

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 22nd JUNE 2016 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr C Francis-Pester – Committee Chairman in the Chair
Cllrs C Blades, J Geldart, G Hill, L Little, T Morgan, A Shopland,
G Watkins. Mrs I Johnson – Deputy Town Clerk.

TEA/16/570 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr K O'Brien – another commitment;
Cllr J Norton-Sealey – unwell.

TEA/16/571 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

TEA/16/572 TO CONSIDER APPLICATION MADE BY THEATRE ORCHARD IN RESPECT OF A SUMMER SEASON OF THE CLEVEDON THEATRE SHOP

It was recalled that last year Theatre Orchard had received a grant of £5,000 to set up the Clevedon Theatre Shop for summer 2015. The performances had been well received and there had been a second season from October – January 2016. When the TEA budget for 2016/17 had been set in November there had been a verbal request for funding for Theatre Orchard and £4,000 had been designated for Queens Square Events and other leisure activities. There had been an assumption that a grant would be awarded to Theatre Orchard from this budget as they had received funding this way the previous year. Theatre Orchard had now included the Clevedon Town Council crest on its publicity and grants from the Council could assist with obtaining match funding from the Arts Council.

The costs of the Clevedon summer season 2016 had been circulated to the Committee along with a report. It appears that funding from the Town Council would specifically enable the Theatre Shop to buy the truss for the shop rather than having to pay an ongoing hire fee. The truss is the infrastructure from which the stage lighting and drapes hang and it is a flexible structure that could be transferred to new premises if required.

Members discussed audience figures, ticket prices and the grant aid criteria for small grants before taking a vote.

Proposed by Cllr Geldart seconded by Cllr Blades VOTE: 6 FOR; 1 AGAINST; 1 ABSTENTION

RESOLVED: To allocate £3,500 to the Clevedon Theatre Shop for the purchase of the truss for the lighting and drapes. To be funded from the TEA budget for 2016/17 and in particular the allocation for Queens Square Events and other leisure activities. To emphasise to Theatre Orchard and The Theatre Shop that this is a one off grant and does not set a precedent for future grants which will be dependent on receipt of a full formal grant application with up to date accounts and balance sheets and will be considered along with other grant aid requests from local organisations.

The meeting finished at 7.22 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....DATE.....