

# LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

## FINANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 26/02/2024 **DRAFT**

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Council Chambers, Clarendon House, High Street Lydney on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 6.00pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors R Holmes (Chair), S Holmes, C Harris (Vice Chair), P Johns, H Ives and T Saunders

**Also in** M Greenfield - Town Clerk

**Attendance:** L Bendall - Assistant Clerk (Minute Taker)  
There were no members of the public present

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### 1. **APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received, all councillors were present.

### 2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Saunders declared an interest in Lydney Town Hall Trust and a non-pecuniary interest in The Golden Triangle Club.

Cllr Harris declared a non-pecuniary interest in The Royal British Legion.

### 3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Following a proposal from Councillor Saunders, Seconded by Councillor S Holmes, the Committee **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were a true and correct record– Majority Approved

### 4. **FINANCIAL MATTERS/RFO REPORT**

#### (i) **Council budget for the Financial Year 2024/25**

To note the council budget for 2024/25

**Noted**

#### (ii) **Financial Reports: Bank Statement**

To note Bank Statements for November, December 2023, January 2024 and to Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Noted**

#### (iii) **Direct Debit Card Report**

To note the Direct Debit card was not used for November & December 2023

To note the Direct Debit card was used in January 2024

To note the Direct Debit card was used in February 2024

**Noted**

### 5. **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

To consider and decide on the following grant applications received:

The Committee was requested to consider applications for a grant, these had all been circulated along with a copy of the Council's Grants Policy Guidance Sheet.

Councillors requested that grant application forms and any backing paperwork be sent as one document per application moving forward.

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(i) **Lydney RFC Junior Section**

To provide a contribution towards purchasing new sports equipment and medical kits.

Requested £1,000

**Decision: Resolved** Chair proposed that £1000 be awarded  
Unanimous approved.

(ii) **The Royal British Legion, Lydney Branch**

Lydney Branch Centenary – to promote their aims to the veterans and their families  
Requested £800.00

**Decision: Resolved** Proposed by Chair that the committee not approve this application but refer to the Mayor for funding to be considered from the Civic Fund.  
Unanimous approved.

Mayor, Cllr Saunders, approved the funding of £800.00 be taken from Civic Funding.

Cllr Saunders left the meeting at 6.27pm

(iii) **The Golden Triangle Club**

To provide a contribution towards purchasing new laptop and digital storage for club disco use.

Requested £1,000

**Decision: Resolved** Chair proposed that the grant application of £1,000 not be approved as it did not meet the criteria.  
Unanimous approved.

Cllr Saunter rejoined the meeting at 6.35pm

(iv) **Lydney & District Twinning Association**

To fund events hosting a delegation of families from Brehal on a visit to Lydney in May 2024.

Requested £1,000

**Decision: Resolved** Proposed by Chair that the committee not approve this application but refer to the Mayor for funding to be considered from the Civic Fund.  
Majority approved.

Mayor, Cllr Saunders, approved the funding of £1,000 be taken from Civic Funding.

(v) **Bespoke Mentoring Hub Peer Mentoring Group**

To fund the purchase of various items for mentoring and organise PAT testing on electrical equipment.

Requested £1,000

**Decision: Resolved** Proposed by Cllr Harris that the grant not be approved as it did not meet the criteria. Seconded by Cllr Johns.  
Agreed unanimous approved.

(vi) **Lydney Swimming Club**

To fund opportunities for local swimmers

Requested £775.00

**Decision: Resolved** Chair proposed that the grant application of £775 not be approved as it did not meet the criteria.  
Unanimous approved.

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Cllr Saunders left the meeting 6.40pm

(vii) **Lydney Town Hall Trust**

To fund eco-friendly hand dryers

Requested £957.60

**Decision: Resolved** Chair proposed that £957.60 be awarded.

Majority approved

Cllr Saunders rejoined the meeting at 6.48pm

6. **GRANT POLICY**

To review and decide on the Grant Policy

The Grant Policy, application form and monitoring form was reviewed with some amendments agreed.

**Decision: Resolved** Proposed by Cllr Harris that the Clerk work with the Chair and Vice-Chair to finalise the updated details. Seconded by Cllr Sanders.

Unanimous approved

7. **COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

None

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

9. **FUTURE BUSINESS**

None

10. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024 to be held at the Council Chambers

The meeting closed at 7.22pm

Chair .....

Date .....