



Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY 24 January 2022

Present: Cllrs Bayford, R Binks, J Buckley, M Garner, Parsons, D Saunders & M Saunders,

Town Clerk: Kirsty Holroyd

450. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were offered and accepted from Cllr R. K. Binks

451. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

452. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

The Chairman reminded those present of the right to record, film or broadcast any meetings of the Council, committees and subcommittees is established following the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

453. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on the 22 November 2021

RESOLVED: that the minutes be approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chairman.

454. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

None

455. LEISURE & TOURISM SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

i) Members received the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 29 November 2021 and considered the recommendations therein.

RESOLVED:

i) **Minute 381: That Mr Bridges be asked to operate the bandstand kiosk for the period April 2022 until September 2026.**

ii) **Minute 383: That the Town Council offer match-funding of £3780 to the Dicken's House Visitor Manager project.**

The Town Clerk reported that TDC had asked whether the Town Council would be willing to add the post to their pay-roll – although not line manage the staff member. Councillors rejected this proposal.

ii) Members received an updated grants spreadsheet and considered the recommendation from the Leisure and Tourism sub-committee regarding the proposed grant recipients for the 2022-23 civic year.

RESOLVED: that the following grants – being for amounts of £2000 or less - be awarded as per the Sub-committee's recommendation under delegated powers: Financial Regulation 4.1.c

Broadstairs Food Festival (Spring 2023 event)	£2000
Broadstairs Society (Running costs)	£400
Chamber of Commerce Christmas 2022 event	£1500
POW! Thanet (Arts event costs)	£1200
St Peter's Memorial Hall (Defibrillator and fire alarm costs)	£2000
Twinning Association (Event costs)	£250
Wantsum Women (Running costs)	£500
Visitor Information Group (on condition that predicted match-funding is forthcoming) (Running costs)	£2000

That Hi Kent did not sufficiently meet the criteria and subsequently was not allocated any grant.

iii) Members considered the applications for requests which exceeded the Sub-committee's delegated powers.

RESOLVED: That the following grants be awarded:

Bowls Club (Event costs and renovations)	£7000
Broadstairs Food Festival (October 2022 event)	£5000
Broadstairs Summer Fireworks (on condition that audited accounts are supplied) – three summer public displays	£8500
Dickens Festival (Event costs)	£3000
Folk Week (Event costs)	£7000
Sarah Thorne Theatre (Production costs)	£3000
Water Gala (on condition that audited accounts are supplied) – Summer event costs	£8000

The Clerk read a request from the Sea Scouts who had been awarded a grant at the beginning of the current financial year. Due to various holdups concerning planning permission it was unlikely that they would complete the project before the end of the financial year – as per the conditions of grant – and they requested permission to carry the grant over into the new financial year in order to complete the project.

RESOLVED: All agreed this was acceptable.

456. NEW GRANTS

Members considered two additional applications

- i) Crampton Tower
RESOLVED: That £3000 be allocated to the group for electrical and heating upgrades
- ii) Broadstairs Town Team Gardening Group
RESOLVED: That £2000 be allocated to the group for terracing to the library bank

457. BUDGET AND ACCOUNTS

- i) Members received and reviewed Council expenditure under cost centres to date
RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

The following items were discussed following a resolution to exclude the public under Standing order 3d due to the confidential nature of the business.

458. BUDGET 2022/23

i) Members received and considered a report outlining anticipated expenditure for Pierremont Hall.

RESOLVED: That the figures be incorporated into the draft budget

ii) Members received and considered a report outlining anticipated expenditure for Retort House

RESOLVED: That the figures be incorporated into the draft budget

iii) Members worked through each cost code and each cost centre in the budget updating figures and discussing future plans and anticipated increases in order to prepare a final budget for consideration by Council on 7 February.

RECOMMENDATION:

- i) That anticipated income be used to offset expenditure**
- ii) That anticipated underspend be used to offset expenditure.**
- iii) That unused funds under the grants budget and the environmental initiatives budget be carried forward for 2022/23 expenditure**
- iv) That once these factors are applied the total resource requirement is £660,489**

Members considered the impact of the precept demand on council tax and noted that this total resource requirement of £660,489 resulted in a Band D council tax of £68.40, a 0% increase on the current year.

Some members felt it was prudent to include an additional cushion due to the current high level of inflation and anticipated price hikes in energy prices. The Town Clerk was therefore asked to present an illustration at 2% increase on the current Council tax. Members noted that this would result in a precept demand of £673,903 and a resultant Band D council tax of £69.76.

RECOMMENDATION: That the two scenarios are to be presented for Council's consideration on Monday 7 February 2022.

Members of the public were permitted to re-enter the meeting

459. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 25 April at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Pierremont Hall

Meeting closed at 8.56pm

Signed _____

Date _____

