

DARTMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER OF DARTMOUTH GUILDHALL ON TUESDAY 7TH
NOVEMBER 2017

PRESENT: Cllrs: P F Allen (Chairman); R W I Cooke (Mayor);
A J C Fyson (Deputy Mayor); D M Gent; R M Lyon;
F R Pritchard-Tagg (Vice Chairman); R Springett.

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: C Pritchard-Williams; Finance Officer: A McGrigor;
Cllrs: B Harriss; G Coles; S Thomson
District Councillor H Bastone.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: F J Hawke; D R Kelland.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were none

3. GRANT APPLICATIONS

CAB - £1,700

In order to meet increased demand for our services from Dartmouth residents we need to recruit and train more volunteers from the area so that we can continue to provide support, information and advice sessions, currently held at the Clinic, Mayors Avenue.

Resolution: To grant this within this financial year 2017-2018.

Proposed: Cllr T Fyson

Seconded: Cllr R Springett

Dartmouth Visitor Centre - £3,000

To safeguard the future of the operation both as a tourist facility and a community asset, as well as an educational and historical recourse with its Newcomen Engine Museum. We believe DVC is a focal point for the town with footfall to the centre already around 50,000 this year.

We will also play a key leading role in the forthcoming M400 celebrations. We are doing all we can to improve and enhance our own financial position but without the town council support our future is uncertain.

A discussion took place about the cost implications of the maintenance of the Newcomen Engine, it was decided that work on the Newcomen Engine should come out of the maintenance budget rather than a grant.

Resolution: To grant £3,000 to the Dartmouth Visitor Centre within the next financial year 2018-2019

Proposed: Cllr R Springett

Seconded: Cllr R Lyon

COMMUNITY BOAT STORE - £3,000

To support the pursuance of building a boat store at Jawbones Beacon Park.

The grant will assist with legal support in becoming a Company Limited by Guarantee and obtaining Charitable Status

A discussion took place about the application details and whether the Boat Store have permission in place to build on Jawbones.

Resolution: To put this into the budget for the next financial year 2018-2019 on the provision of more information.

Proposed: Cllr R Springett

Seconded: Cllr R Lyon

Action: Clerk to obtain further information.

DARTMOUTH GREEN PARTNERSHIPS

Request that rather than our usual grant, we can, if it becomes necessary, approach the Town Council for some limited funding if required, during the remainder of this financial year.

Cllr R Lyon said that the DGP deserve a pat on the back for all the work they've done.

Resolution: To put £5,000 into the budget for the next financial year should they need to apply for a grant.

Proposed: Cllr T Fyson

Seconded: Cllr D Gent

SPITZ SUPPORT SERVICE - £226.25

To establish a Domestic Sexual Violence and Abuse (DSVA) Forum in Dartmouth. They are applying for the whole costs of holding one inaugural meeting in Dartmouth. The benefit of this forum and funding it is that it will lever in substantial match funding from the forum membership, which will include Police, health and social care, by providing a platform for a co-ordinated multi-agency response.

The funding requested is to enable us to hold one meeting.

Currently actively engaged in setting up equivalent forums in South Hams, covering Teignbridge, Dartmoor, and West Devon.

Resolution: To agree to give Spitz support service £226.25 to hold a one off inaugural meeting in Dartmouth.

Proposed: Cllr D Gent

Seconded: Cllr R Lyon

DART GIG CLUB - £1,000

Grant application to assist with expanding the existing oar store.

A discussion took place as to whether they would need planning or not to extend the building currently on Coronation Park. Also to think about the aesthetics of what this will look like after it's been expanded

Resolution: To put £1,000 in the budget for the next financial year 2018-2019 and that the Clerk should write to the Dart Gig Guide to ask for more information to do with aesthetics and planning permission.

Proposed: Cllr R Lyon

Seconded: Cllr R Cooke

ROWING CLUB -

Grant application for money towards a new boat which will cost a total of £13,500, they are looking for up to £5,000.

The boat has been ordered and the final payment is needed within this financial year.

Resolution: To grant £5,000 to the Rowing Club within this financial year 2017-2018.

Proposed: Cllr R. Springett

Seconded: Cllr D Gent

YOUTH GENESIS

Cllr R Cook talked about the three services that YG provide and what a sterling job they do in the town and that neighbouring towns do help to fund it.

They are short of £10,000 for next year.

Resolution: For up to £11,000 to be put into the budget for the next financial year 2018-2019.

Proposed: Cllr R Cooke

Seconded: Cllr F Pritchard-Tagg

Cllr T de Galleani asked if the Finance Officer and the Clerk could draw up a draft document to send out to the grant applicants to ask them a set of questions linked to what they spent the money on.

Hilary Bastone left at 6.45pm

Hilary Bastone returned at 6.47pm

4. INCOME & EXPENDITURE

A copy of the Income & Expenditure for the last 6 months to 31st October 2017 had been circulated. The Finance Officer explained differences between the budget and expenditure for members on a number of items.

5. BUDGET 2017/2018.

A copy of the 2016-17 budget was circulated to members.

A discussion took place with regards to some headings changing within the accounting software to streamline the accounting.

It was agreed that a 3% increase in inflation to the existing budget headings would be applied as well as any additional increases for specific purposes.

It was asked if £10,000 for the pool could go into the earmarked reserves.

6. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Proposed - Cllr D Gent

Seconded - Cllr R Springett

Resolved - That in view of the confidential nature of business about to be transacted, it was in the public interest that the press and public be excluded and that they be instructed to withdraw.

7. AGED DEBTORS REPORT AS AT 30TH OCTOBER 2017

A copy of the aged debtors report as at 30th October 2017 was laid round the table. The Finance Officer explained each of the items on the aged debtors report for members.

Cllr R Springett asked if Anderson Upholstery could be raised at Corporate Property. The Finance officer explained that she was bringing in monthly invoicing instead of quarterly invoicing which she believed would help the small units.

Cllr R Lyon left the room at 7pm

8. MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT

Cllr R Springett reported that there had been a request from Townstal Community Partnerships for some Christmas Lights for the Christmas Tree up outside the Community Hall in Townstal.

Resolution: To ask Townstal Community Partnerships to purchase lights for up to £100.

Proposed: Cllr R Springett

Seconded: Cllr R Cooke

Cllr B Harriss requested that bins be reintroduced into the market and the chairman asked for this to be taken to Corporate Property.