

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the BEST VALUE AND SCRUTINY SUB COMMITTEE of Bridport Town Council held at Mountfield, Bridport on Tuesday 6 September 2022 at 10.00am.

PRESENT Cllr Sarah Carney

Cllrs: Sandra Brown Anne Rickard
 Maggie Ray Dave Rickard (Leader ex officio)
 Martin Ray Steve Williams

Also present: Will Austin (Town Clerk).

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public in attendance.

11. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Barry Irvine and Ros Kayes.

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Minute 14, Grants to Smaller Bodies 2022/23 and minute 15, 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

13. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Best Value and Scrutiny Sub Committee held on 7 June 2022 were confirmed as a correct record, and that the Chairman should sign the minutes at the earliest available opportunity.

The Town Clerk reported that, following discussions with the Council's insurer, the current agreement had been extended to 2024, at which point changes would be required, taking account of the Community Governance Review. He further reported that a meeting of the Community Governance Working Group was being arranged.

14. TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS TO SMALLER BODIES 2022/23

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3735, summarising grant applications received.

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	Bridport & District CAB – LED lighting	500
A3	Stepping Out Cancer Rehabilitation Community Group – Group exercise and wellbeing scheme	500
A4	The Bank of Dreams & Nightmares – Conversion of a van into mobile banking unit	500
A5	Bridport Heritage Forum – Tree planting, war walk and 50's exhibition	1,000
A6	Melplash Agricultural Society – Discover Farming Project	500
A7	Bridport Food Matters - seed funding for charity registration and pop-up 'community hub' activities	500
A8	Transition Town Bridport – Edible Garden project	500
A9	Bridport Literary Festival – Brid Lit Kids project	350
A10	Axe Valley & West Dorset Ring and Ride – Running costs	500
A11	Bridport Chamber Orchestra – Summer concert 2023	250
A12	The Chapel in the Garden – Warm hub	500
A13	Bridport Youth Dance – Programme of after school dance classes	500
A14	Bridport Youth Dance – Summer Art Workshop	400
A15	Bridport Youth Dance – Education programme	500
A16	AScape – Residential stays	500
A17	Bridport Gig Club – Purchase of a new boat	500
	Total Small Grants	£8,000

RESOLVED: that the Melplash Agricultural Society be invited to present to Full Council on its 'Discover Farming' Project.

15. TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS TO LARGER BODIES 2022/23

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3736, detailing proposed funding support for organisations in Bridport, and Service Level Agreements that would be reviewed at meetings with these organisations during September and October.

Members discussed the proposed grants and the Service Level Agreements underpinning them. The current position in respect of the Bridport Arts Centre building was highlighted as a matter for inclusion in review meetings, including proposed uses of the building and refreshments offered to customers attending performances.

RECOMMEND: that the grants be awarded, as previously agreed in line with the council five-year term and subject to satisfactory review meetings, as follows:

Organisation	Amount
Bridport Arts Centre	£6,000
Bridport Leisure Centre	£4,000
Bridport Citizens Advice	£5,000
Bridport Museum	£6,000
Bridport Youth & Community Centre	£15,000
West Bay Discovery Centre (Bridport Area Development Trust)	£3,000
2020 Skate & Ride	£5,000
Literary & Scientific Institute (Bridport Area Development Trust)	£5,000
Total	£49,000

16. COMMUNICATIONS

No communications were reported.

The meeting closed at **11.42am**

The next meeting of this Sub Committee will be held on 6 December 2022