



Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday 11 September 2023 at 7pm in The Council Chamber, Pierremont Hall

Present: J Bright, K Bright, R Farooki, M Garner (Chairman), J Hobson, C Kemp, E Orhan & S Roberts

Town Clerk: Kirsty Holroyd

111. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies with reason from Cllr Leys were received and accepted.

112. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

113. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10 July 2023.

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

114. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

None

115. GRANTS

i) Members received a summary of grant-funding over the last 10 years as requested at the last meeting.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note

ii) Members discussed whether a sponsorship programme is more appropriate for some applicants and whether the current scheme needs updating.

Councillors noted the difference between sponsorship (typically running costs of events) and grants (specific one-off projects, start-up projects or added value items).

RESOLVED:

i) That the application form be slightly modified to allow for differentiation between sponsorship and grants.

ii) That the current timetable for applications remain in place to allow event providers to budget and plan for events next year.

iii) That a portion of the grants/sponsorship budget be retained so that groups can apply year round rather than via the current once a year process.

iv) That the amount of grant/sponsorship funding will be discussed during the usual budget setting process.

116. BUDGET 2024-25

Members considered how best to draft the budget for the next civic year.

RESOLVED: That a working group be formed of Cllrs K Bright, M Garner, and C Leys to meet before the next meeting and create a first draft for consideration.

The following item was discussed after a resolution to exclude the public under standing order 3d due to the confidential nature of the business.

117. VAT

Members received a report from the clerk concerning payment of VAT by one of the Council's tenants.

RESOLVED:

i) That the Town Council agrees to pay the VAT owing for previous years due to its own oversight.

ii) That the VAT due in the current year and all future years must be paid by the tenant as per HMRC's rules.

118. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 9 October 2023 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Pierremont Hall

Meeting closed at 7.55 pm

Signed _____

Date _____