

## **LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL**

**AT A MEETING** of the **FINANCE AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 24 March 2015 there were present:

The Mayor Councillor Phil Seeva - in the Chair

The Deputy Mayor - Councillor Jane Pascoe Ex-officio

Councillors: Rachel Brooks, Ian Goldsworthy, Lorna Shrubsole, James Shrubsole,

Town Clerk; Steve Vinson

Minute Clerk; Mr Stuart Houghton

Members of the Public - None

### **714/14 PUBLIC SPEAKER**

No members of the public were present.

### **715/14 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Adam Hodgkins and Hella Tovar

### **716/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Mayor declared a non-registerable interest in the Ploughman's Festival grant application.

### **717/14 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING 13 JANUARY 2015**

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded and the Committee **APPROVED** the Minutes of the Finance and Strategy Committee meeting held on the 13 January 2015. The Mayor signed these Minutes.

### **718/14 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION**

The Town Clerk's report had been circulated.

### **719/14 BUDGET REPORT TO 28 FEBRUARY 2015**

The budget report to 28 February 2015 had been circulated and was noted.

In future budget reports it was agreed that Neighbourhood plan spending, against grant income be shown separately from general expenditure for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor J. Shrubsole seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** to the Council that any unspent monies allocated to the Neighbourhood Plan be transferred to an earmarked reserve for the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was requested that a breakdown of the CCTV expenditure be provided at the next Committee meeting.

#### **720/14 LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME**

Details of the scheme and the Town Clerk's report had been circulated with the Agenda.

Members agreed that a time table should be set to reach the "Gold" standard by May 2017. That the chart provided be modified to include a "traffic lights" type system to report progress. The chart would include an action column indicating who would do them and by what time. This would be provided at the next meeting with the aim of completing any amendments to our policies by the July meeting.

#### **721/14 COUNCIL AIMS**

The agreed list of Aims, and proposed Committee actions, had been circulated with the Agenda for the meeting.

The Council had agreed that the Finance Committee should oversee the progress on fulfilling the Aims.

Members discussed the items and work allocations and;

- The need to advertise the grant availability in the Town Crier Newsletter, regularly
- Use the TIC list of organisations to inform them of the availability of grants
- Get publicity when awarding grants
- The list is headed Aims the details are Objectives
- The objectives should be publicised
- Committees should be aware of the Councils powers when considering detail in the Town
- Item 6 – be considered by Museum, Planning, Property and Finance & Strategy.

#### **722/14 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The Mayor, Councillor Phil Seeva, left the meeting at 8.40 pm

##### **1. Ploughman's Festival**

An application for a grant had been received from the Ploughman's Festival committee. An award of £300 was made last year.

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No one from the Committee was present, but the Minute Clerk stated that the money was needed to provide marquees, tents, power generators, publicity, toilets, staging and lighting for the event.

Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the decision should be deferred for a member of the Ploughman's Festival to attend and inform the Committee on the need for the grant.

## **2. International Male Voice Choir, Choral Festival**

An application for a grant had been received from the Cornwall International Choral festival, an award of £200 was made in 2013.

Members asked if there would be any residents, schools or organisations in Liskeard that would be involved? What would the money be used for and where would the event be held?

Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** that further information was required before a decision was made.

## **723/14 ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS**

An e-mail had been received to inform the Council that the CCTV system in the Public Hall was not subject to a maintenance agreement. This matter would be referred to the Property Committee.

## **724/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Finance and Strategy Committee meeting would be at 7.30 pm on 28 April 2015