

COWES TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing Committee Meeting held in The Community Hall, Northwood House, Cowes on Tuesday 22 June 2021 at 6.15pm.

Present: Councillors Bertie (Chair), Ellis, Jones, Nicholson, Peacey Wilcox & Walters.

In attendance: Debbie Faulkner, Town Clerk; representative from Moorgreen Road Allotment Society.

577 ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN

Councillor Rafferty put his name forward for Chairman but there was not a proposer. Councillor Walters was proposed as Chairman by Councillor Nicholson, the proposal was seconded by Councillor Bertie.

Councillor Ellis was proposed as Chairman by Councillor Peacey Wilcox, the proposal was seconded by Councillor Jones.

After a vote of three Councillors for each candidate and there being no outright majority, it was agreed that Councillor Bertie would Chair the meeting. The election of a Chairman will be carried over until the next Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing Committee meeting.

578 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hollis and Rafferty.

579 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Jones declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 581 as he has been asked to be a judge at the Moorgreen Road Allotment Society's annual horticultural show on 5 September 2021.

Councillor Peacey Wilcox declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 581 as she has previously been a judge at the Moorgreen Road Allotment Society's annual horticultural show.

580 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing Committee meeting held on 27 April 2021 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

581 APPLICATION FOR GRANT

The Town Clerk reported that £18,825 remains in the budget for 'Grants'. The Town Council have been asked to consider the following Application for Grant:

- Moorgreen Road Allotment Society – Moorgreen Mini-bio blitz - £2,000.

After a full discussion about the event and the breakdown of associated costs, it was:

RECOMMENDED

That a grant be made to Moorgreen Road Allotment Society in the sum of £2,000.

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

The Town Clerk advised that her membership of the SLCC expires on 31 August 2021, the cost of renewal being £166. Councillors discussed the benefits of the Town Clerk being a member of the SLCC. It was:

RECOMMENDED

That Cowes Town Council renews the Town Clerk's membership of the SLCC for the sum of £166.

583 STAFFING MATTERS

There were no other staffing matters to discuss.

584 HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Clerks continue to work from home until Government advice dictates otherwise. Face to Face meetings have resumed where necessary; informal meetings continue on Zoom.

585 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDAS

- Grants and funding – Councillor Bertie.

The proceedings terminated at 6.55pm.

CHAIRMAN