

COWES TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing Committee Meeting held in the Town Council Office, Northwood House, Cowes on Tuesday 28 August 2018 at 6.15pm.

Present: Councillors Glendinning (Chairman), J. Bartrum, Jones, Oliver (6.16pm), Peacey-Wilcox.

In attendance: Councillors Taylor & Wardrop (non-voting); Debbie Faulkner, Town Clerk; two members of the public.

304 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bustin.

305 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Glendinning declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 307 (i) as she attends tennis coaching sessions at Northwood Park on Friday mornings.

Councillor Jones declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 307 (ii) as the Chairman of Governors at Cowes Primary School is his daughter's partner.

Councillor Taylor declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 307 (ii) as he is a Governor of Cowes Primary School.

306 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing Committee meeting held on 24 July 2018 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

307 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT

The Town Clerk reported that, subject to Full Council approval of the TeamSpy Race Team grant in the sum of £1,000, £11,030 remained in the budget for 'Grants, Events & Good Causes'. The Town Council has been asked to consider the following applications for grant:

(i) Northwood House Charitable Trust Co. Ltd – Tennis in the Park Project - £5,000

(ii) Cowes Primary School – Defibrillator & Shed - £2,146

After a full discussion about each application it was:

RECOMMENDED

1. That a grant be made to Northwood House Charitable Trust Co. Ltd in the sum of £2,786.

2. That a grant be made to Cowes Primary School in the sum of £750 towards the cost of a defibrillator.

ACTIONS

1. Councillors J. Bartrum and Taylor will approach 'Men in Sheds' to ask whether they would be able to provide the materials and build a shed for Cowes Primary School.

2. The Town Clerk will contact Cowes Primary School to ascertain whether they are able to reclaim VAT on any purchases made.

3. The Town Clerk will add Cowes Primary School's request for grant funding for a shed to be added to the agenda for the next Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing Committee meeting on Tuesday 25 September 2018.

Councillor Jones left the meeting at 7.08pm.

308 S106 MONIES AVAILABLE TO COWES TOWN COUNCIL

The Town Clerk wrote to the IW Council to ascertain what S106 monies are available to Cowes Town Council. The IW Council advised that other than the monies committed to The Cut project (£62,338) there are no S106 funds available to Cowes Town Council. It was agreed:

ACTIONS

1. The Town Clerk will write to the IW Council to enquire whether there are any developer reviews, clawbacks, conditions or similar which may affect S106 funds held by the IW Council for The Cut project.
2. The Town Clerk will ask for a copy of the S106 details which IW Council Leader Councillor Dave Stewart promised to send to all Town and Parish Council's at their joint seminar on 25 June 2018.
3. The Town Clerk will ask the IW Council for confirmation of the total unspent balance in respect of S106 contributions and for guidance as to whether Cowes Town Council can bid for monies in respect of other projects in the Town.

Councillors Peacey-Wilcox, Taylor & Wardrop left the meeting at 7.25pm.

309 TOWN CLERK'S MEMBERSHIP OF SLCC

The Town Clerk reported that her membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) is due for renewal on 1 September 2018 in the sum of £147. 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 £147.

310 ISLE OF WIGHT PENSION FUND – ILL HEALTH LIABILITY INSURANCE

Councillors considered whether to take out an insurance policy with Legal & General to help mitigate costs of an employee retiring early due to ill health as this results in an increase in the pension liability for the employer. It was agreed:

ACTION

The Town Clerk will obtain a quotation for an Ill Health Liability Insurance Policy from Legal & General requesting their terms and conditions and details of any exclusions to the policy.

311 STAFFING

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

312 HEALTH AND SAFETY

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

313 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items raised for inclusion on future agendas.

The proceedings terminated at 7.45pm

CHAIRMAN