

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 44 OLD STREET, ON MONDAY 7TH JANUARY 2013
AT 7.30PM

Present: Councillor C Francis-Pester Committee Chairman
Councillor, B Garner, J Geldart, C. Hall, G. Hill, J Middleton, P McNeill, T.
Morgan, G Watkins, & C. Wring.
Town Clerk – Ms P. Heath,

FGP 13/319 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors C Blades, J. Norton Sealey, N Pennycott (NSC meeting) & D Shopland (Illness),

FGP 13/320 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Garner declared an Interest as a member of the YMCA management board; Cllr McNeill declared an interest as the Town Council representative for the Barn; Cllr Francis-Pester declared an interest as the Town Council representative for the Community Association.

The Chairman informed Members that Cllr. Little had resigned from the Committee. Members expressed their appreciation of all her hard work and dedication on behalf of the Committee.

FGP 13/321 RECEIVE THE 3 YEAR BUSINESS PLANS PROVIDED AND PRIORITISE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

The Chairman explained that the meeting was to discuss the 3 year plans that had been requested in line with the Motion by Cllr Shopland and agreed by Council under minute number 12/273. The organisations named in the motion had been contacted and the following plans submitted.

Following a detailed discussion on Central Government Policy and its effect on the precept requirements and future funding the members considered the following plans. It was **AGREED** that 3 year funding plan would assist the organisations to plan their future operations to the benefit of the service they provide to the people of Clevedon. It was noted that the Town Council could only fund on the bases of the requests received and can only suggest other options, not impose them. The Council would have the ability to increase the funding allocation in the future

13/321.1 CAB

Members discussed the current funding levels and the level of service provided. The members noted that the CAB Lease the Village Hall a building administered by

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Subject to ratification by Council and Committee

the Town Council as a Trustee, it is the Trust that receives the income but the Town Council which makes the grant.

Proposed by Cllr Hall, seconded by Cllr Watkins and **AGREED** by 6 votes to 3 that this Council provides a 3 year funding package of £20,000 per year for 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16.

An amendment by Cllr Morgan seconded by Cllr Geldart that the funding allocation should be £20,000 for 2013/14, £22500 for 2014/15, and £25,000 for 2015/16 was defeated by 4 votes to 3

13/321.2 The Rangers Service – Seafront Events

Proposed by Cllr Hill, seconded by Cllr Hall and **AGREED** by 10 votes to 0 to provide a 3 year funding plan of £3000 in 2013/2014, £2500 in 2014/15, £2500 in 2015/16.

13/321.3 Community Association

The Chairman gave a report as the Town Councils representative on the history of the building's ownership and lease problems also on the work being done by the Community Centre's Management Committee to obtain sponsorship of all work done to maintain and decorate the building.

Proposed by Cllr Hill, seconded by Cllr McNeill and **AGREED** by 8 votes to 0 that this Council provides a 3 year funding package of £3,000 per year for 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16.

13/321.4 YMCA

Cllr Garner as a member of the Management Board gave a brief report on the fundraising efforts by the YMCA.

Members discussed the work the YMCA undertake and noted that they work with the Barn Youth and Community Centre delivering complimentary services.

Proposed by Cllr Hall, seconded by Cllr McNeill and **AGREED** by 7 votes to 0 that that this Council provides a 3 year funding package of £10,000 per year for 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16.

13/321.5 The Barn – Youth Centre

The Town Clerk explained the figures given by the Barn, the £10,000 shown is the grant allocated to the upkeep and running costs of the Barn as the Council administrates the building as a Trustee. The funding previously received from NSC had been removed therefore the request as detailed in their presentation on 4th July meeting [12/274] was to run either 2 or 3 sessions a week. It was noted that there may be some question over the funding and support for all Children Services by NSC from 2014/2015.

Proposed by Cllr Garner, seconded by Cllr Hall and **AGREED** by 5 votes to 2 that this Council allocates 1 years funding for 2013/2014 at £18439, with funding for 2014/15 & 2015/16 included in the analysis of £23100 but subject to confirmation of the viability of the service in conjunction with NSC funding.

13/321.6 Curzon Cinema

Members noted that the 3 year plan asked for no funding in 2013/14 with a HLF grant request being made which the Town Council would be asked for an appropriate amount towards the matched funding requirement. It was **AGREED** that the RFO's figure of £25,000 for 2014/15 & 2015/16 be kept in the analysis and that the Council would look favourably on any application made for match funding contribution.

FGP 12/317 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were no Chairman's items for information
Members were reminded that the next FGP meeting will be on 21st January 2013 to go through the budget in detail to formulate the recommendation to the Precept Meeting on 23rd January 2013.

FGP 12/318 TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS.

It was confirmed that the Budget although a Part 1 would be discussed and agreed by the Precept Meeting, so would not be shown as Part 1 in these minutes.

The meeting finished at 9.05 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN Date