

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the
Finance and General Purposes Committee
held on Wednesday 18th September 2019 at 7.00pm
in the Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham

Present: Councillor David Lister (Chairman)
 Councillors Mike Cole, Lee Dillon and Jennifer Walker

In attendance: Mel Alexander (Town Clerk)

FGP/2019/37 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors John Boyd, Jeremy Cottam and Ellen Crumly.

FGP/2019/38 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Dillon declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item number 4 (c) (FGP/2019/40(c)), application references 14766 and 14778, as the applicant was known to Councillor Dillon.

FGP/2019/39 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EVENTS COMMITTEE

Members considered the following recommendations from the Events Committee, following its meeting on 9th September 2019:

- that up to £10,000 be allocated from Reserves to enable specialist activities to be booked to commemorate VE Day-75 at Thatcham Family Fun Day 2020
- that £3,603.57 be allocated for the purchase of replacement and additional Christmas Lights, funded from the Rolling Capital Fund
- that £1,500 be allocated for the install and derig of the additional lights, funded from Reserves
- that £3,000 be allocated for the purchase of a Christmas style grotto, funded from the Rolling Capital Fund
- that £1,500 be allocated to support a new Christmas event on Saturday 7th December 2019, funded from Reserves

Members were not willing to agree £3,000 for the purchase of a Christmas style grotto and reduced the funding allocated for this purpose. Members also provided suggestions on locations for the grotto. Members requested that Officers explore provision of a Sustainable Christmas Market in the town centre on Saturday 7th December.

RESOLVED

- (i) to allocate up to £10,000 from Reserves to enable specialist activities to be booked to commemorate VE Day-75 at Thatcham Family Fun Day 2020
- (ii) to allocate £3,603.57 from the Rolling Capital Fund for the purchase of replacement and additional Christmas Lights
- (iii) to allocate £1,500 from Reserves for the install and derig of the additional Christmas lights
- (iv) to allocate up to £2,000 from the Rolling Capital Fund for the purchase of a Christmas style grotto
- (v) to allocate £1,500 from Reserves to provide a new Christmas event on Saturday 7th December 2019

FGP/2019/40 REVENUE GRANT APPLICATIONS 2019/20

a) Members considered a Match Funding Agreement 2019/20 from Greenham Trust, providing £17,000 of match funding, subject to criteria.

RESOLVED

to agree to enter into the Match Funding Agreement 2019/20 with Greenham Trust.

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b) Members were advised that the total budget for grant aid in 2019/20 was £17,000.

RESOLVED to note the total budget and to hold two grant tranches in the financial year 2019/20.

c) Members considered 6 applications.

RESOLVED to request further information on the organisation structure of Berkshire Talent Academy CIC (application reference 15999) and report back to the next meeting of this Committee on 21st October 2019.

RESOLVED to invite 5th Thatcham Brownies to attend the next meeting of this Committee on 21st October 2019 to discuss their Robotics project (application reference 14728).

RESOLVED to award the following grant funding:

Application Ref	Organisation	Project	Funding Awarded
14766	Armadillo Art Experience CIC	Resident Artists	£250.00
14778	Armadillo Art Experience CIC	Draw Together	£250.00
16016	Volunteer Centre West Berkshire	Newbury and Thatcham Handybus	£1,944.73
16050	Berkshire Vision	Children, Young People and Families Project	£500.00

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.17pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____