

# MACCLESFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 at 7.00pm at Macclesfield Town Hall.

In attendance: Cllr Alift Harewood  
Cllr Beverley Dooley  
Cllr Gareth Jones  
Cllr Adam Schofield

Also in attendance was Cllr Ainsley Arnold and the Town Clerk, Pete Turner

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

Cllr Chris Andrew  
Cllr Liz Durham  
Cllr Martin Hardy

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

Cllr Beverley Dooley declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 8.5.  
Cllr Gareth Jones declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 8.6, having received direct communication from the applicant.

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The meeting was adjourned to hear from Cora Glasser of Glassball, who gave a presentation relating to a regeneration public arts project at Waters Green underpass. Members sought clarification with regard to other sources of funding and the project's expectation with regard to additional funding not yet secured from other sources.

It was expressed that there was an expectation that Glassball would provide proposals for the final installations for the committee to review, but that these were not available as yet.

Ms Glasser was thanked for providing a detailed presentation and answering the committee's questions.

### **3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2016**

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

#### **4. 2015/16 AUDIT RETURN & END OF YEAR**

##### **4.1 Macclesfield Town Council**

The audit submission was noted

##### **4.2 Macclesfield Charter Trustees**

It was explained that following the creation of Macclesfield Town Council, the assets and liabilities of the Macclesfield Charter Trustees were transferred to the town council. This includes the responsibility to submit the charter trustees' final audit.

Members were informed that the Town Clerk has contacted the external auditors as the available supporting documentation is not substantial. Members shared their concerns that they may have expected additional supporting documentation. The audit submission was noted

#### **5. 2015/16 VAT RETURN**

The VAT return was noted

#### **6. INSURANCE 2016/17**

**RESOLVED:** That the insurance was confirmed as per the circulated schedule from Zurich.

#### **7. WEB MAINTENANCE**

The Town Clerk was asked to enquire if there would be an upfront discount if the full year subscription is paid.

**RESOLVED:** That web support is engaged as per the provided schedule.

#### **8. GRANT APPLICATIONS**

##### **8.1 Macclesfield Youth Brass Band – Band uniform £462**

Members sought that the applicant confirmed that they would be willing to perform at the Christmas Lights Switch on event in November, as they had in 2015.

**RESOLVED:** That the grant is approved.

##### **8.2 South Park Allotments – Site clearance £2,000**

Members sought that the applicant provides before and after pictures of the work they undertake.

**RESOLVED:** That the grant is approved.

##### **8.3 St Barnabas Church – Social inclusion £480**

Members expressed that they felt the application did not display any innovation, being that other churches provide the same service; members also expressed that the available reserves were quite high for this application and that the costs were per session seemed high.

**RESOLVED:** That the application is declined.

#### **8.4 Macclesfield RSPB Wildlife Explorers - Conservation £250**

**RESOLVED:** That the grant is approved

#### **8.5 Reach Out & Recover – outreach £10,000**

Members discussed the application at length and expressed clear support for the work of the applicant. However it was considered that the application was above the normal financial remit of the grants system and awarding a grant of this level would restrict the capacity of the community grants scheme as the year progresses. Members expressed that, for the level of funding sought, more detail was required and consideration by Full Council to identify if funding should be awarded and how it could be budgeted. It was suggested that the applicant might consider submitting a detailed proposal for funding to the town council.

**RESOLVED:** That the application is declined

#### **8.6 Glassball – public art installation – Arts project £5,000**

Members discussed the application at length and recognised the value of the regeneration work in Macclesfield being led by Cheshire East Council. Members identified that the application was above the remit of the grants scheme.

**RESOLVED:** A grant of £2,000 is awarded

### **9. EVENT SUPPORT**

The Town Clerk identified that the Barnaby Festival was a key event in the life of Macclesfield and that to further support the event (Macclesfield Town Council having awarded £10,000 to the festival in 2015/16 and budgeted for future support in coming years) and add value the committee is being asked to fund decoration of the Town centre for the festival, waste services and traffic management associated with the parade.

#### **9.1 Town Centre “Washing Line” Bunting**

**RESOLVED:** That a budget of £800 is available for the decoration of the Town Centre

#### **9.2 Traffic management**

**RESOLVED:** That a budget of £1,800 is available for traffic management

#### **9.3 Waste collection**

**RESOLVED:** That a budget of £600 is available for waste collection

### **10. SPEND TO DATE**

The reports were noted

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

The date of the next meeting of the Finance Committee is 7pm, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.54pm

Chairman  
Clerk

Cllr Adam Schofield  
Pete Turner