



# Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council

## FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Monday 9 December 2024 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Pierremont Hall**

Present: Councillors J Bright, R Farooki, M Garner, E Orhan & S Roberts.

Town Clerk: Kirsty Holroyd

### **181. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies with reason from Cllr K Bright and Cllr C Kemp were received and accepted.

### **182. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

### **183. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14 October 2024.

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

### **184. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE**

None

### **185. QUESTIONS AND/OR OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF BROADSTAIRS AND ST PETER'S**

None

### **186. GRANTS**

i) Members received an update on the applications received this year to date.

**RESOLVED: Members agreed to note**

ii) Members considered and reviewed the eligibility criteria.

**RESOLVED: That the suggested revisions be incorporated into the document in order to make the application and decision-making process clearer.**

iii) Members received and considered applications new applications for 24-25

- **EKC Group Broadstairs College**

**£7896**

**RESOLVED: That more information concerning the commercial side of the organisation is needed before a decision can be made.**

- **Thanet Wanderers RUFC Ltd** **£1000**  
**RESOLVED:** That the grant be awarded to assist in the coaching sessions in local schools.

- **1<sup>st</sup> St Peter's Sea Scouts** **£16,000**  
**RESOLVED:** That the large amount of funding cannot be justified for a non-essential project benefitting a relatively small group of people. The group are to be encouraged to fund raise themselves and reapply later in the year when the Council could consider match-funding.

- **Thanet Disabled Riding Centre** **£2000**  
**RESOLVED:** That more information is needed before a decision can be made.

- **Ramsgate and Broadstairs Sea Cadets** **£610**  
**RESOLVED:** That the grant be awarded to assist in the delivery of training sessions.

- **Broadstairs and St Peter's Twinning Association** **£500**  
**RESOLVED:** That the group be asked to show how they are going to ensure the proposed events are open to all.

iv) Members received and considered applications for 25-26

- **Broadstairs Folk Week Aug 2025** **£10,000**  
**RESOLVED:** That the sponsorship be awarded and the full sponsorship package be requested in order that local tax payers know where their money is spent.

- **The Zone Youth Club** **£5000**  
**RESOLVED:**  
i) That the grant be awarded so that the club can continue to deliver it's much needed work with young people in St Peter's.  
ii) That the grant be awarded from the 2024-25 budget.

## **187. BUDGET 2024-25**

i) Members received an update from the Town Clerk/RFO who reported that the working group had met and worked through the current year's budget to identify potential underspends and areas for increased expenditure in 2025-26.

ii) Members received an updated spreadsheet detailing expected spend to March 2025 produced as a result of that meeting and of further scrutiny of the current budget. This information was used to inform the decisions about expenditure in 2025-26 and to calculate a realistic budget.

**RECOMMENDATION: That any underspend in the Youth Activities budget (code 919) be ring-fenced and brought forward into the new financial year.**

iii) Members received an updated document detailing total anticipated requirement in 2025-26. Members noted that in order to meet all the Town Council's obligations and aspirations in 2025-26 a total expenditure of £1,071,933.00 was required. This would be offset by the anticipated 2024-25 underspend and anticipated 2025-26 income as identified by the Town Clerk.

*\*8.23pm Cllr Orhan left the meeting.*

**RECOMMENDATION: That the draft 2025-26 budget be commended to Council.**

*\*8.32 Cllr K Bright entered the meeting.*

iv) Members received an update showing the effect of any increase in demand upon the Council tax. The tax base has not yet been confirmed by TDC so final figures cannot be ascertained. However using last year's figures the proposed budget would result in a council tax increase of 6.5% for a Band D Property.

**RECOMMENDATION: That the draft budget be commended to Council in December with final approval in January when the tax base is known.**

#### **188. COMMERCIAL EVENTS REPORT**

Members received the report of the Events and Bookings Manager which showed a total income across the council's sites of £45,051 for 2024-25 which comprises room hire and bar takings. Free sessions to eligible community organisations to the value of £2392 had been taken up. The Council's own usage for meetings and events had a notional value of £11,505.

**RESOLVED: That the report be noted.**

#### **189. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - Monday 14 April 2025 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Pierremont Hall Meeting closed at 8.58pm**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_