

BANBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Banbury Town Council held on Tuesday, 20 February 2018 at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, Banbury.

Present: Councillor Clarke (Town Mayor)
Councillors: Banfield, Beere, Bell, Cherry, Colegrave, Dhesi, J Donaldson, L Donaldson, Harrison, Hussain, Ilott, Kilsby, Mallon, Milne Home, Morris, Richards, Turner, Woodcock, and Wren.

Officers: Mark Recchia (Town Clerk)
Mark Hassall (Deputy Town Clerk & RFO)
Mike Hall (Recreation & Amenities Manager)
Audrey O'Mahony (Planning & Administration Officer)

C.55/17 Apologies for Absence

Councillor Fatemian and Councillor Ross.

C.56/17 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Clarke declared a personal interest in the grant application submitted by The Mill Arts Centre, due to being invited to join the fundraising committee, and withdrew from the meeting during the discussion and voting thereon. Councillor Hussain took the chair at this time as Deputy Mayor.

Councillors Ilott and Milne Home declared personal interests in the grant application submitted by The Mill Arts Centre, due to being on the board of trustees, and withdrew from the meeting during the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Mallon declared a personal interest in the grant application submitted by Banbury Museum, due to being on the board of trustees, he withdrew from the meeting during the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Kilsby declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the grant application of the Royal Volunteer Service and a personal interest in respect of Banburyshire Citizen Project as an employee of the Royal Volunteer Service, and as an interested party in Banburyshire Citizen Project. Councillor Kilsby withdrew from the meeting during the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Cherry declared a personal interest in the grant application for The Hill, due to being a trustee and withdrew from the meeting during the discussion and voting thereon.

C.57/17 Minutes of the Last Meeting

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 January 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

C.58/17 Communications

The Town Mayor's communications had been circulated to those present.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Communications be noted.

C.59/17 Questions

a) Elected Members

There were no questions asked.

b) Members of the Public

There were no questions asked

C.60/17 Planning Committee

It was proposed by Councillor Ilott, seconded by Councillor Harrison, that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 7 February 2018 be received.

The Council noted the decisions contained within Minutes **PL.59/17** to **PL.65/17**.

C.61/17 General Services Committee

It was proposed by Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Harrison, that the Minutes of the General Services Committee meeting held on 30 January 2018 be received.

The Council noted the decisions contained within Minutes **GS.30/17** to **GS.36/17**.

C.62/17 Resources Committee

It was proposed by Councillor Mallon, seconded by Councillor Colegrave, that the Minutes of the Resources Committee meeting held on 6 February 2018 be received.

The Council noted the decisions contained within Minutes **R.48/17** to **R.51/17** and **R.54/17**.

IT WAS RESOLVED in respect of Minute **R.52/17** (Minutes of the Grants & Budgets Sub Committee), that:

- (1) the Council confirm the Annual Grants and the provision for Small Grants as outlined in **Appendix 1** to the Resources Committee minutes, pending the financial vetting, as necessary, by the Deputy Town Clerk and RFO;
- (2) the grant application from Banbury Community Trust (The Hill) (formerly Willy Freund Centre) be approved and an award of £2,500 be made as transitional funding;
- (3) the grant application from Banbury Folk Association be approved in part and an award of £400 be made for promotion and re-branding;
- (4) the grant application from the Home-Start Banbury & Chipping Norton be refused as the application is for core running costs (including costs that are payroll related);
- (5) the grant application from the Banbury Young Homeless Project be approved in part and an award of £1,500 be made for the purchase of a Smart Board, upon a receipt being submitted to the Town Council for the purchase;
- (6) the grant application from The Mill Arts Centre be refused as the under-writing/subsidy of ticket sales was indirectly supporting core funding;
- (7) the grant application from the Oxfordshire Volunteer Befriending Service be approved in part and an award of £270 be made for the provision of a new printer and advertising;
- (8) the grant application from Revitalise Respite Holidays be refused as the application was in essence for core funding;

- (9) the grant application from Banbury Museum be approved and an award of £5,000 be made towards the increase in size of the Special Exhibitions Gallery;
- (10) the grant application from Lets Play Project be refused as the Project was moving to Twyford and the commensurate benefit to the Town residents was no longer evident;
- (11) the grant application from Standing in the Gap be approved and an award of £2,026 be made;
- (12) the grant application from Enrych Oxfordshire be refused as the application is to support core funding;
- (13) the grant application from St Francis Church Tots and Carers be approved and an award of £5,000 be made;
- (14) the grant application from Easington Sports Football Club be approved and an award of £2,000 be made;
- (15) the grant application from the Royal Voluntary Service be refused as the Council believe that alternative grant provision could potentially be sourced within the Town and the need could also be met by combining with other charities and local organisations to make better use of under-utilised vehicles;
- (16) the grant application from the Banburyshire Citizen Project be refused as the intended use was for core funding;
- (17) the grant application from Sound Resource be refused as the application was for core funding and running costs.
- (18) the grant application from the Banbury Polish Association be refused as the application was for core funding
- (19) the grant application from St John's Catholic Church be refused as the application was retrospective, and
- (20) the remaining budget provision be made available through the Small Contributions Fund for 2018/19.
- (21) **IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED** in respect of Minute **R.53/17** (Health & Safety Policy Statement – Appendix 2 of the Resources Committee minutes), that the Health & Safety Policy Statement be approved and the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the statement.

C.66/16

Resolutions Moved on Notice – Resolution No. 43

It was proposed by Councillor Woodcock and seconded by Councillor Hussain that

“This Council commits in principle to scrapping burial charges and fees for children 15 and under by the time of implementing a budget for 2019/20 and asks officers to report on the cost and other implications”

An amendment was proposed by Councillor Mallon and seconded by Councillor Colegrave that the original motion should be varied and should read:

“This Council asks officers to investigate the consequences of changing or cancelling burial charges and fees for Banbury children aged 16 and under as part of the budget for 2019/20 and asks officers to report on the costs and other implications”

The amendment to the motion was extensively debated.

[At this point in the meeting the Town Mayor agreed to a request for an adjournment for a period of five minutes to allow both groups to discuss the exact wording of the amendment to be put forward to the meeting]

After the adjournment of the meeting Councillor Colegrave introduced the amended motion, as follows:

“This Council is in principle in favour of implementing free burial charges and fees for Banbury Children aged 16 and under, and instructs officers to investigate this as part of the budget for 2019/20 and report on the costs and other implications”.

this was voted upon, agreed unanimously and declared carried.

A Substantive Motion in the same terms was then proposed by Councillor Woodcock and seconded by Councillor Mallon and was **carried** unanimously.

The Meeting ended at 7.40pm.