

DARTMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
OF DARTMOUTH GUILDHALL ON MONDAY 27th JANUARY 2020

PRESENT: Cllrs: M Baillie; N Bodinnar; C Campos; D Case; G Evans (Chair);
S Hibbert; R Rendle; G Webb; D Wells (Vice Chair); Cllr Yardy.

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: C Pritchard-Williams; Finance Officer: A McGrigor; Cllr D Shepherd; Dartmouth Visitor Centre: K Perrow & District: Cllr H Bastone; Dartmouth Chronicle: Emily Baker; a representative from the 1st Dartmouth Guides; a representative from the Music Festival.

PART 1 - Open to the Public

63. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

64. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr C Campos & Cllr D Wells declared an interest in the grant for the Port of the Royal Regatta Committee

Cllr G Webb declared an interest in the grant for Townstal Community Partnership

65. TO CONSIDER THE SEASONAL CHARGES FOR THE BOATFLOAT, DINGHY PARK & WARFLEET 2020-2021.

Cllrs discussed the proposed charges and how they compared to similar services in other towns, Cllrs felt they were a fair increase and were in favour of these proposed charges.

Proposed: Cllr C Campos

Seconded: Cllr N Boddinar

Resolved: To recommend to Full Council to agree the proposed increase to the boatfloat, dinghy park and Warfleet

All Cllrs approved

66. GRANTS :

The Chairman said that he would like to move the decision on the Council giving grant money to large scale festivals to the next Full Council meeting.

Proposed: Cllr G Evans

Seconded: Cllr S Hibbert

Resolved: To move the decision of giving grants to large scale festivals in the town to be discussed at the next Full Council meeting.

a) Candlelit Dartmouth - £1,000 (FY- 2020-2021)

Decision postponed

b) Citizens Advice - £1750 (FY- 2020-2021)

Cllrs discussed this grant application and were in support of the benefit that the Citizens Advice brought to the town.

Proposed: Cllr C Campos

Seconded: Cllr D Wells

Resolved: To recommend to Full Council to grant £1,750 to the Citizens Advice

All Cllrs in favour

c) Dartmouth Visitor Centre - £5,000 (FY- 2020-2021)

Cllr Wells declared an interest in this item.

Karen Perrow spoke about how they were mostly self-funding and that the grant would help them keep running on a day to day basis.

There was a discussion about the £5,000 that DTC has budgeted for the next Financial Year 2020-2021 and she stated that she wasn't aware of this.

There was then further discussion about the creation of a lease for the Dartmouth Visitor Centre

It was agreed that this grant would be withdrawn in light of the £5,000 that had been budgeted for in the next Financial Year.

It was also clarified that there was £5,000 allocated for the maintenance of the Newcomen Engine.

d) Dart Music Festival - £5,000 (FY – 2020-2021)

Decision postponed

e) Port of Dartmouth Royal Regatta - £5,000 (FY – 2020-2021)

Decision postponed

f) Townstal Community Partnership (TCP) - £250 (FY -2019-2020)

Cllr Shepherd spoke on behalf of the TCP to explain that this money was to go towards a new laptop for the TCP to use.

Proposed: Cllr Evans

Seconded: Cllr Campos

Resolved: To recommend to Full Council to grant £250 to the Townstal Community Partnership

One Cllr abstained

g) 1st Dartmouth Guides £1000 (FY – 2020-2021)

A representative from the guides spoke about how this money would be used to help take a group of 16 guides to the 100th celebration in Switzerland.

Proposed: Cllr Case

Seconded: Cllr Yardy

Resolved: To recommend to Full Council to grant £1,000 to the 1st Dartmouth Guides.

67. TO NOTE ANY EXPENDITURE FROM PARKS & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING ON 13TH JANUARY 2020

Cllr Wells said there weren't any financial decisions brought forward from the Parks and Open Spaces Committee.

68. TO NOTE ANY EXPENDITURE FROM CORPORATE PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING ON 22ND JANUARY 2020

A list of expenditure from Corporate Property was circulated to all Cllrs.

Cllr Campos asked for clarification on where this money would come from and the Chairman said that these items were agreed at Corporate Property and would come from the allocated budget. If it's outside of the budget for the year, it would have to be highlighted and allocated by Full Council from reserves.

69. TO DISCUSS THE PROOF OF LIFE CERTIFICATE POLICY AND APPROVE A WAY FORWARD

To note that following clarification from DALC the Council are no longer signing proof of life certificates.

PART 2 – Confidential

NONE