

LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING – 2019/02/18 – 08

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Council Chamber, Claremont House, Lydney on Monday 18 February 2019 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs B Pearman (Chairman), B Berryman, C Harris, R Holmes, H Ives and A Preest

One member of the public
Mrs J Smailes – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)/RFO
Miss C Wheeler – Executive Officer (EO)

Cllr Pearman informed all present that no practice fire evacuation had been scheduled for the duration of the meeting. All attendees were then informed of the locations of the nearest fire exits.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and noted from Cllrs Biddle and Greenwood.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr R Holmes – grant application from Lydney Community Centre (wife member of Board)
Cllr B Berryman – grant application from Lydney Dial-a-Ride (wife Finance Officer); grant application from Lydney Town Hall

Cllr Preest – Grant applications from Lydney Community Centre, Lydney Dial-a-Ride, Lydney Town Hall (Gloucestershire County Council has provided grants to these organisations)

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Members noted that the minutes of the previous meeting were duly approved at the end of the last Finance and Scrutiny Committee meeting.

4. **OPEN FORUM**

Mr Telling, Wildboar Weightlifting Club – informed Members that the Club was the first weightlifting club in the Forest of Dean; had been selected as one of eight talent academies for weight lifting; that no provisions existed in schools for young people; informed Members of his desire to improve the health and mental wellbeing of young people and highlighted that going to the gym has been listed as one of the top six leisure activities. Mr Telling also expressed a desire for the Club to be used as a hub for the whole of the UK as it could be used as a satellite model.

Responding to a question raised by the CEO, Mr Telling was pleased to inform Members that membership of the Club and revenue had increased since the original submission of his grant application the previous year and the Club's bank account now stood at approximately £1,200.00

5. **FINANCIAL**
Grant Applications

Members then considered the grant applications which had been received from Wildboar Weightlifting however the minutes reflect the order as shown on the agenda.

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Lydney Dial-a-Ride

Prior to the meeting Members were provided with a copy of the grant application which had been received. It was **proposed by Cllr Harris, seconded by Cllr Preest**, that the request would be declined, as the Council's policy did not provide funding for running costs. Vote carried with one abstention.

Action by – the CEO

The Dean Heritage Centre

Members were provided with a copy of the grant application which had been received prior to the meeting. It was **proposed by Cllr Ives, seconded by Cllr Harris**, that the grant application would be declined as it was felt that it offered limited support to Lydney. Unanimous.

Action by – the CEO

The Forest Bee

Prior to the meeting Members were provided with a copy of the grant application which had been received. During discussion it was **proposed by Cllr Preest, seconded by Cllr Harris** that whilst the request for grant funding would be declined, the organisation would be offered space in a future edition of the Town Council's newsletter in order that they may publicise their courses etc. Unanimous.

Action by – the CEO

Lydney Community Centre

Members were provided with a copy of the grant application which had been received prior to the meeting. It was **proposed by Cllr Ives, seconded by Cllr Berryman**, that a grant of £500.00 would be awarded. Unanimous.

Actions by – the CEO

Lydney Festival

Prior to the meeting Members were provided with a copy of the grant application which had been received. It was **proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded by Cllr Preest**, that a grant of £500.00 would be awarded and that it would be the responsibility of the new Council which would be formed in May to consider if they wished to continue to support the event. Unanimous.

Action by – the CEO

Lydney Sea Cadets

Members were provided with a copy of the grant application which had been received prior to the meeting. It was **proposed by Cllr Pearman** that a grant of £350.00 would be awarded. Unanimous.

Actions by – the CEO

Lydney Town Hall

At this point Cllr Berryman declared an interest in this matter and abstained from voting. Prior to the meeting Members were provided with a copy of the grant application which had been received. It was **proposed by Cllr Harris, seconded by Cllr Holmes**, that the application would be declined at this stage as the Committee would like to view at least three quotes for the work and would welcome the view of the Local Planning Authorities Conservation Officer concerning the possibility of creating a slight fall on the flat roof, as this was not the first time that problems had been experienced with the roof. Unanimous. (The

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CEO was requested to brief the Town Council's appointed representative to the Town Hall in order that they may relay the information to the Town Hall.

Action by – the CEO

SARA

Members were provided with a copy of the grant application which had been received prior to the meeting. It was **proposed by Cllr Ives, seconded by Cllr Harris** that a grant of £900.00 would be awarded to fund the purchase of two lifejackets. Unanimous.

Actions by – the CEO

Wildboar Weightlifting Club

Prior to the meeting Members were provided with a copy of the grant application which had been received. It was **proposed by Cllr Ives, seconded by Cllr Preest**, that a grant of £500.00 would be awarded. Unanimous.

Action by – the CEO

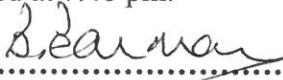
6. **MEETING DATES**

Members noted that the next meeting of the Finance and Scrutiny Committee would take place as per meeting schedule.

7. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of today's meeting duly approved and Chairman, Cllr Pearman, signed minutes as a true record.

Meeting closed at 7.46 pm.

Chairman 

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