

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD**  
**IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES 44 OLD STREET ON MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016 AT 7.30PM**

**Present:** Councillor C Francis-Pester Committee Chairman  
 Cllrs, N. Barton, J. Cook, J Geldart, J. Middleton, T. Morgan, D. Shopland, G.  
 Watkins, J. West  
 In Attendance Ms Paula Heath Town Clerk

**FGP 15/558 RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors, C. Blades (work Commitment),  
 G. Hill (other commitment) J. Norton-Sealey (illness)

**FGP 15/559 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda other than  
 Cllr Barton as a member of the Clevedon Community Centre Management Committee  
 Cllr Francis-Pester as the Town Council representative on the Management Committee of  
 the Community Centre and a Member of the Pier Trust.

**FGP 15/560 RECEIVE REQUESTS FOR 3 YEARS SUPPORT GRANT; DISCUSS AND MAKE A**  
**DECISION FOR INCLUSION IN CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL BUDGETS FOR 2016/2017,**  
**2017/2018, 2018/2019.**

Hard copies of the application papers had been circulated to all Committee members with the agenda prior to the Christmas break. In response to a question it was explained that those recipients of the last 3 year agreement had received a letter inviting them to submit an application. Details of the offer had also appeared in the Town Council's newsletter, Face book page, Twitter account and on the Councils web site, as agreed in minute no 15/507.

**15/560.1 "The Barn" – Clevedon youth and community centre**

It was explained there were two separate grants. The £10,000 which is made by the Property Committee in respect of the building maintenance does not form part of this application. The application to be considered is to provide youth services in the town. Following a discussion on the work they do and the aspirations detailed in the application it was proposed, seconded and **AGREED**, by 7 votes to 0 to provide a 3 year deal of £23100 per year from 2016/17 to 2018/19 budgets.

**15/560.2 YMCA**

Members discussed the request by the YMCA and although appreciating the work they do much of which is in liaison with "the Barn" there were some concerns over their future business plans.

Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** that although minded to provide financial assistance at the same level as previous years of £10,000 per year for the 3 years members would like further assurances on the future model. The YMCA is requested to make a presentation at the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016 meeting before a final decision is made.

*Cllr D Shopland arrived during the above discussion*

**15/560.3 Clevedon Community Association**

Cllr Barton & Cllr Francis Pester having declared interests took no part in the discussion other than providing factual information when requested.

There was some concern expressed by the members at the future management of the site particularly in relation to budgetary cuts at North Somerset Council who have ownership of the land and buildings. It was agreed a meeting should be held with NSC during the coming year to discuss the long term future of the Community Centre.

Proposed, seconded and **AGREED**, by 7 votes to 0 to provide a 3 year deal of £2500 per year from 2016/17 to 2018/19 budgets.

#### **15/560.4 NSC Seafront & Events Team**

Members noted that this was part of NSC and that they had not as yet requested the 2015/2016 grants. There was some concern over the running of the events and the reduction of the number of family days in Clevedon to just one. Members discussed the payments to bands. Following a detailed discussion it was proposed, seconded, and **AGREED**, by 8 votes to 0 that no 3 year deal be awarded.

#### **15/560.5 Citizens Advice Bureau**

Members discussed in detail the application and noted the lack of any indication of the financial amount requested. The Town Clerk explained the legal differential between the awarding of the grant by the Town Council and the receiving of the rent by the Village Hall Trustees who are Clevedon Town Council.

Proposed, seconded and **AGREED**, by 7 votes to 1, to provide a 3 year agreement of £20,000 per year from 2016/17 to 2018/19 budgets in two parts - £7800 to cover the rent of the Village Hall and £12200 to assist towards the running of the Clevedon Office.

Members noted that due to the legalities the total amount would be paid to the CAB for them to pay the rent aspect.

#### **15/560.6 The Dunkirk Miracle – Mr M Loader**

Members discussed the 1 year request but noted that the Dunkirk anniversary had been 2 years previous. It was felt by members that this project was very limiting in the numbers to be included and perhaps if it was amalgamated in the “Dig for Victory” project it could reach more children. Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** by 7 votes to 0, Cllr Shopland abstained, that no grant is awarded.

#### **Clevedon Pier & Heritage Trust**

Cllr Francis-Pester took no part in the decision discussions. Members discussed the application and although minded to award a grant but with the delay in the building members felt that it would be more appropriate to make the grant in 2017/2018 year.

Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** by 7 votes to 0 to allocate a £5000 grant amount in the 2017/2018 budget proposals It was agreed to invite the Pier & Heritage Trust to the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 meeting to look at the future funding and aspirations of the Trust.

### **FGP 15/561 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

There were no Chairman’s items for information.

Meeting closed at 8.34 pm

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

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Subject to ratification by Council and Committee

29 January 2016