

# MACCLESFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.00pm at **Macclesfield Library**.

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

Also in attendance was the Town Clerk

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

Cllr Liz Durham

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

Cllr Harewood declared an interest in item 4.4 as the vice chair of Senior Voices.

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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

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### **3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017**

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

## **4. GRANT APPLICATIONS**

### **4.1 Cardiac Support Group – Project Promotion - £500**

**RESOLVED:** That a grant of £500 is awarded

### **4.2 Project INC – Equipment costs - £1,100**

Members discussed the application at length identifying that the grant was not match funded, that sustainability of the project has not been demonstrated, but welcomed the project concept and expressed interest in receiving a grant application in the future that can demonstrate greater sustainability as well as appropriate match funding.

**RESOLVED:** That the application is declined

### **4.3 Changing Lanes – Revenue costs - £1,441.36**

Members identified that the services offered by the applicant appeared to reflect those available from other third sector agencies in Macclesfield and sought that the applicant clearly identify how it could work in partnership with established agencies in the town (e.g. ROAR, CAB). It was clarified that to fund multiple agencies offering parallel and sometimes identical services was not sustainable.

**RESOLVED:** That the application is declined

### **4.4 Age UK Cheshire East – Men in Sheds - £1,750**

Members discussed at length the application, recognising the clear value of the project, identifying that the applicant was Cheshire-wide, but the project was specifically focussed in Macclesfield. It was clarified that although the applicant has significant reserves, these were not disproportionate to their overall budget. Members identified the level of match funding was high and also discussed the option to provide a lower level of grant support (£1,000).

**RESOLVED:** That a grant of £1,750 is awarded

### **4.5 Silkfest – Promotion - £250**

**RESOLVED:** That a grant of £250 is awarded

### **4.6 Weston Community Choir – Community Choir - £1,850**

Members identified that the cost of premises was unusual as the applicant owned the building and it was not expected that they would charge their choir to use their building. Members also expressed concern that the project has not demonstrated any degree of demand or sustainability. However the committee did recognise the perceived value of the proposed project.

**RESOLVED:** That a grant of £750 is awarded

## **5. SPEND TO DATE**

The circulated financial reports were noted

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **6.1 Silk Heritage Museums**

Members expressed clear support for the work of the Silk Heritage Trust and their attempts to gain funding.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- i. That this committee recommends to Full Council that the grant is retained by the applicant
- ii. That the funding is no longer restricted, except that the applicant must submit a proposal for the grant's planned use for approval by Macclesfield Town Council prior to accessing the funding
- iii. That the approval of the proposed use of the grant is delegated to the Finance Committee

## **7. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

**RESOLVED:** That this committee recommends to Full Council that the amended Financial Regulations are adopted.

## **8. INTERIM AUDIT REPORT**

The interim audit was noted.

## **9. BUDGET 2017/18**

The budget for 2017/18 was noted

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

The date of the next meeting of the Finance Committee is 7pm, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at **Macclesfield Library**.

Meeting closed at 7.51pm

Chair      Cllr Chris Andrew  
Clerk      Pete Turner

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