



MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEND TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Details:

Date: Tuesday 8th March 2022

Time: 1.00 pm

Location: Meeting held as a hybrid meeting both at Carnegie House and remotely via Microsoft Teams for Business under the Local Government and Elections Act (Wales) 2021

Chairperson: Cllr. D Unwin

Staff: D Jones (Deputy Town Clerk/RFO), R Stone (Facilities Manager) and K Davies (Facilities Officer)

In attendance:

Cllr S Bletsoe

Cllr M Blundell-Humphreys

Cllr D Unwin

Cllr A Wathan

Cllr I Williams

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr M Voisey and Cllr T Wood.

2. To receive Declarations of Interests (if any) of Members in respect of the business to be transacted

Cllr S Bletsoe declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 4, matters arising agenda item 19.2.

Cllr I Williams declared a personal interest in agenda item 4, matters arising agenda item 19.2.

3. To confirm and sign Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 15th February 2022

The minutes were confirmed as an accurate recording of discussions made and duly signed by the Chair of Finance Committee.

4. To consider matters arising from the Finance Committee Meeting held on 15th February 2022

Page 8 - Agenda item 19.2: Deputy Clerk/RFO referred Members to the response received from Project Linus UK (Bridgend Branch) in relation to the request for additional financial

information. Members reviewed the additional information and agreed that the agreed grant of £500 be released.

Resolved: That £500 Grant Aid be paid to Project Linus UK (Bridgend Branch).

5. To consider utility supplier recommendations from working group:

5.1 Carnegie House gas supply

5.2 Carnegie House electricity supply

5.3 Town Hall gas supply

5.4 Town Hall electricity supply

The Deputy Clerk/RFO referred Members to the working group meeting held on the morning of Tuesday 8th March where all Cllrs present were in attendance; she reported for the purpose of the minutes that due to the current climate in relation to utilities and particularly Russia that utility quotes were unable to be provided from current and prospective supplier due to the temporary closure of the utility markets.

Members proposed that a working group and subsequent finance meeting be reconvened when appropriate.

Resolved: That that a utility supplier working group and subsequent finance meeting be reconvened when appropriate.

6. Summer Planting

6.1. To receive Summer Planting update

Further to discussion at previous Committee and Council meetings the Deputy Town Clerk reported an update to Members in relation to the provision of summer planting from Plantscape Ltd. She advised that Plantscape Ltd were not able to provide a quote to Bridgend Town Council for the installation of hanging baskets moving forward, for health and safety reasons, however a quote for the supply and delivery of hanging baskets could be provided. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that Plantscape Ltd could also provide a quote for the provision and delivery of flower towers as in previous years.

6.2. To discuss Summer Planting/Floral Displays options for 2022

Members discussed the provision of hanging baskets and were in agreement that Bridgend Town Council does not have the facility to install hanging baskets.

Members agreed to proceed with seeking a quote and placing an order for 20 round circular flower towers and delegated authority to the Deputy Town Clerk and Facilities Manager to

approve the quote and confirm the order providing the quote returned was the same or less than £7742 the per the previous year.

It was noted that due to previous near misses crossing the road with the bowser at the bottom of Park Street, there would be no provision of 2 towers at this location for 2022.

The Meeting Closed: 1.30pm

Signed..... (Chair of Finance Committee)

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