

Droitwich Spa Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the COMMUNITY AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber at St Richard's House, Victoria Square, Droitwich Spa on Monday 2 July 2018 at 6.38pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs S Harris (Chairman)
Councillor A Laird (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Mrs C Bowden (Ex-officio)
Councillor A Humphries
Councillor S Best
Councillor Mrs A Hawkins
Councillor W Moy

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors A Sinton, G Duffy, R Beale, A Roberts, R Brookes, R Murphy.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Ms J Bolton and Mrs K Tomalin (committee members) ,R Morris and T Noyes.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none.

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67. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor A Humphries declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 4, point 11 – Royal British Legion grant recommendation.

68. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON 4 JUNE 2018

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 4 June 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

69. GRANTS APPRAISAL PANEL – RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 4 JUNE 2018

[Declarations of interest were made by Councillor A Humphries as recorded in Minute No. 67 above]

The Committee considered the recommendations for grant allocation.

RESOLVED

That the following grants be approved,

1. Westlands First School – No Award, to attend Grants Panel on 3 September 2018
2. Droitwich Spa Food & Drink Festival - £500.00
3. Probus '87 Club of Droitwich Spa - £150.00
4. Birmingham, Worcester & Droitwich Spa Canals Society - £2000.00
5. Speak Easy Now - £1000.00
6. Waterside Residents Association - £300.00
7. Droitwich Spa Older Peoples Forum - £1000.00
8. Droitwich Arts Network, Mural Project - £1000.00
9. Droitwich Arts Network - £500.00
10. Droitwich Spa Art Club - £400.00
11. Royal British Legion - £300.00
12. Droitwich Spa Air Cadets - £860.00

Fund Available 2018/2019 Municipal Year = £15,000.00

Total approved recommendations 2nd July 2018 = £8,010.00

Remaining fund = £6,990.00

Next Grants Appraisal Panel Meeting – 3rd September 2018.

70. ADDITIONAL WEBSITE FOR TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

The Committee was informed of the proposal for a new individual website, dedicated to The Droitwich Spa Heritage & Tourist Information Centre. At present they have a page on both the Visit Droitwich Spa website and the Town Council Website - their own website would allow them to amalgamate this information and promote themselves alongside their social media accounts and frequent blogs which would be a feature of the new website. A quote has been obtained of £750.00 for this new website.

RESOLVED

1. That the Committee fully support an individual website dedicated to The Droitwich Spa Heritage & Tourist Information Centre.
2. That the Town Council are very impressed with the work the managers and staff have been doing within the museum and TIC.

71. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON – 24TH NOVEMBER 2018

It was noted that a delegation comprising of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Officers of the Town Council will meet during August to confirm the event arrangements. Full details of the programme will be provided at the next Community and Amenities meeting on 10 September 2018

72. YEW TREE VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT – ADDITONAL DOG BIN

The Town Council had been approached by a resident of Yew Tree Village Development with regards to purchasing an additional dog bin for the site. The costs from Wychavon for this would be £514.76 which included an annual servicing fee of £61.88. The Committee felt that as we were not the land owners of this development, this should be requested from Wychavon District Council. The Town Clerk will contact the resident to let them know of the outcome with the suggestion that they approach Wychavon District Council.

RESOLVED That the Committee resolved not to support this request.

73. GUIDED WALKS – INSURANCE AND SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

The Town Clerk reported to the Committee regarding the need for the guided town walks to be included within the Town Council’s public liability insurance to cover the walk leaders and all participants. The requirements for this were progressing swiftly and include risk assessments, emergency contacts and procedures and suitable safeguarding training. The Committee noted all the relevant information.

74. PROPOSAL FOR A RIK MAYALL MEMORIAL SCULPTURE/MONUMENT

The Town Clerk reported to the committee regarding a proposal received through the Town Council website from an artist from the Black Country Arts Council who had expressed a desire to create a sculpture/monument in memory of the well-known local comedian and actor, the late Rik Mayall. The Committee discussed this proposal, however felt at this time it was not something they could pursue without further consultation with Mr Mayall’s family.

RESOLVED That the Town Clerk would notify the artist of the Committee’s decision to not support this proposal.

The meeting concluded at 6.55 pm

Chairman of Committee
2 July 2018

Chairman of Council