

DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES and REPORT of the MEETING of the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE of the Council held at Dursley Methodist Church, Castle Street, Dursley on Tuesday 27th September 2022 for presentation to the Council on Tuesday 4th October 2022.

PRESENT

Councillors: S Creswick (Chair), S Ackroyd, P Hayes, T Kinnison and T Stride.

Officers: J Kay, Town Clerk.

Absent: L Patrick

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Nicholson, J Rubin, D Savvidou, M Stennett, A Stennett and M Woodward (all personal).

2. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Creswick declared a non-pecuniary interest as a friend of a member of Dursley Rugby Football Club. (Item 5)

Cllr Ackroyd declared a pecuniary interest as a Director of the Chantry Centre. (Item 5)

3. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no representations from the public.

4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of the Policy and Finance Committee held on Tuesday 21st June 2022 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

5. REGARDING GRANT APPLICATIONS

Small Grants

The Committee considered the 2022/23 small grant applications to be paid in October 2022 and made the following recommendations to Council:



IT WAS RESOLVED to recommend that Council approve the following grants:

Applicant	Amount Awarded	Brief Description	Notes
Connect AT	£500	Outings	
Dursley in Bloom	£500	Bulbs/plants	
Good Neighbours	£500	Driver Payments	
Dursley Town AFC (Boys & Girls)	£625	Spray Marking Machine	
Cotswold Vale Talking Newspaper	£125	USB memory sticks	
Dursley Town AFC (Men & Ladies)	£500	Spike Aerator	
Dursley Running Club Juniors	£2,000	Multisport Long Jump	Provisional Award - Applicant to confirm the location of the equipment and that they have permission from the land owner.

IT WAS RESOLVED to refuse the small grant application from the Yercombe (Gloucestershire) Trust.

Revenue Grants

The Committee considered the 2022/23 revenue grant applications to be paid in May 2023 and made the following recommendations to Council:

Applicant	Amount Awarded	Brief Description	Notes
The Dods	£2,000	Orchestra Costs	
Chantry Centre	£10,000	Asbestos Removal	Cllr Ackroyd took no part in the discussion and abstained
Dursley RFC	£2,000	Training pitch, car park & clubhouse improvements	3-year grant.
DATE	£500	Bus maintenance	3-year grant.
D&D Community Association	£7,000	Running Costs	Provisional grant award subject to review meeting/report in February 2023.
Great Western Air Ambulance	£2,000	One flight to Dursley	

IT WAS RESOLVED to refuse the revenue and urgent grant applications from the Quarry Chapel (Wellbeing Centre).

6. TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING POLICY REVISIONS

Members considered revisions to the following documents:

a) Standing Orders

IT WAS AGREED to recommend to Council to approve the revised version of the Standing Orders.

b) Code of Conduct

IT WAS AGREED to recommend that Council approve the revised version of the Code of Conduct.

It was noted a discrepancy between the Code of Conduct and Standing Orders about whether a member should withdraw from a meeting when a pecuniary interest is declared, and this would be brought to the attention of Council.

7. UPDATE ON INVESTMENTS

The investments and charges on 1st September 2022 were noted. The second instalment of the precept was due to be received by the end of the month.

IT WAS AGREED the Town Clerk and Committee Chair would agree how much could be transferred to the Public Sector Deposit account on receipt of the precept.

8. EXTERNAL AUDITOR REPORT

The external auditor report and certificate were noted, with only a minor comment on the restated figure of box 9 on the 2020/21 figure being included.

9. BUSINESS DEALT WITH IN COMMITTEE

To resolve to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business.

IT WAS RESOLVED to carry out the remainder of business in committee due to the confidential nature of the business. There were no members of the public or press present.

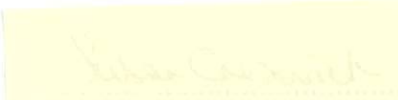


10. TO CONSIDER QUOTATIONS RECEIVED FOR FESTIVE LIGHTING WORKS

IT WAS RESOLVED to accept quotations received from STL Gloucester Ltd for:

- Main Lighting Works (3 years) at £10,425
- Parsonage Street Lights Scheme (£ years) at £3,000
- Anchor Point Testing (2 years) at £1,078

The meeting closed at 20:15.



.....Chair

.....18.10.2022.....Date