

COWES TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance: Thorne Bailey, Full Turn Circus Grant Applicant; Debbie Faulkner, Town Clerk.

560 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Taylor.

561 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Oliver declared a pecuniary interest in Minute No. 563 as the applicant is Councillor Oliver's son.

562 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing Committee meeting held on 23 February 2021 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and the Chairman be authorised to sign the Minutes.

Councillor Oliver left the meeting for the next item.

563 APPLICATION FOR GRANT

The Town Clerk reported that there is £20,000 in the budget for 'Grants' for the financial year 2021 / 2022.

The Town Council are reconsidering the following Application for Grant which raised a number of questions when discussed at the meeting on 23 February 2021.

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

After a full discussion with the applicant it was:

RECOMMENDED

That a grant be made to Full Turn Circus in the sum of £775.

564 APPLICATION FOR GRANT

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

- Cowes Open Bowls Tournament – Tournament Costs - £400

After a full discussion it was:

RECOMMENDED

That a grant be made to the Cowes Open Bowls Tournament in the sum of £400.

565 BUNTING IN COWES HIGH STREET

Councillors have been asked to consider paying for the installation, maintenance and subsequent removal of bunting in Cowes High Street, from May to September 2021, for the sum of £1,080 with the cost to be met from the 'Civic – Xmas trees / Festive Lights / Bunting' budget heading. It was:

RECOMMENDED

That Cowes Town Council approves the installation, maintenance and subsequent removal of bunting in Cowes High Street from May to September 2021 in the sum of £1,080.

566 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PROJECTS COMMITTEE

The Projects Committee recommend the following:

1. Removal and disposal of 6 light motifs on Birmingham Road for the sum of £438.90.
2. To suspend Financial Regulation 10.3 to allow consideration of only two quotations for maintenance works on the Playbuilder equipment at Northwood Recreation Ground.
3. To install shredded rubber mulch under the basket swing and cone climber Playbuilder equipment at Northwood Recreation Ground for the sum of £3,500.

It was:

RECOMMENDED

- 1. That Cowes Town Council approves the removal and disposal of 6 light motifs on Birmingham Road for the sum of £438.90 with the cost to be met from the 'Street Furniture Maintenance' budget heading.**
- 2. That Cowes Town Council suspends Financial Regulation 10.3 to allow consideration of only two quotations for maintenance works on the Playbuilder equipment at Northwood Recreation Ground.**
- 3. That Cowes Town Council approves the installation of shredded rubber mulch under the basket swing and cone climber Playbuilder equipment at Northwood Recreation Ground by Contractor B for the approximate sum of £3,500 with the cost to be met from the 'Northwood Rec – Skatepark / MUGA / Outdoor Gym Maintenance' budget heading.**

567 STAFFING MATTERS

Councillors raised the future use of meetings via Zoom. The Town Clerk advised that while large groups are not allowed to meet indoors the use of Zoom meetings will continue. This method of meeting has proven to work well for Cowes Town Council.

568 HEALTH AND SAFETY

No health and safety matters were raised by Councillors or Clerks.

569 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items raised for inclusion on future agendas.

The proceedings terminated at 6.57pm.

CHAIRMAN