

WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 17th July 2017

Present: Councillors B O’Kane (Chairman); R Gill; J. Kane; C Maudling; G. Roberts

M. Jewell, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

V. Gorley Trainee Assistant Town Clerk

Representatives from Whitehaven Rugby League Football Club

Representative from Bransty Rangers Junior Football Club

727/17 Apologies For Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Guest, Councillor Forster, Councillor Gearing, Councillor Laine and Councillor Lowrey.

728/17 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Gill declared that he had a step-grandson who played for Bransty Rangers.

729/17 Grant Applications

(i) Bransty Rangers Junior Football Club

Further to Minute number 718/17(ii) Members considered an application for a grant of £1166 (reduced from £1200) for replacement removable goal posts. The Clerk informed the Council that the Council had power to award the money under s19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. Following a discussion it was:-

RESOLVED – That £583 be awarded from Councillor O’Kane’s Ward Grant and £583 be awarded from Councillor Roberts’ Ward Grant.

(ii) Whitehaven Rugby League Football Club

Further to Minute 718/17 (i) Members considered a grant application for £10,000 for a music festival to raise money to fund and keep the club going and that people would be travelling to the event and they had been given lists of local hotels, restaurants and amenities in the town

The Clerk said that this event was for the provision of entertainments and to promote tourism and therefore the Council had power under s144 of the Local Government Act 1972 to award a grant. However there was a part of the application which appeared to be for education and the Council had no powers to make a grant for educational purposes. The Chairman said that this was noted and

Following a discussion the following resolutions were made

- (a) Councillor Gill proposed that in order to help the club to carry on running and to help keep a community asset that what was left in the grants budget be paid to Whitehaven Rugby League Football Club and as the budget would be spent after that that no further applications for grant funding should be considered until the start of the next financial year. This was seconded by Councillor Kane and Councillor Gill asked for a recorded vote.
- (b) Councillor Kane made a proposal that in the intervening period that rules and regulations for grant applications be drawn up. This was an additional proposal to Councillor Gill's.
- (c) Councillor Maudling made a counter proposal to Councillor Gill's proposal that £1500 should be kept back from the grants budget and the rest awarded to WRLFC. There was no seconder for this so the counter proposal fell.

A recorded vote was held on Councillor Gill's proposal and the result was as follows

Councillor O'Kane	For
Councillor Maudling	Against
Councillor Gill	For
Councillor Kane	For
Councillor Roberts	For

RESOLVED – That the remainder of the money in the grants budget be awarded to Kells Rugby League Football Club and that no further applications for grant funding should be considered until the start of the next financial year.

(d) Councillor Gill proposed that Councillor Kane's proposal for rules and regulations for grant applications to be drawn up in the intervening period be agreed and referred to the next meeting of the Policy and Resources and Finance Committee

RESOLVED – That this be approved and a report prepared for the next Policy and Resources and Finance Committee

730/17 **Hanging Baskets in Whitehaven**

Councillor O'Kane asked the Council's permission to raise a matter following on from Minute 709/18 of the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 27th June 2017.

He reported that he had made enquiries at Mirehouse Garden Centre about hanging baskets for Whitehaven and had been offered 24 hanging baskets this week at a cost of £500 (£600 including VAT). He said more might be available next week and was seeking approval to order the 24 hanging baskets and authorisation to spend a further £500 plus VAT if more hanging baskets could be obtained

RESOLVED – (i) That the purchase of 24 hanging baskets at £500 plus VAT be authorised and

(ii) That expenditure of a further £500 plus VAT be authorised if further hanging baskets become available.

The Meeting closed at 5.50

The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to the amendments in Minute 733/17 (i) and (ii)

Chairman

