



Minutes of Meeting of the Finance and Compliance Committee held on 18 March 2024 at 6.30 pm Hybrid Meeting at the Ostreme Centre & via Teams

Councillors Present: Ian Scott (Chair), Will Thomas (Vice Chair), Rebecca Fogarty, and Carrie Townsend Jones

Officers Present: Diane Athernought – Customer Services Officer and Ian Hughes – CSO

FI2403-01 Apologies: Cllr. Pamela Erasmus

FI2403-02 Declarations of Interest
None

FI2403-03 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Committee

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2024 as a true record.

FI2403-04 Outstanding Actions from Previous Meeting

RESOLVED outstanding actions updated, details recorded in 'outstanding action' report by CSO.

FI2403-05 Budget Monitoring Reports to 31/01/2024 - Paul Beynon, RFO

Financial reports prepared by RFO Paul Beynon had previously been provided to councillors, no queries regarding the reports had been raised with RFO prior to the meeting. No questions were raised at the meeting in relation to the reports.

RESOLVED to approve the budget monitoring report to 31st January 2024



FI2403-06 Mumbles Movers and Gower Groovers Grant Application

Grant Application for an amount up to £829 per term to assist in relation to the elderly and disabled, to provide friendships and improve their social networking.

A discussion took place on whether this application, whilst previously successful fell within the guidelines of MCC's grant applications. Other recent applications had been unsuccessful, and some councillors believed that the approval of this application would be inconsistent with previous decisions and that this application should not be approved until MCC's Grant Guidance had been fully implemented.

During this discussion contact with Cllr Will Thomas who had joined the meeting remotely was lost at 6.38pm

RECOMMENDED that the amount of £829 per term not be granted to Mumbles Movers and Gower Groovers on a majority of two to one.

FI2403-07 Newton Athletic Football Club Grant Application

Grant Application for an amount up to £1,500 to assist in holding the first summer football tournament at Underhill Park.

A discussion took place on what is anticipated to be a new annual event. All councillors were enthusiastic about the project which will inclusive. It was accepted by the committee that additional costs would be incurred due to the event being inaugurated this year. However, it is hoped that additional money will be raised through other means including sponsorship. Concerns were raised by councillors over certain environmental issues including sustainability.

RECOMMENDED: that the amount of up to £1,500 be granted to Newton Athletic Football Club to assist in holding their first summer football tournament at Underhill Park subject to the following action being carried out.

ACTION: Lydia Graham, The Environmental Officer to make contact with the grant applicant and provide environmental issues such as the use of bottled water and other sustainability concerns. In addition, Lydia to suggest the applicant liaises with Plastic Free Mumbles for additional guidance.



Cllr Thomas rejoined the meeting at 6.47pm and apologised for his absence due to technical issues.

Meeting ended 6.48pm

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