

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a VIRTUAL meeting (Zoom meeting ID: 829 5185 5662)
BEST VALUE AND SCRUTINY SUB COMMITTEE held on
Tuesday 7 September 2021 at 10.00am.

PRESENT Cllr Sarah Carney

Cllrs: Sandra Brown Anne Rickard
 Barry Irvine Dave Rickard (until 10.57am)
 Maggie Ray Steve Williams
 Martin Ray

Also present: Paul Fuszard (Finance & Office Manager) and Will
Austin (Town Clerk).

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public in attendance.

16. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Geoffrey Ackerman.

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 19, Grants to Smaller Bodies 2021/22 and minute 20, 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 Sandra Brown – Bridport Chamber Orchestra Treasurer
- Cllr Sarah Carney – Bridport Area Development Trust Board member, including Literary & Scientific Institute and West Bay Discovery Centre management
- Cllr Anne Rickard – Transition Town Bridport Director
- Cllr Dave Rickard – Transition Town Bridport Director

18. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Best Value and Scrutiny Sub Committee held on 8 June 2021 were confirmed as a correct record, and that the Chairman should sign the minutes at the earliest available opportunity.

The Town Clerk reported that the next sub committee meeting would consider items referred to in the minutes; Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, the Town Council Plan, and the Bridport Communities Trust.

19. TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS TO SMALLER BODIES 2021/22

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3641.

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	The Bank of Dreams & Nightmares – Training costs	500
A2	Melplash Agricultural Society – Discover Farming Project	500
A3	Axe Valley & West Dorset Ring and Ride – Running costs	500
A4	Bridport Heritage Forum – Queens Diamond Jubilee and creation of Town Centre 1921 census map	500
A5	Bridport Musical Theatre Company – Storage	600
A6	Bridport Literary Festival – Brid Lit Kids project	250
A7	Bridport & District CAB – IT equipment	500
A8	Transition Town Bridport – Edible Garden project	500
A9	Stepping Out Cancer Rehabilitation Community Group – Group exercise and wellbeing scheme	500
A10	Bridport Chamber Orchestra – Summer concert 2022	250
A11	Bridport Youth Dance – Programme of after school dance classes	500
A12	Bridport Boys Dance – Dance programme	400
A13	Fingerprint Dance CIC – Radio show (pending further information – delegated to the Town Clerk)	500
	Total Small Grants	£6,000

20. TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS TO LARGER BODIES 2021/22

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3642.

RECOMMEND: that the grants be awarded, as previously agreed in line with the council five-year term and following a successful review, as follows:

Bridport Arts Centre	Bridport Leisure Centre	Citizens Advice Bureau	Bridport Museum	Bridport Youth & Community Centre	West Bay Discovery Centre (BADT)	2020 Skate & Ride	Literary & Scientific Institute (BADT)
£6,000	£4,000	£5,000	£4,500	£10,000	£3,000	£5,000	£5,000

21. COMMUNICATIONS

The Finance & Office Manager reported that the external auditors had signed off the annual accounts for the year ending 31 March 2021 without comment. The Town Clerk advised that this was the 25th consecutive annual 'clean bill of health' from the External Auditor, and he thanked Paul Fuszard, Finance & Office Manager for his diligence and excellent work over a quarter of a century.

Members offered their thanks to the Finance & Office Manager.

The meeting closed at **11.20am**

The next meeting of this Sub Committee will be held on 7 December 2021