

DARTMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER OF DARTMOUTH GUILDHALL ON TUESDAY 24TH
APRIL 2018

PRESENT: Cllrs: P F Allen (Chairman); A J C Fyson (Deputy Mayor);
D M Gent; F J Hawke; R M Lyon; F R Pritchard-Tagg (Vice
Chairman);

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: C Pritchard-Williams; Finance Officer: A McGrigor;
Cllrs: G Coles

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: R W I Cooke (Mayor); D R Kelland; R Springett.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Gent declared an interest in item 3, Grant application for the outdoor swimming pool.

3. GRANT APPLICATIONS

- **GRANT FOR BOAT SHED** – Cllr Gent explained how this partnership between the Gig Club, the Rowing Club and the Regatta was now null, and void and he recommended the committee close this application.
- **GIG CLUB BOAT STORE** – Cllr Gent explained that this application had no clear plans and again recommended the committee close this application.
Proposal: That the committee recommend to Council to close both the above applications.
Proposed: Cllr Gent
Seconded: Cllr Lyon
All Cllrs in favour.
- **TOWNSTAL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP** – £3,000
The Finance Officer explained that this application was to go towards the running costs for numerous events.
All Councillors discussed this application and the committee recommended to go back to TCP for further clarification regards what the money would be spent on.
- **FRIENDS OF DARTMOUTH COMMUNITY ORCHARD** – £186
The Finance Officer explained that this application was to go towards two wheelbarrows and insurance.
All Councillors had a discussion and it was recommended that we could fund two wheelbarrows but to liaise with our new Groundsman about this and to also clarify what the insurance was for.
- **DARTMOUTH OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL CO LTD** – £3,000

Cllr Gent declared an interest in this grant application. The Finance Officer explained that this application was to go towards essential running costs. A lengthy discussion took place with regards to the need for both an indoor and an outdoor pool, but it was generally thought that the town could support both.

Proposal: There was a proposal from Cllr Fyson that the committee support this application with partial aid of up to £1,500 with a proviso that we would consider a follow up application for the remainder of up to a maximum of £3,000 in total.

Amendment: There was an amendment from Cllr Lyon to support this proposal but to increase the partial aid to £2,000.

Proposed: Cllr Lyon

Seconded: Cllr Fyson

Three Councillors were in favour

Two Councillors abstained

4. INCOME & EXPENDITURE

A copy of the Income & Expenditure report for the last 6 months to 31st March 2018 was circulated to all Cllrs at the meeting. The Finance Officer explained differences between the budget and expenditure for members on several items.

5. MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT

There were none

6. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Proposed: Cllr Gent

Seconded: Cllr Hawke

Resolved - That in view of the confidential nature of business about to be transacted, it was in the public interest that the press and public be excluded and that they be instructed to withdraw.

7. AGED DEBTORS REPORT

A copy of the aged debtors report as at 31st March 2018 was circulated to all Cllrs at the meeting. The Finance Officer explained each of the items on the aged debtors report for members.

A discussion took place with regards to several items and all committee members recommended that the Council should write off one particular debt which was not forthcoming.

8. GUILDHALL BOOKING HIRE PRICES

A copy of the proposed Guildhall booking hire prices was circulated to all Cllrs at the meeting, all Cllrs discussed the changes and compared prices from the previous pricing structure with the new pricing structure.

All Councillors thought these new changes were good, and Cllr Lyon gave a proposal.

Proposal: That the committee accept the new Guildhall booking hire prices and additionally allow the Chairman of the relevant committee to give up to 10% discount to specific bookings.

Proposed: Cllr Lyon

Seconded: Cllr Gent

9. CARD MACHINE FOR THE OFFICE/COUNTER

Details of one option for a card reader was circulated to all Cllrs at the meeting.

The Clerk explained that due to the last remaining bank closing in June and the predicted issues with paying in cash and cheques at the post office, office staff thought it a good idea to have a card reader to take payments over the counter.

Cllr Lyon commented that we were now living in a modern world and the Council should move with it.

Proposal: To recommend that the Council have a card reader in principle and the Clerk and the Finance Officer to come back to the Chair and Deputy Chair of Finance with the best offer.

Proposal: Cllr Gent

Seconded: Cllr Lyon

All Cllrs were in favour.

All Cllrs voted to come out of committee and the meeting finished at 19.06