

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL THE FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES 44 OLD STREET ON TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2018 AT
7.30PM

Present: Vice Committee Chairman Cllr J. Middleton
 C. Francis-Pester, J. Geldart, D. Shopland, G. Watkins, J. West.
 Ms Paula Heath Town Clerk,

FGP 18/858 RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors, L. Fone, L. Little, J. Norton-Sealey, Chairman Cllr G. Hill.

FGP 18/859 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

FGP 18/860 RECEIVE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSS THE 3-YEAR GRANT REQUEST FROM THE BARN

The Barn were represented by Mr J Neale, Mrs E Wade, Mrs K. Pike; their application documentation had been emailed to all F&GP Members, A note on the agenda to inform all Councillors that the papers were in the office to read. They explained the work of the Youth Centre aspect of the Barn along with the outreach youth workers. The funding by the Town Council would enable this work to continue. In response to a question it was explained that they work in conjunction YMCA each dealing with a different age and time range. They have supported those going for their Duke of Edinburgh awards. They undertake considerable amount of fundraising to assist in the work they do. They have requested £23100 for each of the next 3 years.

FGP 18/861 RECEIVE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSS THE 3-YEAR GRANT REQUEST FROM CITIZEN ADVICE NS

Citizens Advice North Somerset was represented by Mrs Cope. A copy of the application documentation had been emailed to all F&GP Members, with a note on the agenda to inform all Councillors that the papers were in the office to read. Mrs Cope explained the usage of the CANS in respect of Clevedon in relation to the larger district wide picture and the future plans in respect of government initiatives. In response to a question it was explained that due to NSC development plans they were having to leave the Badgers Centre and acquire new premises in Weston, Portishead offices were not adequate and new arrangements needed, and Clevedon's lease ends in July 2019. There had been informal talks between The Town Clerk and Mrs Cope concerning the future of the Lease, but this would be discussed formally by the Property Committee under the SLA held with the Village Hall Trustees. CANS liked the location of the Village Hall but there were issues relating to disabled access that needed discussions. Universal Credit had been introduced in Clevedon and was already causing major issues and an increase in client numbers; CANS will be working with the Job Centre after April in respect of the Government fund to assist people in claiming and appealing decisions in relation to Universal Credit. Future Plans include looking at the lease of the Village Hall and increase in the number of days and volunteers in Clevedon, possibility of increasing the organisations with a presence in the Village Hall "Social Prescribing".

Members noted that the requested funding of £25,000 yr1, £25,750 yr 2, & £26,523 yr 3 was for the provision of the service in Clevedon and not linked to the Village Hall.

FGP 18/862 AGREE/VOTE ON THE 3-YEAR FUNDING FOLLOWING THE ABOVE PRESENTATIONS

Children Services at the Barn – Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** by 6 votes to 0 to grant a total sum of £ 69300 over 3 years, £23100 per year.

CANS – Proposed, Seconded and **AGREED** by 5 votes to 1 To grant £25,000 for year 1, to review the situation at a meeting this time in 2019 in respect of years 2 & 3 but the payments will not be less than the £25,000 each year.

Meeting closed at 8.37pm

CHAIRMANDATE