

MACCLESFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24th November 2015 at 7.00pm at Macclesfield Town Hall.

In attendance: Cllr Chris Andrew
Cllr Alift Harewood
Cllr Gareth Jones
Cllr Adam Schofield
Cllr Beverley Dooley
Cllr Liz Durham

Also in attendance was Cllr Janet Jackson, Mr Tim Shercliff (make it Macclesfield), Mr Gareth White (Make it Macclesfield), Mike Rance (Make it Macclesfield) and the Town Clerk, Pete Turner.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Martin Hardy
(Cllr Ainsley Arnold – in relation to Item 7)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests in relation to any item on the agenda.

None

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to invite members of the public to address the committee with any comments or questions they may have.

There were none.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON 27TH OCTOBER 2015

Resolved: That the minutes are approved as a true record of the meeting.

4. MAKE IT MACCLESFIELD

Directors of Make it Macclesfield gave a presentation to the committee with regard to the work carried out by the group and the projects the group will deliver.

Members were given an overview of the current projects and objectives and a draft budget for make it Macclesfield.

Members thanked Make it Macclesfield for the information and their time.

5. GRANT APPLICATIONS

5.1 Food 4 Macc – Event – Potato Day & Seed Sale

Resolved: That the grant is approved such that the room hire for the event at Macclesfield Town Hall is funded to a maximum of £500.

5.2 East Cheshire Area Meeting of the Religious Society of friends – Event - War and Conscience: Choices then and now”

Members discussed the application at length and, although supportive of the principle, expressed concern at some of the delivery methods.

Resolved: That a grant be approved for £265 for the hire of the library as detailed in the completed application form.

5.3 Friends of Victoria Park – Event – Carols in the Park

Resolved: That the grant is approved to the value of £500

6. CURRENT SPEND BREAKDOWN

Resolved: That the circulated financial information and spend reports are noted.

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.

7. BUDGET SETTING DISCUSSION (OPEN TO FULL COUNCIL)

Members considered the proposed budget under closed session as items under discussion included aspects relating to personnel and commercial sensitivity.

Resolved: That the budget as amended at this meeting is recommended to Full Council for approval and adoption at its next meeting.

8. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting of the Finance Committee is 7pm, 5th January 2016.

Meeting Closed at 9.15pm

Chair – Cllr Chris Andrew

Clerk – Pete Turner