

BARRY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE, POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 12 JULY 2021 AT 6.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillors Brooks (arrived at 6.05 pm) (Chairperson), together with Councillors Drake, N Hodges, S A Hodges and Lloyd-Selby (arrived at 6.03 pm) (Vice-Chairperson).

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Sims – Deputy Chief Officer
Robyn Walsh – Community Engagement Officer
Rebecca Blackwell – Office Team Leader
Councillor Clarke - Observer

As the Chair and Vice-Chair were delayed, Councillor Drake was nominated to open the meeting.

F300. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received.

Councillor Lloyd-Selby arrived at 6.03 pm and took the Chair

F301. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of Interest were received from Councillors S Hodges and N Hodges in relation to item 7 for the applications Archaeology Cymru and Cardiff & Vale Wellbeing CIC.

F302. **WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT 2015**

RESOLVED: That the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 be received and noted.

Councillor Brooks arrived at 6.05 pm and took the Chair

F303. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE, POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE'S MEETING HELD ON 21 JUNE 2021**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee's meeting held on 21 June 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record.

F304. **TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE INNOVATION WORKING PARTY HELD ON 6 JULY 2021 AND TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ANY RECOMMENDATION THEREIN**

Member received the minutes of the Innovation Working Party held on 6 July 2021 and discussed the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That Barry Town Council works in partnership with the Vale of Glamorgan Council Events Team to enhance and support the three events as outlined within the main report providing they include Barry Town Council branding and recognition of support.**
- 2. That Barry Town Council will support these events through promotion across its social media networks and encouraging the community and traders to get involved.**
- 3. That a budget of £1200 is ring-fenced from the Community Engagement budget to decorate the Town Hall including various thematic window art to support and complement the Vale's Event Programme and increase the identity of Barry Town Council, (themes to include Halloween, Remembrance, Christmas, Valentine's Day or Spring, Easter theme), subject to the trial period being received well by the public.**
- 4. That the Council supports the Mayoral Race Riot Event as detailed within the report, using Eventbrite to monitor the events numbers, with associated costs of up to £1,000 coming from the Civic/Civic Hospitality budget expenditure heading.**
- 5. That the Council supports the CADW Open Doors Event as outlined within the report, providing the Cemetery Team access to the Chapel as a mess room is resolved.**
- 6. That members agree to the Mack Events proposal in principle, requesting a further meeting with Mack Events to present a more detailed report and financial implications to the group.**
- 7. That the consideration to make a budgetary provision for the concept of Pumpkin Carving in Central Park to complement the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Halloween Trail be taken to the Shop Local Committee for discussion.**
- 8. That the consideration to make a budgetary provision for the potential Santa's Post Office, noting that if the Vale of Glamorgan Council does not have the budget this may not go ahead as part of the proposal be taken to the Shop Local Committee for discussion.**
- 9. That the committee ring-fence the budget for the Fireworks Festival for the possible Festival of Light with the provision of further discussions to explore options and note that Barry Town Council will not be involved with the Burning of Guy Fawkes display.**

10. That it be noted that the Community Engagement Strategy will be reviewed alongside the Corporate Plan (scheduled to be reviewed in 2022) to provide a more holistic approach to the delivery of both documents.

F305.

TO REVIEW COVID-19 RECOVERY GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN 26 MAY AND 15 JUNE 2021 (TRADERS)

Members were requested to consider the applications under the Power of Wellbeing, Sections 1-5 of the Local Government Act 2000, Power to do anything to promote the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the council's area or anyone in the area. An amount of £44,000 had been allocated within the Council's Budget for Grants relating to Covid-19 Recovery Fund (Business Grants) with a further £4,000 relating to Green Grants.

Members agreed to the following grants being awarded.

Covid-19 recovery Fund

Business Name	Amount Awarded
Aura Beauty	£0
Barry Island Sprits Company	£944.99
Bella Mia Beauty	£1,000
Caesars	£0
Craft Republic	£999.98
Hayley Tombs Childminder	£0
Karen Spence Childminder	£821.94
Kelly Crowther	£789.88
Moon Enterprise Solutions	£0
Oh Doggo	£0
The Geek Company	£1,000
Theresa's Childminding	£649.99
Vintage Hair Salon	£0
Wild Botanic	£1,000
Bliss Hair	£1,000
Fountains Tea Room	£0
Goodwash Company	£500
Kerridwen	£400
The Lighthouse	£690
Vicki Fernandes Childminding	£883.01
Vicki Walters Childminding	£659
Total	<u>£11,338.79</u>

Members raised concerns in relation to retrospective funding and felt that both Caesars and Aura Beauty had requested funding retrospectively. Members advised that they wish to receive further information from Aura Beauty in relation to the training they requested the funding for.

Members continued to have reservations in relation to awarding a grant for a new greenhouse for Hayley Tombs Childminder due to the amount of children who would benefit from the greenhouse and raised safety concerns in regards to the temperature a greenhouse could reach. In addition, members encourage Hayley Tombs to re-apply at the next funding round and consider a smaller project.

Members felt that the following applications did not meet the criteria of the grant funding; Moon Enterprise Solutions, Oh Doggo and Vintage Hair Salon.

Councillor Clarke raised a concern as Chair of the Sustainable Barry Working Group in relation to the gas patio heaters that Craft Republic have requested funding for. He advised that gas patio heaters produce high pollution. The Chair advised that within the application it states that they are unable to use electric due to the lack of outdoor electric points and gas would be the alternative.

Members requested more information from Fountains Tea Rooms over concerns on the lack of costings within the application.

Members agreed to pay a portion of the requested amounts for Goodwash Company, Kerridwen and The Lighthouse.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That in accordance with the provisions of Power of Wellbeing, Sections 1-5 of the Local Government Act 2000; the above amounts be awarded as agreed by the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee on Monday, 12 July 2021, noting that once all grants have been awarded the Covid-19 Recovery Fund (Business Grants) will stand at £10,879.16 available and the Green Grants Fund will still stand at £1,000 available.**
- 2. That further information be requested from Aura Beauty and Fountains Tea Rooms with a view to revisit the application at a future meeting of the Finance, Policy and General Purposes Committee**

Councillor S & N Hodges left the room for the discussion of Archaeology Cymru and Cardiff & Vale Wellbeing CIC.

F306.

TO REVIEW GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN 26 MAY AND 15 JUNE 2021 (COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS)

Members were requested to consider the applications under the Power of Wellbeing, Sections 1-5 of the Local Government Act 2000, Power to do anything to promote the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the council's area or anyone in the area. An amount of

£15,000 had been allocated within the Council's Budget for Grants for Community and Voluntary Organisations.

Community Organisation	Amount Awarded
Archaeology Cymru	£0
Barry West End Cricket Club	£997
Cardiff & Vale Wellbeing CIC	£1,000
Total	<u>£1,997</u>

Members had reservations in relation to Archaeology Cymru and felt that there is no clear programme or risk assessments for the programme stands.

F307. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

The Chair adjourned the meeting to be reconvened on Monday 19 July 2021 at 6.00 pm on a hybrid basis in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, King Square, Barry and remotely, to consider the remaining agenda items as the meeting of the Personnel Committee was scheduled to commence at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 6.59 pm.

Signed..... (Chairperson) Date.....