

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE & STAFFING COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 August at 7.00pm at Pinetrees Community Centre

Present Cllr S Exell (Vice-Chair)
Cllr J Ballman
Cllr D Moffatt
Cllr J Rodrigues
Cllr K Parker

Cllr P Exell (non committee member)
Cllr M Lucas (non committee member)
Cllr J Yeowell (non committee member)

Officers A Reeves (Parish Manager)
H Morgan (Deputy Clerk)

Public One

Public There were no public questions or comments

Session

149 **Apologies**
None

150 **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**

Cllr J Ballman declared an interest in the grant application received from the Hreod Burna Forest Charity as he is a Trustee of the charity.

Cllr S Exell declared a personal interest in the grant application received from the Rodbourne Cheney Residents Association as she is a friend to one of the members of the association.

151 **Approve Parish Grant Applications**

RCRA Rodbourne Cheney Residents Association
£1,500 for Printing of the residents' newsletter

The Parish Manager presented the application.

There was a discussion regarding the application and that it appeared to be for revenue rather than income.

Cllr K Toward-Parker arrived 19.09pm

Further conversations were had around the fact the RCRA Application was for approx. 30% of the available budget for grants for the 17/18 financial year.

Cllr D Moffatt proposed that half of the requested amount, £750, be granted at this point in time and the RCRA be informed that they could make another application for further funds later in the financial year.

Cllr J Rodrigues seconded proposal.

RESOLVED: All unanimously agreed that £750 be granted to the RCRA and that the RCRA be invited to make a further application at a later stage.

Cllr J Ballman commented that the Parish Council could pay to advertise in the newsletter at a later date.

Hreod Burna Urban Forest

£390 for installation of a pathway from the new bridge to the cycle path.

The Parish Manager presented the application.

Cllr J Ballman proposed that member of the public, Steve Thompson from the Hreod Burna Urban Forest, be allowed to speak.
Proposal seconded by Cllr D Moffatt.

Steve Thompson presented the grant application and invited Councillors to view the map provided.

Cllr J Ballman left the room at 19.31pm

RESOLVED: All unanimously agreed that £390 be granted to Hreod Burna Urban Forest.

The Parish Manager stated that a 3rd grant application had been received after the agenda had been distributed and asked for the Chairs permission to present the application for review.

Cllr S Exell asked for Councillors input.
Cllr D Moffatt suggested that a review of the application be postponed until a future Finance & Staffing Committee meeting.

RESOLVED: All unanimously agreed that the additional grant application be reviewed at a later date.

152 Co-option of Councillor

A discussion around the co-option of a Councillor took place.

Cllr S Exell asked for a date to be set for a Finance & Staffing Special Committee Meeting specifically for the Co-opting of a Councillor prior to the next Full Council Meeting taking place on the 20th September 2017.

Agreed that a meeting would be set for 7pm on Monday 11th Sep-17.

The meeting closed at 7.38pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Council