

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN
THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 44 OLD STREET, ON MONDAY 10TH MAY 2010 AT 7.30 PM.

Present: Councillor C Francis-Pester (Committee Chairman)
Councillors B. Garner, P McNeill, J Middleton, D Shopland, G Watkins, &
C. Wring
Town Clerk – Ms P. Heath,

FGP 10/37 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Blades (other commitment), Cllr Hall (family commitments) Cllr Morgan (family commitments) Cllr Norton-Sealey (Illness).

FGP 10/38 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Declarations of interest were received in respect of grant applications:-
Cllr Wring – Avon wildlife as a subscriber, Clevedon Civic Society as member, Clevedon Flower Show as President, Clevedon Twinning association as member
Cllr Watkins – Avon wildlife as subscriber
Cllr Middleton – Clevedon Civic Society as member
Cllr Garner - Clevedon Civic Society as member, Clevedon Twinning association as member
Cllr McNeill – Clevedon Flower Show as member

FGP 10/39 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Finance & General Policy Committee meetings held on 10th March 2010 and ratified by Council on 21st April 2010 were accepted.

FGP 10/40 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BUDGET SHEETS

The financial spreadsheets for the month of April had not been sent with the agenda members agreed to defer to the next meeting when the first quarter figures would be available

FGP 10/41 RECEIVE AND AGREE DRAFT ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR END 31/3/2010 SUBJECT TO INTERNAL AUDIT

A copy of the draft accounts had been circulated with the agenda; these were received and accepted subject to the internal audit. Members asked for amendments to be made to the notes to the accounts in section 1 – the amalgamation of all land owned and administered by the council under one sub heading. The accounts post internal audit would be presented for agreement at the Council meeting on 16th June 2010.

FGP 10/42 RECEIVE / AGREE ANNUAL RETURN SUBJECT TO INTERNAL AUDIT

A copy of the Annual Return had been circulated with the agenda; this was received and accepted subject to the internal audit.

FGP 10/43 RECEIVE AND AGREE THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT SUBJECT TO INTERNAL AUDIT

A copy of the Annual Governance Statement had been circulated with the agenda; this was received and **AGREED**.

FGP 10/44 AGREE THE RELEASE OF EARMARKED FUNDS FOR CLEVEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION; TO RECEIVE QUOTATIONS FOR ROOF REPAIR

Members noted the quotations received
It was proposed, seconded and **AGREED** to release up to the £20,000 of the earmarked funds to pay for the work on the production of an invoice.

FGP 10/45 CONSIDER RELEASE OF EARMARKED FUNDS THE CURZON CINEMA

Members noted the minutes of the Town Events and Amenity meeting minute no 10/24.3, which was read to the meeting. The earmarked funds had been placed subject to a successful bid for HLF funding
It was proposed, seconded and **AGREED** to release the £20,000 of the earmarked funds as match funding for the HLF Funding

FGP 10/46 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS GRANT REQUESTS FOR 2010/2011

A copy of all grants plus a history of funding bids for each applicant had been circulated to all Committee Members.

Cllr Wring declared a prejudicial interest in two applications, Clevedon Civic Society and Clevedon Flower Show, as she sits on the executive committee.

Cllr Wring left the room

Clevedon Civic Society – Members agreed to grant £490

Clevedon Flower Show – Following discussion members agreed to grant £500

Cllr Wring returned to the room

Members went through the remaining grants applications, against the criteria, agreeing which should be supported and to what the amount.

Avon Wildlife – £500

Clevedon Community First Response - £600

Clevedon Cricket Club- £200

Clevedon West Brownies- £500

Clevedon District Cruise – £500

East Clevedon Arts Festival - £200

Marlens - £500

Mencap Summer Club - £300

Sequence dance club - £0

- Clevedon pilot gig club - £0
- Clevedon promenade bowling club - £0
- Heads & Tails Project - £0
- Land Yoe Friends - £0

It was agreed to differ the discussion on the Twinning Association Grant until the next committee Meeting when the Members will discuss in detail the funding of the twinned town anniversary celebrations.

FGP 10/47 RECEIVE DETAILS OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF ALCA AND ITS REVISED SUBSCRIPTION PROPOSAL

The Town Clerk and the Chairman of the Council reported on the special meeting of ALCA held on 18th March 2010, which they attended as per FGP 10/31. At the Special Meeting, it was agreed to revert to the 2009/2010 subscription levels even though this would increase the deficit, in the hope that the 6 Town/Parish Councils who have resigned would reconsider and stay in the Association even though most had already stated that they would not rejoin if the subscriptions were altered. It was confirmed that Clevedon Town Council would not rejoin ALCA but would consider joining Somerset Association of Local Councils.

FGP 10/48 RECEIVE AND DISCUSS TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND AGREE PAYMENT OF ATTENDANCE COSTS

10/48.1 SLCC Regional Conference 18th May 2010 £55 at Plymouth –
Members decided that none of the Councillors or the Clerk should attend the regional conference

10/48.2 SLCC National Conference 15th-17th Oct 2010 £320 at Durham
At the request of the Town Clerk members agreed that the Clerk could attend the Annual Conference of the Society of Local Council Clerks at a cost of £320 plus travel.

FGP 10/49 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were no Chairman’s items for information.

FGP 10/50 TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS

There were no Part 1 items.

The meeting finished at 8.35 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN Date
FGP May 10th 2010.doc 18/06/2010

RATIFIED ON 16TH JUNE 2010