

COWES TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing Committee Meeting held in the Town Council Office, Northwood House, Cowes on Tuesday 27 June 2023 at 6.15pm.

Present: Councillors Ellis (Chair), Brown, Oliver, Nicholson & Walters.

In attendance: Debbie Faulkner, Town Clerk; two representatives for grant applications being considered.

739 ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE, ACQUISITIONS & STAFFING COMMITTEE

Councillor Ellis was proposed as Chairman of the Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing Committee by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Walters.
Councillor Carter was proposed as Chairman of the Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing Committee by Councillor Nicholson and seconded by Councillor Ellis.
A vote was taken and Councillor Ellis received three votes and Councillor Carter received two votes. It was:

RESOLVED

That Councillor Ellis be elected as Chairman of the Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing Committee for the municipal year 2023 / 2024.

740 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Carter & Rafferty.

741 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ellis declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 743 (i) as his nephew attends the 2nd Cowes (St. Mary's) Sea Scouts.
Councillor Walters declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 743 (i) as he is the Deputy Chair of St Mary's Parish Church Council.

742 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing Committee meeting held on 25 April 2023 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

743 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT

The Town Clerk reported that there is £13,050 remaining in the 'Grants' budget heading for the 2023 / 2024 financial year. The Town Council has been asked to consider the following Applications for Grant:

- i. 2nd Cowes (St Mary's) Sea Scouts – Camping Equipment - £3,000
- ii. The Apex Church – Fitting of handrail along the steep path - £1,363
- iii. Association of Sail Training Organisations – Cowes Small Ships Race – As much as Cowes Town Council is happy to donate up to their target amount of £7,000.
- iv. Victim Support – Security Items - £100

After a full discussion about each application it was:

RECOMMENDED

- i. That a grant be made to 2nd Cowes (St Mary's) Sea Scouts in the sum of £3,000.
- ii. That a grant be made to The Apex Church in the sum of £1,363.
- iii. That a grant be made to Association of Sail Training Organisations in the sum of £1,000.
- iv. That a grant be made to Victim Support in the sum of £100.

744 CONNECT4COMMUNITIES HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND OF £5,000

Cowes Town Council have purchased 60 x £50 Aldi vouchers of which, to date, 58 have been allocated to those who have provided a completed application form and claimed eligibility. A further order for 20 vouchers was placed on 26 June 2023. The balance of £1,000 is held in the Town Council's bank account.

745 STAFFING MATTERS

No staffing matters were raised by Councillors or Clerks.

746 HEALTH AND SAFETY MATTERS

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

747 CLERKS' CONCERNS

No concerns were raised by the Clerks.

748 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDAS

No items were raised for inclusion on a future agenda.

The proceedings terminated at 7.09pm.

CHAIRMAN