

STROUD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the

Finance, Community and Policy Committee

15th October 2018

Present: Councillors Geoffrey Andrews, Laurie Davies (from item 6), Rob Green, Camilla Hale, John Marjoram, Margaret Poulton, Alan Sage (Chair) and Lucas Schoemaker

In attendance: Helen Bojaniwska (Town Clerk), Nadja Singh (Fundraiser)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Simon Arundel (work), John Bloxson (personal), Kevin Cranston (personal) and Steve Dechan (work).

2. Declarations of interest

Cllr Marjoram declared a personal interest with regard to grant applications from Atelier and Openhouse.

Cllr Hale declared a personal interest with regard to grant application from Atelier.

Cllr Schoemaker declared a personal interest with regard to grant application from Openhouse.

3. Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

4. Questions from the public

No questions were received.

5. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 16th July 2018 were **approved** by those present and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

Cllr Davies joined the meeting.

6. Authorisation of payments

It was resolved to authorise payments from July to September 2018.

7. Budget Monitoring

The budget monitoring report to end of September 2018 was noted.

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8. Reports from grant recipients

Reports from grant recipients were noted.

9. Grants Funds available

The funds available were noted. It was noted that the amounts applied for significantly exceeded the budgets available.

The agenda items we reordered as follows:

11. Applications to the Arts and Culture fund

It was **resolved** to approve payment of the following grants using the General Power of Competence.

Stroud Goodwill £1,250

Stroud International Textiles (SIT) Select £500 from Small Grants fund

Film Festival £600 plus a further £1,000 underwrite. The Committee felt that in the future the Festival needed to become financially sustainable, rather than relying on grant funding and underwriting.

The following application was refused:

Sladebank Woods CIC – it was felt that the application had failed to demonstrate sufficient evidence of engagement with proposed beneficiaries of the grant and insufficient planning regarding tree planting proposals.

10. Applications to the Community Support Fund

It was **resolved** to approve payment of the following grants using the General Power of Competence.

Atelier £500 from the Small Grants fund

Creative Sustainability CIC £1,166

FGR In the Community £1,200 specifically for activities listed in the application, except for “Fit2Last”.

Stroud Lido £1,500

The following applications were refused:

OPENHouse (Shire Training Workshop Ltd) the application did not match the funding priorities for the Community Support Fund.

Gloucestershire Counselling Service the application did not match the funding priorities for the Community Support Fund.

Clerk

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12. Applications to the Small Grants fund

It was **resolved** to approve payment of the following grants using the General Power of Competence.

Clerk

Love Music Hate Racism £500 plus support with promotion

Coram Life Education Gloucestershire £500

St Laurence Church Christmas Tree Festival £300

Stroud Wassail £150 plus support with risk assessments

Stroud Beresford £500

The following applications were refused:

Top of Town Community Association – the application did not meet the objectives or conditions of the small grants fund.

Men of Stroud – the application did not meet the objectives or conditions of the small grants fund.

It was **resolved** to waive Standing Order 3a to continue the meeting past 10pm.

13. ParkRun

A request for support from a new ParkRun group was **approved**.

Clerk

14. Financial Regulations regarding contract and payments

It was **resolved** to recommend to Council:

Clerk

- Inclusion of new regulation: “In cases of an emergency or extreme risk to the delivery of Council services, the Town Clerk may authorise revenue expenditure on behalf of the Council which in the Town Clerk’s judgement it is necessary to carry out. Such expenditure includes repair, replacement or other work, whether or not there is any budgetary provision for the expenditure, subject to a limit of £10,000. The Town Clerk shall report such action to the Finance & General Purposes Committee and/or Council as soon as practicable thereafter.”
- Extend definition of “other specialist services” in Reg. 11.1 (a) ii to also include: engineers and gravediggers
- Increase the limit in Reg. 6.22 to £500.

15. Minutes

The minutes of the following meetings were received:

NDP Working Group	11th July and 12th September
Sub Rooms Working Group	30th August and 27th September

The meeting closed at 10.01pm.

Chair

Date