

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a VIRTUAL meeting (GoToMeeting ID: 710-781-237) BEST VALUE AND SCRUTINY SUB COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 8 September 2020 at 10.00am.

PRESENT Cllr Sarah Carney (from minute 15)

Cllrs: Geoffrey Ackerman	Martin Ray
Sandra Brown	Anne Rickard
Maggie Ray	Steve Williams

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public in attendance.

12. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THIS MEETING

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Sandra Brown was elected to chair the meeting until such time as the Chairman arrived.

13. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received by Cllr Barry Irvine and Cllr Sarah Carney for lateness, who was replaced as Chairman by Cllr Sandra Brown until the consideration of the grant application from the Stepping Out Cancer Rehabilitation Group (minute 15).

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 15, Grants to Smaller Bodies 2020/21 and minute 16, Grants to Larger Organisations - with reference to the Code of Conduct, Appendix B (non-pecuniary interests). Members declared interests in this item, in relation to the grants requested from organisations where they were Trustees, or in positions of management in the bodies listed below. In accordance with paragraph 12 of the Code, and Paragraph 35(c) of Standing Orders, they did not participate in decision making and voting on the relevant grant applications.

- Cllr Geoffrey Ackerman – Melplash Agricultural Society
- Cllr Maggie Ray – BYPAT trustee
- Cllr Martin ray – BYPAT trustee
- Cllr Geoffrey Ackerman – Bridport Museum trustee
- Cllr Sandra Brown – Bridport Museum trustee
- Cllr Sarah Carney – Bridport Area Development Trust trustee
- Cllr Anne Rickard – Transition Town Bridport director

15. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Best Value and Scrutiny Sub Committee held on 2 June 2020 were confirmed as a correct record, and that the Chairman should sign the minutes at the earliest available opportunity.

16. TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS TO SMALLER BODIES 2020/21

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3528.

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

Following discussion of each grant, it was RECOMMENDED:

- (a) that the following grants be approved under the Power of General Competence (voting was unanimous unless otherwise indicated):

		£
A1	Melplash Agricultural Society – Discover Farming Project	500
Cllr Sarah Carney joined the meeting at this point and assumed the chair		
A2	Stepping Out Cancer Rehabilitation Community Group – Provision of group exercise and wellbeing scheme	500
A3	Bridport Young Performers (BYP) – Rehearsal costs	500
A4	Home Start West Dorset – Running costs	500
A5	Skills Training Bridport – Running costs	500
A6	ASD and Social Anxiety Group – teaching costs, materials, PPE, insurance (subject to the viability of outdoor activities, and confirmation of other external funding applied for)	500
A7	Home in Bridport – running costs (subject to viability, and confirmation of relevant permissions)	500
A8	Transition Town Bridport – Edible Garden project	500
A9	Axe Valley & West Dorset Ring and Ride – Running costs	500
A10	Bridport Refugee Support Campaign – Help resettle a refugee family in Bridport (subject to confirmation of constituted status and an associated bank account)	500
A11	Bridport & District CAB – IT equipment	500
A12	Bridport Young Person's Action Trust – Memorial	300
A13	Small Things – Creative Arts Workshops	500
A14	Bridport Boys Dance – Two day dance workshop	400
A15	Bridport Youth Dance – Programme of after school dance classes	500
A16	Fingerprint Dance CIC – Performing arts project	500
	Total Small Grants	£7,700

17. TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS TO LARGER BODIES 2020/21

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3529.

RECOMMEND: that the grants be awarded, as previously agreed in line with the council five year term, as follows:

Bridport Arts Centre	Bridport Leisure Centre	Citizens Advice Bureau	Bridport Museum	Bridport Youth & Community Centre	West Bay Discovery Centre
£6,000	£4,000	£5,000	£4,500	£10,000	£3,000

18. WEST BAY CAR BOOT SALE GRANTS SCHEME

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3530.

The Town Clerk reported that one application had been deferred from the March 2020 meeting of this sub committee and it was now RECOMMENDED:

- (i) that £491 be awarded to the Lower Walditch Play Area and Community Orchard Group subject to confirmation of an associated bank account.
- (ii) that given the current situation, the awarding of car boot fund grants be deferred for one year, with the exception of any urgent requests. This decision to be subject to review by the sub committee at its next meeting.

19. COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

The meeting closed at **11.14am**

The next meeting of this Sub Committee will be held on 8 December 2020