

MACCLESFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2016 at 7.00pm at **Macclesfield Library**.

In attendance: Cllr Chris Andrew
Cllr Gareth Jones
Cllr Adam Schofield
Cllr Alift Harewood
Cllr Martin Hardy
Cllr Beverley Dooley

Also in attendance was the Town Clerk, Pete Turner.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Liz Durham

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Gareth Jones declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 4.7 as a match day volunteer for Macclesfield Town Football Club

Cllr Beverley Dooley declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 4.5, having knowledge of the applicant and being involved in an associated project through ROAR.

Cllr Hardy declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 4.2 as Chairman of an associated voluntary group

Cllr Hardy declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 4.7 as a match day employee of Macclesfield Town Football Club.

Cllr Harewood declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 4.6 as Chair of Macclesfield Alms Houses (voluntary), who have a service contract with the applicant.

There were no members of the public present, so the meeting was not adjourned for public comments and questions.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON 3RD MAY 2016

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

4. GRANT APPLICATIONS

4.1 Friends for Leisure – Children’s activities £500

RESOLVED: That a grant of £500 is approved for the submitted application, subject to standard conditions

4.2 Upton Priory Church Council – Building works £2,000

The application was discussed at length, with members identifying that the refurbishment works were extensive and provided for a community hub and additional community access. Members also identified the need to consider a limit on the level of grants awarded to faith organisations in the town to ensure a managed distribution of the community grants scheme.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £2,000 is approved for the submitted application, subject to standard conditions

RESOLVED: That this committee recommends to Full Council that the Community Grants Scheme policy is amended to reflect a limit on annual grant awards to primarily faith-based groups of £10,000.

4.3 St Michael & All Angels’ Church – Lighting £2,000

Members identified the importance of the applicant as the parish church and centre for the community and also recognised the value of the project for which a grant was being sought.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £2,000 is approved for the submitted application, subject to standard conditions

4.4 Circus Starr – Circus event £500

Members expressed concerns relating to the perceived corporate strategy of the application, with members aware of the funding model applied to this project.

RESOLVED: That the application is declined.

4.5 Cheshire Streetwise – Training and equipment £4579.46

Members discussed the application at length and identified the value of such a service, but also that it was already available in the area. It was also expressed that the cost of the training was considered as prohibitively expensive.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £329.46 is approved for the equipment purchase element of the submitted application, subject to standard conditions

4.6 Cre8 Macclesfield – Lunch Club £500

Members discussed the application at length, identifying that the applicant has significant reserves; that the application did not demonstrate any level of innovation; and that a recent very similar application was declined.

Members did identify that the applicant has a very positive impact on the area of Macclesfield it serves as well as broader benefits to the community.

RESOLVED: That the application is declined.

4.7 Macclesfield Town Football Club – heating system £2,000

Members discussed the application at length, identifying that the lack of meaningful heating meant that the applicant was not able to effectively hire out the facility to the community during cold weather.

Members commented that the applicant was a business and that should heating be needed to improve income the application might better be suited to business finance as the application indicates that the proposed improvements will increase the income for the applicant.

RESOLVED: That the application is declined.

4.8 Macclesfield Boys Boxing Club – Sports equipment £2,000

Members discussed their support for the club, identifying its broad benefits to the community and hard to reach individuals.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £2,000 is approved for the submitted application, subject to standard conditions

5. GRANT FEEBACK

5.1 Macclesfield Civic Society - £200

The feedback was noted and welcomed.

5.2 Senior Voice for Macclesfield - £500

The feedback was noted and welcomed.

6. SPEND UPDATE

6.1 Community Engagement & Events Officer

The additional cost implications were noted.

6.2 Brick Project 2

The additional cost implications were noted.

7. BUDGET SETTING 2017/18

RESOLVED: To approve the budget setting schedule as submitted.

8. SPEND TO DATE

The financial reports were noted for approval by Full Council 11/7/16

9. MEMBER ITEMS

None

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None

11. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 8.06pm

Chairman Cllr Chris Andrew

Clerk Pete Turner