

## 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 5 September 2023 at 10.00am.

### **The meeting had a delayed start at 10:10am**

PRESENT Cllr Dave Rickard (Leader ex officio, elected chair in the absence of Cllr Sarah Carney)

Cllrs: Sandra Brown            Anne Rickard  
                                                 Steve Williams

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

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

The member of the public present did not wish to speak.

### **12. APOLOGIES**

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Dave Rickard was elected to chair this meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Geoff Ackerman, Sarah Carney, Maggie Ray, and Martin Ray.

### **13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Minute 15, Grants to Smaller Bodies 2023/24 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 Sandra Brown – Bridport Community Charter Fair (Treasurer) and Bridport Millennium Green Trust (Chair of the Friends of Millennium Green)
- Cllr Dave Rickard – Arts Centre (Town Council representative)
- Cllr Steve Williams – Burrough Harmony Centre (Town Council representative)

### **14. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Best Value and Scrutiny Sub Committee held on 6 June 2023 were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

## 15. TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS TO SMALLER BODIES 2023/24

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3828, 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.

<b>Applicant and Purpose of Grant</b>	<b>Award (£)</b>
Opera Circus – International Day of Democracy activities	300
Bridport Millennium Green Trust – Restoring entrance leading to meadow and wood	300
The Living Tree – Replace table tennis tables	300
The Stepping Out Cancer Rehabilitation Group – Group exercise and wellbeing scheme	500
Bridport Young Performers – room hire	300
The Bank of Dreams and Nightmares – Creative writing project	300
Bridport Literary Festival – Childrens event	300
Bridport Food Matters – Enhancing information between community food organisations	300
Bridport Heritage Forum – A house and a Street in Time project	500
***The meeting paused for a comfort break at 11:40am and resumed at 11:48am.***	
Equintervention CIC – 10 therapy pony sessions for people with learning difficulties	300
Bridport Local Food Group – Monthly breakfasts and after-school snack bar	300
Bridport Community Orchard Group – Create a shelter on the Community allotment site	500
The Burrough Harmony Centre – And Breathe...Bridport project	500
Bridport Youth Dance – Education programme	500
Bridport Youth Dance - Art and Dance in the land project	500
AsCape – Afterschool art club	500
Bridport Bandits – Re-kit the workshop * subject to the provision of the appropriate financial information	300
Bridport Gig Club – New seats for the new gig	300
Bridport Sea Cadets – Two-seater sit on kayak	350
Bridport Arts Centre – Archive display * subject to the provision of the appropriate financial information	450
Home-Start West Dorset – Travel support for volunteers who help support the families.	400
<b>Total Small Grants</b>	<b>£8,000</b>

Following discussion of each grant, it was

RECOMMENDED: that

- (i) the above grants be approved under the General Power of Competence, subject to conditions in three cases:
  - a. Bridport Local Food Group – provision of evidence as to how delivery of free meals will be targeted at those in need.
  - b. Bridport Bandits – provision of financial and other documentation as required by the application process.
  - c. Bridport Arts Centre – completion of missing elements from application form.
  
- (ii) The following applications be not supported at this time:
  - a. Pymore Village Management Company – proposal for annual funding arrangement to be developed by the Town Clerk and Town Surveyor.
  - b. Bridport Community Charter Fair – to be considered as part of the Town Council’s overall funding for this event.
  - c. Bridport Community Shed – this initiative is receiving Town Council support in the form of a reduced-cost planning application.
  - d. Sustainable Bridport – to be considered as part of the Town Council’s funding for improvements at Bridport Football Club Car Park.
  - e. B Sharp – due to level of funds held.
  - f. Bridport Dance Festival – further information on the event, extent of partnership working, and evidence of a constituted organisation with a bank account are required.
  
- (iii) Unsuccessful applicants be reminded that the West Bay Car Boot Sale grants scheme opens for applications in November 2023.

**16. TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS TO LARGER BODIES 2023/24**

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3829, detailing proposed funding support for organisations in Bridport, and Service Level Agreements that would be reviewed at meetings with these organisations between August and October. Members discussed the proposed grants and the Service Level Agreements underpinning them.

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

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>£49,000</b>

RECOMMENDED: that review meetings with existing SLA recipients, and meetings with organisations currently funded by Allington, Bothenhampton & Walditch, and Bradpole Parish Councils consider funding options following the Community Governance Review.

**17. COMMUNICATIONS**

No communications were reported.

The meeting closed at **12:51pm**

**The next meeting of this Sub Committee will be held on 5 December 2023**