that the funding application from the Bridport Area Development Trust for the Methodist Chapel be supported as outlined in the report (the deadline for the application was 14 September).

23. TOWN PLAN REVIEW

The Town Clerk reported that the Town Plan would next be considered by the Budget and Service Review Working Group in October. Consultation, including with young people through the Youth Council, would continue, aiming to report back to members for adoption in November.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

24. INSURANCE

The Town Clerk reported on one ongoing insurance issue.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted and be considered further by the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

25. STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS REVIEW

The Town Clerk reported that the Working Group of members would be meeting shortly to begin the review.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

The meeting closed at **11:00am**

The next meeting of this Sub Committee will be on 8 December 2015 at 11.00am