

COWES TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing Committee Meeting held in the Town Council Office, Northwood House, Cowes on Tuesday 20 August 2019 at 6.15pm.

Present: Councillors Peacey Wilcox (Chairman), Bertie, Jones, Oliver, Taylor & Wardrop.

In attendance: Debbie Faulkner, Town Clerk.

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Peacey Wilcox was elected Chairman for the meeting.

419 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ellis & Fuller.

420 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Jones declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 422 (iii) as he has a grandchild at Lanesend Primary School.

421 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing Committee meeting held on 23 July 2019 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

422 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT

The Town Clerk advised that £19,050 remained in the budget for 'Grants'. The Town Council has been asked to consider the following applications for grant:

- i. Cowes Cricket Club – Mobile cricket nets - £1,400
- ii. Cowes Medina Bowling Club – Clubhouse refurbishment works and new mower - £2,000
- iii. Lanesend Primary School – Sensory Garden - £1,000
- iv. BPRC Event Management Ltd – Funding support for the 59th Annual Cowes-Torquay-Cowes International Powerboat Race - £2,000

After a full discussion about each of the applications it was:

RECOMMENDED

- 1. That a grant be made to Cowes Cricket Club in the sum of £1,400**
- 2. That a grant be made to Cowes Medina Bowling Club in the sum of £2,000**
- 3. That a grant be made to Lanesend Primary School in the sum of £1,000 along with a request for Councillors to be invited to the official opening of the sensory garden.**
- 4. That a grant be made to BPRC Event Management Ltd in the sum of £1,000 with a request that the organisers of the event work with local schools for the 60th Annual Powerboat Race and look at ways to offset their carbon footprint.**

423 TOWN CLERK'S MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS (SLCC)

The Town Clerk reported that her membership of the SLCC is due for renewal on 1 September 2019 for the sum of £156. Councillors discussed the benefits to the Town Council of the Clerk being a member of the SLCC. It was:

RECOMMENDED

That Cowes Town Council renews the SLCC membership of the Town Clerk in the sum of £156.

424 STAFFING

There were no other staffing matters raised by Councillors or Clerks.

425 HEALTH AND SAFETY

There were no health and safety matters raised by Councillors or Clerks.

426 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items raised for inclusion on future agendas.

The proceedings terminated at 6.50pm.

CHAIRMAN