

LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING – 2019/06/17 – 01

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Council Chamber, Claremont House, Lydney on Monday 17 June 2019 at 7.07 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs C Harris (Chairman), L Arnold, R Holmes, H Ives, R Kemsley, B Pearman, A Preest, T Tremlett and C Vaughan

Cllr J Carr

Mrs J Smailes – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)/RFO

Miss C Wheeler – Executive Officer (EO)

Cllr Harris 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.

All Members in attendance expressed thanks to the CEO for the Financial Awareness training session which she had delivered earlier in the evening.

1. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Vaughan proposed Cllr Ives to the position, however, Cllr Ives declined the nomination.

Cllr Vaughan proposed Cllr Kemsley to the position, however, Cllr Kemsley declined the nomination.

Cllr Preest proposed Cllr Holmes for the position, seconded by Cllr T Tremlett. There being no other nominations the proposal was put to a vote which was carried.

2. **APPOINTMENT TO FINANCE & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

It was **proposed by Cllr Preest, seconded by Cllr Tremlett**, that Cllr L Arnold would be appointed to the Committee. Unanimous.

3. **APOLOGIES**

No apologies for absence were received.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

6. **OPEN FORUM**

None.

7. **FINANCIAL**

Grant Applications

Age Concern

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 Vaughan**, that a

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grant of £606.00 would be awarded. Unanimous.

Action by – the CEO

Lydney Football Club

Members were provided with a copy of the grant application which had been received prior to the meeting. Extensive discussion took place on the application regarding the sum which the club had applied for including the requirement to obtain planning consent and the cost of the proposed equipment. It was **proposed by Cllr Pearman, seconded by Cllr Tremlett**, that the CEO would obtain further information from the Club on the aforementioned points; Delegated Powers would be bestowed on the CEO, Committee Chairman and one other Member to award a grant of £500.00 subject to receipt of the above which was found to be acceptable. Unanimous.

Action by – the CEO

North & West Gloucestershire Citizens Advice

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 Ives, seconded by Cllr Pearman** that a grant of £500.00 would be awarded which would include a caveat that the funding would need to be repaid if the service to Lydney was reduced within 12 months of the awardance of the grant. Unanimous.

Action by – the CEO

8. CIVIC DONATION

Members noted that a donation of £150.00 each from the Mayor's Civic Fund would be given to Lydney Cricket Club and Lydney Tennis Club in respect of match balls.

Attention was drawn to a comment made by Cllr Z Arnold at the June Full Council meeting that Lydney Tennis Club had previously been provided with a Civic Donation for a Defibrillator which he stated was not publicly available. The CEO read out the minutes of the Lydney Recreation Trust meeting which took place on 26 November 2018 which stated that the donation had been awarded on the basis that whilst the equipment would be based at the Tennis Club, it would be available for use by anyone using the Recreation Ground whilst the Club's facilities were in operation. Noted.

9. WORKING PARTY


Cllr L Arnold requested that consideration be given towards the formation of a Working Party to facilitate funding streams (e.g. green energy). It was proposed by Cllr Pearman, seconded by Cllr Vaughan, that the formation of such a Working Party be deferred to Full Council for consideration. Unanimous.

Action by – the CEO

10. MEETING DATES

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

Meeting closed at 7.31 pm.

Chairman 

Date 2/12/19