

**BARRY TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE SHOP LOCAL BARRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 6PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Perkes (Chairperson) together with, Councillors Collins, S Hodges and Payne.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Robyn Walsh – Community Engagement Officer

**SL205. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Wiliam (Town Mayor).

**SL206. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were received.

**SL207. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT 2015**

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

**SL208. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 7 OCTOBER 2021**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the last meeting of the Shop Local Barry Advisory Committee held on 7 October 2021 be approved and signed as correct record.

**SL209. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

Members were provided with the Committee's expenditure in the 2021/22 financial year as at the end of September 2021.

Councillor S Hodges queried the balance available as it was lower than the Shop Local reserve of £6,477. The Community Engagement Officer confirmed that the Committee were now in the Shop Local reserve.

**RESOLVED** that the report be received and noted.

**SL210. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS TRADERS**

- i. The Tracks - amount requested £174.93

Members discussed and agreed that as this application had been received from a shopping district as a whole (rather than individual traders) that they would be mindful to support in principle. However, members felt that it was not within the Committee's remit to approve and so recommended that the grant request be forwarded to a meeting of the Finance, Policy and General Purposes Committee to be held on Monday, 22 November 2021 for their consideration.

- ii. Various Traders (The Bees Knees, Cocoa Therapy, Allen and Harris, Beauty Basics, Beautiful Lilly, Knights) – amount requested £100 per trader

Members discussed the various applications received in depth and determined that to award grants of £100 each when a formal grant round had not been approved would be unfair to other Traders within Barry. Members also noted that High Street Traders had recently been awarded £3,660 as a collective to host a Christmas Light Switch-On event which was a considerable amount from the Shop Local budget.

- iii. Holton Road Traders Association – amount requested £2,000

Members discussed this application and determined that there was not sufficient information available to make an informed decision. They also expressed concerns that the proposed use of the grant did not align with the ethos of Shop Local.

Members requested that the Community Engagement Officer request the following information and that an update is provided to a meeting of the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee, as well as the Chair of Shop Local and Group Leaders.

- Which company is being used to provide security?
- What do HRTA intend to use the grant from Shop Local for specifically?
- What do HRTA intend to use the Transforming Towns grant received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council specifically?
- Who is providing the Marquee and weights?
- What income are HRTA expecting from the event?
- Members also requested that the Community Engagement Officer explain to HRTA what Shop Local can and can't fund.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

**To a meeting of the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee to be held on Monday, 22 November;**

1. That a grant of £174.93 is awarded to The Tracks (traders at the Goodshed development) for the purpose of purchasing Christmas trees.
2. That providing the Community Engagement Officer is able to provide Committee (and the Chair of Shop Local and Group Leaders) with the requested information, that members determine whether to

award the Holton Road Traders Association a grant of £2,000 for the purpose of hosting a Christmas Market at King Square, Barry.

**RESOLVED that the grant applications received from; The Bees Knees (£100), Cocoa Therapy (£200), Allen and Harris (£100), Beauty Basics (£100), Beautiful Lilly (£100) and Knights (£100) are not approved due to the reasons outlined above.**

**SL211. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED that the date of the next Shop Local Barry Advisory meeting will be held on Thursday 3 February 2022, at 6pm.**

Meeting closed at 18:40 pm.

Signed ..... (Chairperson) Dated .....