

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

Draft Minutes of the Community Services Committee held on Tuesday 23rd May 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Roysse Room, the Guildhall.

Present:

Cllr Vicky Jenkins - Chairman
Cllr Alice Badcock - Vice Chairman
Cllr Samantha Bowring
Cllr Neil Fawcett
Cllr Monica Lovatt
Cllr Lorraine Oates
Cllr Andrew Todd

In Attendance:

Mr Nigel Warner

Town Clerk (Clerk to the meeting)

CS5 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Jan Morter, The Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames (Ex-officio) and Cllr Mike Badcock, Chairman of F & G P Committee (Ex-officio)

CS6 Declarations of Interest

None.

C7 Minutes

The Committee received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2017.

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting 28th February 2017 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

CS9 **Matters Arising**

None.

CS10 **Summer Events Sub-Committee**

The Committee received and considered the minutes of the meetings held on 22nd February 2017 and 6th April 2017.

Further to the minutes the Chairman of the Working Group, Cllr Alice Badcock, reported that wristbands were selling very well and they would, as usual, be sold on the Market Place on the Saturday before the events, 28th May 2017.

Resolved: that the minutes of the meetings of 22nd February 2017 and 6th April 2017 be noted and approved.

CS11 **Grant Applications and Grants Policy**

The Committee received and considered the report of the Town Clerk relating to the above. It was **resolved** that the grant applications be determined as follows:

Grant applications

	Name of applicant	Purpose of application	Grant determination
1	Abingdon Eagles Basketball Club (f)	Expansion of club – training of coaches and improved facilities	Defer for further information: a copy of financial statements to date and a budget forecast of income and expenditure for the year ahead.
2	Oxfordshire Play Association (b)	Play and activity day at Southern Town Park, Saturday 15 th July 2017	£800
3	Royal Voluntary Service – Darby & Joan Club (a)	Cost of speakers for meetings or rent	£400

4	Rotary Club of Abingdon Vesper (d)	Abingdon Food & Drink Festival – 24 th June 2017	£800
5	Friends of Abingdon Civic Society (d)	Heritage Open Days – September 2017	£700
6	Abingdon Flower Club (d)	Flower Festival September 2017 (over Heritage Weekend)	£500
7	Abbey Brass (Abingdon) Brass Band (a)	Instruments, music and uniform	£1,000
8	Life Education Thames Valley (b)	Towards shortfall in funding for educational programme at Carswell School	£630

Note that the above grants were made in pursuance of the Council's powers, as noted in column one, as follows (resolved accordingly):

- (a) Local Government Act 1972, section 145;
- (b) Local Government Act 1972, section 137;
- (c) Local Government and Rating Act 1997, part III, section 31;
- (d) Local Government Act 1972, section 144;
- (e) Local Government Act 1972, section 142 (2A);
- (f) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, section 19;
- (g) Local Government Act 1972, section 133;
- (h) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, section 19.

Grants policy

Members discussed the Council's grants policy, having regard to the practice of a number of other town councils locally.

A number of points were made for inclusion in the policy and it was agreed that following the discussion, this would be written up by the Town Clerk and subject to agreement by the Chairman would then be sent to all Members of the Committee. This would give Members the opportunity to comment prior to the policy then being considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Note the policy was subsequently agreed by the Finance and General Purposes Committee and is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

CS12 Financial Report

The Committee received and considered the report of the Treasurer/ RFO in relation to the above, as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: that the report be approved.

CS13 General report of the Town Clerk

Resolved: that the Committee consider policy in relation to the following at future meetings:

- Markets – 26th September
- Website and printed communication – 28th November

CS49 Date of next meeting

The calendar of meetings for 2017/18 was noted as follows, all meetings to start at 7pm:

- Tuesday 26th September 2017;
- Tuesday 28th November 2017;
- Tuesday 27th February 2018.

The meeting rose at 8.03 pm.

Signed.....

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