



BEWDLEY Town Council

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2016 AT 6.00PM IN THE GUILDHALL BEWDLEY

PRESENT

Councillor Mr J Beeson
Councillor Mrs Linda Candlin
Councillor Mrs C Edginton-White
Councillor Mr D Killingworth

In attendance:
Councillor Miss M Fishwick
Councillor Miss A Mace
Mr N Farress (Town Clerk)

148 Apologies

Councillor Mr P Edmundson

149 Declarations of Interest

- (i) Councillor Edginton-White declared an Other Disclosable Interest as a member of Bewdley Concert Band in relation to Minute 153;
- (ii) Councillor Candlin declared an Other Disclosable Interest as a Trustee of Wribbenhall Parish Room in relation to Minute 153;
- (iii) Councillor Killingworth declared an Other Disclosable Interest as a member of the Rotary Club in relation to Minute 153.

None of the Councillors named above took part in the debate or voting on the specific interests listed, but remained in the room.

150 Dispensations

The Town Clerk clarified that Councillor Edginton-White had a dispensation to discuss matters pertaining to Riverside North Park.

151 Minutes

It was **agreed** that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 19th January 2016 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

152 Budget Allocation for Shaw Hedge Road Play Equipment

The Town Clerk provided an update and reported that along with our contribution, Councillor Yarranton had used some of his divisional funding which meant that Wyre Forest Community Housing (WFCH) match funded the project with £3000. WFCH had also repaired the skate park which had previously caused concern.

AGREED

- (i) that the £2000 be released to the TCC in relation to the play equipment they wish to purchase for Shaw Hedge Road Play Area;

(ii) that the Town Council are credited for this contribution and invited to any unveiling event.

153 Applications for Grant Aid

The following was **AGREED** (NB the budget for grant aid for 2016/2017 was £14,500):

Organisation	Request 2016/17 (£)	Recommendation (£)
Bewdley Carnival Association	200	200 (and that Arley and Far Forest Schools are invited to participate)
Bewdley Concert Band	600	450
Bewdley Cricket Club	200	100
Bewdley & District Horticultural Society	250	200
Bewdley Festival Ltd (Youth Festival)	500	500 (specifically for Youth Festival)
Community Transport Wyre Forest	750	750
RBL Poppy Wreaths	100	100
Wyre Forest CAB	1,500	1,500 (and that CAB be asked to return to Bewdley)
Bewdley (1 st) Scout Group	5,000	Defer – would like to see estimate for works required
Bewdley Rotary Club	200	200
Bewdley School	2,000	2,000
Bewdley Development Trust	1,420	500 (specifically for the promotion of the Produce Market)
Bewdley PCC	5,000	Defer – would like to see estimate for cleaning works required
Bewdley Bike Week	1,500	750
Bewdley Town Football Club	1,000	750
Together Project	1,350	1,350
Wribbenhall Parish Room	1,000	Defer – would like to see estimate for works required
Riverside North Park (WFDC/Friends Group)	1,000	1,000
Total	23,570	10,350

It was also **AGREED**

(i) that the remaining £4,150 be placed in Reserves until such time as the Committee consider deferred applications and whether to keep a sum back for second round applications.

(ii) that the amount for Churchyard maintenance be split Bewdley PCC £1000, Wribbenhall PCC £500.

154 Risk Assessment – General Business Activities

The Town Clerk presented an updated risk assessment for general business activities including business contingency and protection of assets.

AGREED

That this be accepted.

155 New External Audit Arrangements

The Town Clerk presented a report in relation to a new sector lead body being established to carry out external audit activities from 2017/2018.

AGREED

To accept the recommendation of the Town Clerk that we do not “opt out” of the new arrangements, in line with advice from CALC’s Executive Officer.

156 Date and Time of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Finance Committee would be on Tuesday 19th April 2016 at 6.00pm

Close of meeting 8.15pm

Signed.....
Chairman of Finance Committee
19th April 2016