

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Llandudno Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Llandudno Town Council - Finance & General Purposes Committee

Held on Friday 24th November 2017

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

Those Present:

Cllr Frank Bradfield – Chairman
 Cllr A W Bertola
 Cllr D J Hawkins
 Cllr S R Hillman
 Cllr M Hold, JP
 Cllr Mrs J Jones

Cllr M A Pearce – Vice Chairman
 Cllr Miss C Marubbi
 Cllr Miss A O’Grady
 Cllr M J Pavey
 Cllr G J T Robbins
 Cllr I Turner

37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr F Davies, The Mayor (Civic Engagement)
 Cllr Mr C Beard
 Cllr Mrs L G Emery

Cllr P C Evans, JP
 Cllr Mrs M Lyon
 Cllr Mrs M Wigzell

Absent:
 Cllr H T M Saville

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF CONDUCT.

The following declaration of interest were declared:

Name:	Item:	Personal or Prejudicial
Cllr F Bradfield	43. Llandudno Museum: £7,500 to support the Trust’s redevelopment plans and Project Manager post 44.1. Tenth Armed Forces Day National Event, 30 th June 2018 and request for sponsorship 44.2. Festival of the Sea 2018 and request for sponsorship	Personal: Town Council Representative for the Organisation Personal: Member of Conwy CBC Personal: Member of Conwy CBC
Cllr Mrs J Jones	42.1 Grants: Llandudno Elderly People’s Welfare Centre	Personal: Member of the Committee for the Organisation
Cllr Miss C Marubbi	42. 1. Grants: Llandudno Elderly People’s Welfare Centre	Prejudicial: Member of the Committee for the Organisation
Cllr I Turner	42.1 Grants: Llandudno Elderly People’s Welfare Centre	Personal: Town Council Representative for the Organisation
Cllr G J T Robbins	44.1. Tenth Armed Forces Day National Event, 30 th June 2018 and request for sponsorship 44.2. Festival of the Sea and request for sponsorship	Personal: Member of Conwy CBC Personal: Member of Conwy CBC

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39. MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Friday 22nd September 2017 were received and signed by the Chairman.

40. URGENT ITEMS RELATING TO FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES

There were none.

41. CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2017

The reports included a budget update.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the financial statements for September and October 2017 and the budget report be received.

42. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY FINANCE SUB COMMITTEES OR WORKING PARTIES:

42.1 Grants Sub Committee, held 9th November 2017

Members considered the recommendations of the Grants Sub-Committee, held on 9th November 2017, for grant applications received for 2018/19.

The Vice-Chairman of the Grants Sub Committee reported that the Grants Sub Committee had recommended funding not be awarded to St John's Methodist Church, as it was thought that the application was for structural repairs to the building, which is outside the remit of the Town Council's grants policy. This was incorrect as the application was for repairs to the organ and members were asked whether they wished to reconsider financial support to the organisation.

IT WAS RESOLVED to award a grant of £500.00 to St John's Methodist Church for 2018-19.

The Grants Sub Committee had also recommended that funding not be awarded to North Wales Car Club, as insufficient financial information had been received. A copy of the Car Club's accounts had since been received and members were asked whether they wished to reconsider the application but **IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the recommendation of the Grants Sub Committee not to award funding.**

Members were informed that the application for Cwm Community Woodland included a strimming element. As the Town Council currently had a strimming contract for Public Rights of Way, the application was referred to the Transport & PROW Sub Committee for possible inclusion in the contract. However, as some of the paths were private paths and the Town Council only has the power to spend money to trim public footpaths, there was a question mark over whether this could be legitimately in the contract and covered by both the Town Councils' and the strimming contractors insurances. Members were asked, therefore, whether they wished to reconsider funding and **IT WAS RESOLVED to award a grant of £500.00 to Cwm Community Woodland.**

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The recommended grant award of £500.00 to Le Cirque Paradis was discussed and **IT WAS RESOLVED** *that the grant be awarded subject to receipt of further information regarding the benefit of the project to Llandudno and its residents.*

IT WAS RESOLVED *that the Town Council approve the recommendations of the Grants Sub-Committee including the revised grants policy (appendix and the grant award recommendations for 2018-19, as amended (appendix B) totalling £90,753.71.*

42.2 Report from Happy Valley Working Party

Members were reminded of the Working Party (consisting of the 3 Committee Chairmen and Gogarth Ward members) established by Council to consider requests to hold events on land owned by the Town Council in Happy Valley. A request had been received to hold a Steampunk-themed entertainment on Saturday 5th May 2018, as an additional attraction to the Victorian Extravaganza. The Working Party had agreed in principal to the holding of the event, subject to receipt of copies of insurance documents, a risk assessment, events licence and mini-event plan or statement. Members were asked whether they were in agreement with the recommendation of the Working Party. It was raised whether income could be generated for the Town Council from the holding of this and other events in Happy Valley but noted this would prove difficult without fencing off the area.

IT WAS RESOLVED *to approve the recommendation of the Happy Valley Working Party for a Steampunk event to be held in Happy Valley on 5th May 2018, subject to receipt and approval of event documentation.*

43. TO CONSIDER ANY REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

43.1 Members considered a request from Llandudno Museum for £7,500 funding to support the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Project Manager Post. The museum had been awarded HLF funding to develop a scheme to refurbish the museum. Phase one, the development element of the project, which included a funded project manager post would end upon submission of the Phase 2 delivery bid for funding. The delivery phase would also include a funded project manager post but there would be a shortfall in funding of the project manager's salary until the delivery bid was considered and the Town Council had, therefore, been asked to cover this shortfall.

Members discussed that the Town Council's funds were limited and that a substantial annual grant of £10,500 had already been awarded to the museum. Members also queried whether grant funding could be awarded as the request was to cover salary costs, which was contrary to the Town Council's grants policy.

IT WAS RESOLVED *to refuse the funding request from Llandudno Museum, considering the financial position of the Town Council that the request was contrary to the Town Council's grants policy (conditions of grant, item 9) and applications to provide funding directly for staff salaries had always been refused by Town Council.*

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44. ITEMS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION FROM THE 2018/19 BUDGET

44.1 Referred from Council, 6th October 2017: Tenth Armed Forces Day National Event, 30th June 2018 and request for £20,000 of sponsorship.

With reference to a presentation at a meeting of the Council, held 6th October 2017, members considered a request from Conwy CBC for £20,000 of sponsorship for the Armed Forces Day National Event, to be held in Llandudno on 30th June 2018. Members expressed their support for the event, noting that up to £250,000 people were expected to visit Llandudno during the event and that it was an amazing achievement for such a high profile national event to be held in Llandudno. Members discussed that, although the request was for a considerable sum of money, by providing sponsorship the Town Council would be acknowledging the heroism and dedication of service men and women and demonstrating its support for the armed forces, past and present. It was further noted that the RAF Valley Freedom Parade, originally planned for 2018, would not now be taking place and so this funding could be put towards the National Armed Forces Day Event.

IT WAS RESOLVED to provide sponsorship of £20,000 to Conwy CBC for the Tenth Armed Forces Day Event in 2018 from the Town Council's 2018/19 budget.

44.2 Community Services & Tourism Committee, 14th November 2017: Festival of the Sea 2018 and request for sponsorship.

With reference to a presentation at a meeting of the Community Services and Tourism Committee, held on 14th November 2017, and subsequent information received, members considered a request from Conwy CBC for a £30,000 contribution towards a Festival of the Sea Event in 2018. The request also included a £10,000 per year contribution for three years thereafter.

Members supported the idea behind the event, which aimed to boost the winter tourist economy, but expressed concerns about the large sum that was being requested from the Town Council, the benefits to Llandudno from the event, and whether the funding would go to private partners involved in its organisation. Members also raised that they could not see the value for money to the Town Council at this time from providing funding and that Conwy CBC should, therefore, hold the event in 2018 and request funding from the Town Council if it was proved to be a success.

One member raised that he could not support a festival celebrating the sea when a solution to the problems of North Shore beach was still needed and that Conwy CBC should fund improvements to the beach first and get that right, before holding a sea festival. In comparison, it was raised that North Shore beach was a separate issue and should not be linked with the festival, which was designed to generate tourism for the winter economy. The Town Council should continue to push Conwy CBC separately for a solution to the beach. It was envisaged that the Llawn Arts Festival would also be incorporated into this event. The Arts Festival had proved very successful and it was suggested that the Town Council was being short sighted if it did not support the Festival of the Sea as the benefits of the Arts festival could also be lost.

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***IT WAS RESOLVED** to write to Conwy CBC to confirm that the Town Council was minded to give support to the Festival of the Sea 2018 but would not commit funding at this stage until the tourism gains and spending/income projections for Llandudno could be demonstrated. The Town Council would then reconsider the request.*

45. LLANDUDNO PLAY EQUIPMENT BUDGET

With reference to the meeting of the Council held on 6th October 2017, members further considered Conwy CBC's proposal to use the 2017/18 budget provided by the Town Council to replace the embankment slide on the Great Orme play area. It was noted that the Great Orme play area was very well used and **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Town Council's play area budget be used for the replacement of the slide, as recommended by Conwy CBC.

46. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

46.1 The 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales Revised Proposals **was received**

46.2 The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft proposals for payments to Members of Community and Town Councils 2018/19 **was received**. It was noted that under the proposals, Community and Town Councils were authorised to make a payment of £500 to up to 5 members in recognition of specific roles, it would be obligatory to make a payment of £150 per year to members (although members could choose to forego) and the maximum amount to be paid to a Chairman/Mayor would be £1,500.

46.3 Email and Newsletter received from Conwy CBC regarding National Armed Forces Day 2018 **was received**

46.4 Email received from Welsh Hearts regarding a 'defibrillators in communities' appeal was discussed. Members were fully in support of increasing the number of defibrillators available in the community but considered that they would prefer to continue to support local groups to install defibrillators rather than awarding funding to a national scheme.

47. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as **Friday 12th January 2018 at 7.00pm.**