

**DARTMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER**  
**OF DARTMOUTH GUILDHALL ON MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

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

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

**PART 1 - Open to the Public**

**70. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Yardy

**71. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Campos and Cllr Wells both noted that they were on the Regatta Committee

**72. TO CONSIDER ADOPTING THE NEW TREASURY AND INVESTMENT POLICY**

Cllr Case spoke about the new treasury and investment policy and commented that  
it had been created from a template from DALC.

She added that she recommended that it is looked at in conjunction with the  
Financial Regulations.

**Proposed:** Cllr Evans

**Seconded:** Cllr Wells

**Resolved:** To recommend to Full Council that this Treasury and Investment Policy is  
adopted.

All in favour

**73. TO CONSIDER AWARDING GRANTS TO THE LARGE FESTIVALS HELD IN  
DARTMOUTH**

It was agreed that Dartmouth Town Council would support large festivals by  
helping them with grants.

There was a discussion about giving grants in general to large festivals in  
Dartmouth and it was clarified that this year the Council would give grants but in  
future years the amount may be an offset against the costs of the hire of Council  
land.

*Cllr Shepherd entered the meeting at 18.10*

Cllrs wanted to propose that the following amounts be recommended to Full  
Council.

**Music Festival - £2,500**

**Proposed:** Cllr Evans

**Seconded:** Cllr Webb

**Resolved:** To recommend to Full Council that this grant be awarded in the financial year 2020-2021

**Regatta - £5,000**

**Proposed:** Cllr Evans

**Seconded:** Cllr Baillie

**Resolved:** To recommend to Full Council that this grant be awarded in the financial year 2020-2021

**Candlelit - £1,000**

**Proposed:** Cllr Case

**Seconded:** Cllr Wells

**Resolved:** To recommend to Full Council that this grant be awarded in the financial year 2020-2021

All Cllrs were in favour of recommending the above grants to Full Council for approval.

Cllr Baillie said that she wanted to acknowledge all the volunteers who work tirelessly on these festivals in Dartmouth.

**74. TO NOTE ANY EXPENDITURE FROM CORPORATE PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING ON 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

**a) TO OFFER £5,000 FOR THE CEMETERY LODGE**

Cllr Bodinnar gave a background on this item and said that it was currently owned by the Co-Op but that there was a covenant on the building.

He said that four options had been suggested by the Properties Manager.

1. To offer to remove the covenant from the building for £15,000.
2. To offer an amount to purchase it and sell it on straightaway.
3. To offer an amount to purchase it, refurbish it and rent it out as an investment
4. To offer an amount to purchase it, refurbish it and to sell it on.

Cllr Bodinnar said that the Corporate Property Committee had resolved to go for option 2 and offer £5,000 to purchase the property.

There was further discussion as to whether this was the best use of council money and members felt that option 1 was better.

**Proposed:** Cllr Campos

**Seconded:** Cllr Case

**Resolved:** To recommend to Full Council that we go with option 1 and offer to release the covenant for £15,000 and not go with Corporate Property Committees recommendation of offering £5,000 for the purchase of the site. Eight Cllrs were in favour, one Cllr abstained

**75. TO CONSIDER THE BREAKDOWN OF THE 2019 APPROPRIATION OF THE PUBLIC PURPOSES SHARE OF THE DARTMOUTH TRUST**

Cllrs discussed the spreadsheet that the Finance Officer had produced with suggested expenditure and all Cllrs were agreement to recommend this Council accept this breakdown.

**Proposed:** Cllr D Case

**Seconded:** Cllr C Campos

**Resolved:** To recommend to Full Council that we accept this breakdown

Cllr D Case suggested that money be assigned from the Public Purposes Share of the Dartmouth Trust for the maintenance of the defibrillators.

Cllr D Case also suggested that money be assigned for the emergency plan meeting she was organising which would involve the community.

**PART 2 – Confidential**

There were no items

*Meeting closed at 18.52*