

COWES TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing Committee Meeting held in the Town Council Office, Northwood House, Cowes on Tuesday 3 December 2019 at 6.15pm.

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

In attendance: Debbie Faulkner, Town Clerk.

460 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Fuller & Wardrop.

461 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Peacey Wilcox declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 464 as she is a former member of the Isle of Wight Armed Forces Day Committee.

462 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing Committee meeting held on 19 November 2019 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

463 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PROJECTS COMMITTEE

1. The Projects Committee recommend approval of Island Roads' cost of the enhancement project at The Cut, including maintenance, to the end of the PFI contract, of £62,975.77, subject to the Isle of Wight Council releasing S.106 monies of £62,338.00, with the balance of £637.77 to be met from monies held by Cowes Town Council.
2. The Projects Committee recommend approval of a contingency sum of £2,000.00 for The Cut project, to be met from monies held by Cowes Town Council for The Cut project.
3. The Projects Committee recommend approving the cost of up to £2,000.00 for the creation of a Place Plan for the Cowes area, with the cost to be met from the 'Discretionary Services Contingency' budget for 2020-2021. It was:

RECOMMENDED

- 1. That Cowes Town Council approves Island Roads' cost of the enhancement project at The Cut, including maintenance, to the end of the PFI contract, of £62,975.77, subject to the Isle of Wight Council releasing S.106 monies of £62,338.00, with the balance of £637.77 to be met from monies held by Cowes Town Council.**
- 2. That Cowes Town Council approves a contingency sum of £2,000.00 for The Cut project, to be met from monies held by Cowes Town Council for The Cut project.**
- 3. That Cowes Town Council approves the cost of up to £4,000.00 for the creation of a Place Plan for the Cowes area, with the cost to be met from the 'Discretionary Services Contingency' budget for 2020-2021.**

464 APPLICATION FOR GRANT

The Town Clerk reported that, subject to a pending recommendation for a grant of £100 being resolved, £11,050 remained in the budget for 'Grants'. The Town Council has been asked to consider the following application for grant:

- Isle of Wight Armed Forces Day Committee 2020 – Whole day event 20/6/20
– Amount at the discretion of the Town Council

After a full discussion it was:

RECOMMENDED

That a grant be made to the Isle of Wight Armed Forces Day Committee 2020 in the sum of £350.00

465 STAFFING

There were no staffing matters raised by Councillors or Clerks.

466 HEALTH AND SAFETY

Councillors asked whether the Clerks are warm enough in the office during this period of cold weather. The Town Clerk advised that once the heating is boosted the office warms up fairly quickly.

467 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items raised for inclusion on future agendas.

The proceedings terminated at 6.36pm.

CHAIRMAN