

COWES TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing Committee Meeting held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday 23 February 2021 at 6.15pm.

Present: Councillors Ellis (Chairman), Bustin (6.25pm) Peacey Wilcox & Taylor.

In attendance: Debbie Faulkner, Town Clerk.

553 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

554 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

555 MINUTES RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing Committee meeting held on 26 January 2021 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and the Chairman be authorised to sign the Minutes.

556 APPLICATION FOR GRANT

The Town Clerk reported that £6,750 remains in the budget for 'Grants'. Councillors discussed whether to ear mark these remaining funds for possible use in the 2021 / 2022 budget. Any remaining balance will go into the Town Council's reserves. It was: **RECOMMENDED**

That the sum of £4,750 be ear marked, at the financial year end on 31 March 2021, from the 'Grants' budget heading in case the Town Council receive a large amount of grant applications after the Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted.

The Town Council have been asked to consider the following Application for Grant:

- Full Turn Circus – Hire of rehearsal space for digital promenade show - £775

After a full discussion it was agreed:

ACTIONS

1. The Town Clerk will ask Full Turn Circus to advise where they are proposing to rehearse for their show and whether they have received any funding from Arts Council England or any other funding streams.
2. The Town Clerk will ask Northwood House Charitable Trust Co. Ltd whether they have been approached / sought permission for this digital promenade show in Northwood Park's grounds.
3. The Town Clerk will invite a representative from Full Turn Circus to make a short presentation to the Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing Committee meeting when responses to the above questions have been received.

557 STAFFING MATTERS

There were no staffing matters raised by Councillors or Clerks.

558 HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Clerks continue to monitor Government advice in relation to home working during the Covid-19 restrictions.

559 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items raised for inclusion on future agendas.

The proceedings terminated at 6.40pm.

CHAIRMAN