



HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the

FINANCE COMMITTEE

held on

9 MARCH 2020

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Dave Mackie

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: As per Council Meeting

414/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received as per the Community Amenities Committee meeting with the addition of Councillor Darren Sterry.

415/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Helen Brown declared an interest in item 8 and duly completed her Declaration of Interest form. Councillor Brown left the room whilst the item had been discussed.

Councillors Helen Brown, Lowri Earith, Sarah Hinks, Dave Mackie and Dan Preece declared an interest in item 9 and duly completed their Declaration of Interest forms. The Councillors left the room whilst the item had been discussed.

416/19 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 10th February 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

417/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

418/19 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the updated list of payments for March in the sum of £71,415.44 be approved.

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419/19 ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) ANNUAL SUPPORT:

The Community Council had been asked to review its annual support to this scheme.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to continue sponsorship of the annual RYLA scheme for 2020.

420/19 CLERK & FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised that the Council's contribution to the Joint Maintenance Agreement for March had been £13,920 and that Lloyds Bank had written to the Council to outline some changes to the bank account about 'Confirmation of Payees'. This issue had also been highlighted by the Internal Auditor during the interim internal audit action plan discussed during the Council meeting earlier.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates.

421/19 SECTION 106 MONEY:

The Community Council had been asked to reallocate section 106 money for use on the Community Centre in Aston. A request had been made to 'retrospectively' fund the cost of relaying internal flooring and a further request had been made towards the cost of improving the exterior of the Community Centre.

Members expressed their serious concerns about the retrospective approval and that the Council could be in danger of acting 'ultra vires'. Members had not been content to consider the reallocation of section 106 monies. Councillor Joyce Angell read out the Planning Guidance Note in relation to section 106 money defining recreational space. Members also expressed concerns about providing funding for Community Centre improvements as the lease for community centres outlined that the interior and exterior of the building would be the responsibility of the Community Centre Management Committee. If this were to be approved, it could also set a precedent for any future decisions.

Following a discussion IT WAS RESOLVED: to decline the request for funding.

422/19 GRANT APPLICATIONS:

The Community Council had received four grant applications for consideration from the Friends of Penarlag School, Hawarden Tennis Club, Hawarden Cricket Club and Hawarden Photographic Society.

Following a discussion IT WAS RESOLVED:

- i) To decline the request from Friends of Penarlag as the Community Council had issued a grant to this organisation in November 2019.
- ii) To decline the request from the Hawarden Tennis Club as the Community Council had previously provided a substantial amount of funding towards the cost of the repair and repainting of two tennis courts.

- iii) To approve a grant of £450 to the Hawarden Cricket Club as they had not received a grant from the Council for at least the preceding four years; and
- iv) To approve a grant of £250 to the Hawarden Photographic Society as they had not received a grant from the Council for at least the preceding four years.

423/19 VE DAY COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS/STREET PARTIES:

The Clerk and Financial Officer outlined that to date, only one formal Expression of Interest had been made for the grant of £100 towards the cost of a street party to commemorate this event from the over 50s club in Aston. Councillor Ve Amos said that community organisations in Mancot had been considering this and that she would confirm in due course.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the update and extend the deadline for receipt of applications until the April meeting.

424/19 BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive the bank reconciliation for the period ending 29th February 2020.

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