

MACCLESFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th January 2016 at 7.00pm at Macclesfield Town Hall.

In attendance: Cllr Chris Andrew
Cllr Adam Scofield
Cllr Beverley Dooley
Cllr Alift Harewood
Cllr Liz Durham
Cllr Gareth Jones
Cllr Martin Hardy

Also in attendance was the Town Clerk, Pete Turner.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Alift Harewood declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 4.4, as chair of that group. Cllr Harewood took no part in the debate or decision associated with that grant application.

There being no members of the public present the meeting was not adjourned for questions and comments from the public.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON 24TH NOVEMBER 2015

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

4. GRANT APPLICATIONS

4.1 Brookfield Lane Allotments Association – equipment purchase

Members discussed the application and highlighted their concerns relating to security and appropriate insurance.

Resolved: That the grant is awarded to the requested value of £450 subject to confirmation from Brookfield Lane Allotment Association of the security arrangements for the new equipment and proof of adequate insurance.

4.2 Cheshire Streetwise Community Interest – decorating premises

Members, whilst considering the application, noted the lack of additional funding and sought to encourage sourcing match funding and greater resourcefulness, which might support the project's future sustainability.

Resolved: That a grant of £242.50 (50% of the grant applied for) is approved.

4.3 Macclesfield Civic Society – Civic Society Awards

Members expressed their support for the Civic Society and welcomed their work in support of the heritage of Macclesfield.

Resolved: That a grant of £200 is awarded and that the Civic Society is invited to discuss how they might work in partnership with the Town Council in the future.

4.4 Macclesfield Pioneering Women – event

Members supported past events which they had attended and welcomed the application, highlighting the year-round hard work being carried out to promote the achievements of women in Macclesfield and the success of the group in securing significant match funding. Members suggested that the applicants might invite Macclesfield Councillors to the event.

Resolved: That a grant of £600 is approved.

4.5 Serenity Crafts – market unit

The Town Clerk clarified that the applicant had been contacted to seek further information but had to date received no response.

Resolved:

- i. That a grant is not approved
- ii. That the group is referred to Make it Macclesfield's Enterprising Macclesfield project for support in developing their project and the associated detail and documentation prior to returning to Macclesfield Town Council with a new grant application.

4.6 Glassball – public art installation

Members discussed in detail the application and available information. Concerns were expressed with regard to the temporary nature of the proposal and members were concerned that value for money may not be demonstrated.

Resolved: That a grant is not approved

5. BUDGET SETTING 2016/17

Members discussed in detail the proposed budget, as developed through the budget-setting process.

Resolved: That the draft budget, as circulated, will be recommended to Full Council at its next meeting on 12th January 2016 for approval.

6. SPEND TO DATE

Resolved: that the financial and spend to date reports are noted.

7. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting of the Finance Committee is 7pm, 1st March 2016.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman – Cllr Chris Andrew

Clerk – Pete Turner