



Minutes of the meeting of Handforth Parish Council
Finance Committee held on Tuesday 12th June 2018 at 6:45pm,
The Youth Centre, Old Road, Handforth.

Present: Cllr Samson
Cllr Sullivan
Cllr Smith (Chair of the Finance Committee)

Also present Mr Comiskey Dawson Parish Clerk. Cllrs Burgess & Tolver, Three members of the public.

18/15/1 To receive apologies for absence.

None.

18/15/2 To note Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation to discuss, or discuss and vote on a matter in which a Member or co-opted Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest (DPI).

None.

18/15/3 Open Forum- Comment and questions concerning items on this agenda may be put to the Council by the public during this period. Matters which, in the Chairman's view require debate and/or a discussion will be referred to the next Committee/Council meeting, as appropriate. The Public Forum is restricted to 15 minutes, unless the Chairman allows otherwise.

None.

18/15/4 Recommendations for expenditure:
a) To retrospectively approve the following items:

None.

b) To consider any other recommendations/requests:

None.

18/15/5

To consider a grant application received from the Time Out group and make recommendation to full Council.

A representative from the time out group was in attendance at the meeting, she thanked Cllr Tolver for his time visiting the group and providing a report back to the council.

Cllrs asked the following questions to the representative;

- Is the group closing down? HPC were informed that the group was not closing down, but were in discussion with their landlord over the rent and the length of their lease.
- What was their unrestricted funding amount used for? HPC were informed that the restricted funds had been built up from grants for projects to be carried out in this financial year and amounts were available to cover the rent of the premises in the short term as the group knew CE was reducing their funding.
- What was the current rent amount paid by the group? This worked out to be approximately £13,000.00 per year.
- Would they consider use of the Youth Centre? The group would consider this, however would require a dedicated room, and therefore, it was probably not feasible. The group also felt well situated in the Paddock with access to many amenities.
- Did the group have a gardening club? The group did have a gardening club and did planting in the back yard, the park, and had tentative permission to do planting in the Paddock.
- The amounts quoted could be found cheaper? It was agreed that with some shopping around cheaper prices could be found for some of the items.
- What would happen to the equipment if they did leave? It had been discussed that the equipment would be returned to HPC.
- Had they applied to Wilmslow Town Council? They had applied to Wilmslow Town council in 17/18 and were considering doing so in 18/19.
- Also noted that the group were looking for cheaper premises, however would preferably remain in Handforth where 75% of their members lived.

Councillor Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson that the finance committee recommend to full council that, the grant be recommended for payment in full, but that the clerk purchase the items for the group at best

price. The items purchased would remain the property of HPC at all times and kept at the Time Out groups premises to be used by the group.

Resolved: Unanimously.

18/15/6 To consider a grant application from Handforth Library and make recommendation to full Council.

Councillors noted that last year's event held by the library was incredibly successful and that CE were cutting library services across the spectrum and that libraries were finding it very difficult to fund their events.

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson that the finance committee recommend to full council that the full grant award be made to Handforth Library.

Resolved: Unanimously.

18/15/7 Notices and Correspondence.

None.

The meeting closed at 7:04pm.