

# MACCLESFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 at 7.00pm at Macclesfield Town Hall.

In attendance: Cllr Chris Andrew  
Cllr Adam Schofield  
Cllr Aliff Harewood  
Cllr Beverley Dooley  
Cllr Liz Durham

Also in attendance was the Town Clerk, Pete Turner and, for parts of the meeting, Cora Glasser (Glasball Project), Diana Hamilton (MiM), Mike Rance (MiM) and Gareth White (MiM).

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr M Hardy  
Cllr G Jones

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Chris Andrew declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6.10 as a resident of jasmine Park and having previously been active in getting the facility to be open to the public. Cllr Andrew took no part in this element of the agenda discussions or the vote.

Cllr Aliff Harewood declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6.9 as she has previously been a supporter of the charity. Cllr Harewood took no part in this element of the agenda discussions or vote. Cllr Harewood also declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6.3 as she is a member of the applicant society.

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The meeting was adjourned to allow for public questions. There being no public present the chairman invited Cora Glasser to give a presentation on behalf of the Glassball Project.

Ms Glasser gave a detailed presentation on the proposals for Waters Green underpass and members took the opportunity to seek clarification on issues associated with the risk of vandalism and antisocial behaviour, sources of funding, the longevity of the project and the potential for positive outcomes.

Ms Glasser was thanked for her presentation and time and chose to leave the meeting.

The chairman reconvened the meeting.

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### **3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes are accepted as a true record of the meeting.

### **4. BUDGET 2016/17**

The 2016/17 approved budget was noted

### **5. MAKE IT MACCLESFIELD (MiM)**

This item was heard after Item 6.8, to enable all the members of MiM associated with the projects to be present.

Members discussed at length the proposals from MiM and took the opportunity to seek clarification from MiM on issues such as the connectivity of their projects with other activities and issues in Macclesfield, the sustainable nature of the funding, means of engagement and requested up to date accounts as soon as they become available.

**RESOLVED:**

- i. That this committee recommends to Full Council funding Make it Macclesfield through its projects, Enterprising Macclesfield, The Print Mill and Community Engagement.
- ii. That this committee recommends to Full Council the associated Service Level Agreements.

### **6. GRANT APPLICATIONS**

#### **6.1 Cre8 Macclesfield – building restoration £1,920**

Members discussed the application and highlighted the good work of Cre8 in Macclesfield, but also noted the high level of reserves the organisation displayed in its application.

**RESOLVED:**

That £1,200 funding is approved, recognising the valuable work of the organisation in the town, to meet the expected costs, as outlined in the application, of the external painting aspect of the refurbishment project.

#### **6.2 Canalside Radio – training studio improvements £3,500**

Members discussed the application at length identifying that the organisation was based in Bollington but served the wider Macclesfield area. Members expressed that funding for the project

should be in line with funding received from Bollington Town Council.

**RESOLVED:**

That £1,000 funding is approved for Phase One Training/Canalside Radio's studio refurbishment project.

**6.3 Senior Voice for Macclesfield – provision of meetings/events £500**

**RESOLVED:**

That a grant of £500 is approved

**6.4 Macclesfield & District Canoe Club (MaDCC) – facilities £500**

**RESOLVED:**

That a grant of £500 is approved

**6.5 Macclesfield Literary & Philosophical Soc. – Liability Insurance £131**

**RESOLVED:**

That a grant of £131 is approved

**6.6 Time Out Group (North West) – Inclusion Project £500**

**RESOLVED:**

That a grant of £500 is approved

**6.7 Glassball – public art installation – Arts project £3,250**

Having had the opportunity to discuss the application with Ms Glasser earlier, members briefly recapped the information that was available to them.

**RESOLVED:**

- i. That a decision is deferred until the proposed artwork is available to preview, after which this committee will reconsider the application at its earliest opportunity.
- ii. That any funding approved will take into consideration the level of funding committed by Arighi Bianchi

**6.8 Parkside Bowling Club – facilities £3,000**

**RESOLVED:** That this committee recommends to Full Council:

- i. That a grant of up to £3,000 is approved
- ii. That the grant is subject to receiving at least 3 detailed competitive quotes for all aspects of the associated work.
- iii. That quotes should be sought, wherever possible, from local service and product providers.

**6.9 Just Drop In – IT equipment £1,657.94**

**RESOLVED:**

That a grant of £1,657.94 is approved

#### **6.10 Macclesfield Junior Football Club – facilities £1,908.04**

##### **RESOLVED:**

That a grant of £1,908.04 is approved

#### **6.11 Hope North East Cheshire – Street Angels £420**

##### **RESOLVED:**

That a grant of £420 is approved

#### **6.12 Tytherington School – facilities £2,000**

Members discussed at length the issues associated with funding a school in the town and considered the implications.

##### **RESOLVED:**

- i. That the application is deferred to Full Council
- ii. That the Grant Policy is amended to reflect a cap on funding of education establishments in the town to a total of all applicants of up to £10,000 in one financial year

### **7. FUNDING OF “AT RISK SERVICES”**

The funding agreed at the meeting of Full Council on 9/2/16 was noted.

### **8. STOCK EQUIPMENT**

#### **8.1 PA**

##### **RESOLVED:**

That a budget of up to £2,000 is set for the provision of portable PA equipment to service council meetings, public meetings, community engagement and other appropriate purposes, to be drawn from the contingency budget. The Town Clerk to return to this committee to detail the associated purchases.

#### **8.2 Member Suggestions**

##### **RESOLVED:**

That a budget of up to £1,500 is set for the provision of a Macclesfield Town Council gazebo, associated branding and ancillary items to support the council's commitment to community engagement. Cllr Schofield to return to this committee to detail the associated purchases.

## **9. TOWN COUNCIL PROJECT FUNDING**

### **9.1 90 Trees for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

#### **RESOLVED:**

- i. That a budget of £1,800 is set and the funding for this project is drawn from the 2016/17 Projects budget
- ii. That Councillors Jones and Schofield return to this committee to detail the progress of this project.

### **9.2 The Brick Project**

#### **RESOLVED:**

- i. That a budget of £1,827.76 is set and the funding for this project is drawn from the 2016/17 Projects budget
- ii. That Cllr Puttick is asked to report on the progress of this project at the next meeting of this committee.

## **10. SPEND TO DATE**

The spend to date financial information was noted.

## **11. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting of the Finance Committee is 7pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016.

Meeting closed at 8.59pm

Chairman	Cllr Chris Andrew
Clerk	Pete Turner