

MACCLESFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of Full Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2016 at 7.00pm at Macclesfield Town Hall.

In attendance: Cllr Aliff Harewood
Cllr Beverley Dooley
Cllr Chris Andrew
Cllr Gareth Jones
Cllr Adam Scofield
Cllr Ainsley Arnold
Cllr Philip Bolton

Also in attendance was the Town Clerk, Pete Turner and the Civic Officer, Harriett Worrell.

The Mayor's Chaplain, Revd Helen Byrne opened the meeting in prayer.

The Mayor addressed the meeting informing the council that she and the Deputy Mayor had attended 57 engagements to date including the Cheshire east Civic Awards in Crewe, which showcased the engagement of a large number of young people and their contributions to the community. The Mayor also reminded the meeting of the upcoming Civic events, with the Civic Service at the Methodist Chapel on Sunday 18/9/16 and the Charity Dinner on 2/11/16.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Liz Durham
Cllr Janet Jackson
Cllr Martin Hardy
Cllr Neil Puttick

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

The meeting was adjourned for comments and questions from the public.

The Town Clerk presented concerns on behalf of Liz Braithwaite (resident of Macclesfield) relating to dog fouling and its impact on residents and

visitors. Ms Braithwaite sought that the council considers how it might be able to improve the situation.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL AGM 11TH JULY 2016

RESOLVED: That the minutes are accepted as a true record of the meeting

4. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

4.1 Minutes of the Planning Committee 15/07/16

4.2 Minutes of the Planning Committee 28/07/16

The minutes were noted by the council

5. DISABILITY INFORMATION BUREAU (DIB)

Members discussed the application and submission documents at length. Concern was expressed by a number of members that sustainability of the project may not be demonstrated by the council supporting the direct staffing costs.

RESOLVED:

- i. That a grant is awarded for the projected costs of the project (as detailed in the application) excluding the staffing costs - £2,506.71.
- ii. That the grant is subject to confirmation of the remaining project funding - £8,164.
- iii. That the grant is subject to standard grant terms and conditions to be drafted by the Town Clerk and approved by the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

6. MACCLESFIELD MUSEUMS GRANT

RESOLVED: That the retention by Macclesfield Museums of the previously awarded Town Council grant to act as ring-fenced match funding for the History Makers' funding application (as detailed in the submitted documentation) is approved.

7. MACC ACTIVITY CENTRE

Mr Andy Brooks of Mac Multi Activity Centre provided an overview of the funding request and the facilities and works of the centre.

Mr Brooks answered questions to clarify aspects of the submitted financial information, accessibility to the centre by older residents, financial accessibility, seasonal business patterns, VAT and premises.

Members discussed the application in detail, with support for the project and the work being carried out expressed by a number of members.

A proposal to grant £5,000 (below the £15,000 requested) was not seconded and therefore did not progress.

RESOLVED:

- i. That a grant of £15,000 is awarded for the climbing wall project as detailed in the submitted documentation.
- ii. That the grant is subject to confirmation of the remaining project funding - £8,000.
- iii. That the grant is subject to grant terms and conditions to be drafted by the Town Clerk and approved by the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

8. BARNABY 2016/17

Members sought that accounts for the current financial year are made available as soon as possible and that consideration be given to funding retentions to ensure proper site cleansing following future events. Members also sought clarification as to how much additional funding the Barnaby Festival had received at short notice for the 2016 event from Macclesfield Town Council – Town Clerk to circulate this information.

It was also requested that the festival organisers arrange to clean the remaining paint still visible in the public realm.

RESOLVED: That the approved budget funding for 2016/17 is authorised to be released to the festival organisers

9. ST GEORGE'S DAY

Deferred

10. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Cllr Dooley gave a detailed overview of the plans for the Christmas Lights provision and switch on event and sought direction from the council with regard to the provision of a local celebrity to switch on the lights – members agreed that this was not a priority and celebrities should not be paid to attend, but welcomed them taking part on a voluntary basis as a community member.

Members were also asked to consider the provision of fireworks, the cost of which had increased since last year.

RESOLVED: That fireworks should be included in the event with a maximum budget of £2,000 delegated to Cllr Dooley, the Town Clerk and the Civic Officer to source and commission.

11. POLICY

11.1 Grants – churches

RESOLVED: That the Community Grants Scheme Policy is amended as recommended by the Finance Committee (as shown in the supporting documentation).

11.2 Employee Handbook

RESOLVED: That the Employee handbook is amended as recommended by the Personnel Committee (as shown in the supporting information).

11.3 Financial Risk Assessment

RESOLVED: That the Financial Risk Assessment is approved.

12. SPEND TO DATE

RESOLVED: That the spend to date is authorised.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

None

14. MEMBER ITEMS

None

CLOSED SESSION

Due to the confidential nature of business, public and press will be excluded from the meetings under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

15. MINUTES OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

15.1 Minutes of the Personnel Committee 03/05/16

15.2 Draft Minutes of the Personnel Committee 29/07/16

The minutes were noted

16. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting of Macclesfield Town Council is 7pm, 28th November 2016, at Macclesfield Town Hall.