



Minutes of Meeting of the Finance and Compliance Committee held on 15 July 2024 at 6.30 pm Hybrid Meeting at the Ostreme Centre & via Teams

Councillors Present: Rob Marshall (Chair), Ian Scott, Tim Zhou, Martin O'Neill, Phil Keeton, Sara Keeton and Carrie Townsend Jones

Officers Present: Diane Athernought – Customer Services Officer and Ian Hughes – CSO

FI2407-01 Apologies: Cllr Pam Erasmus (Vice Chair)

FI2407-02 Declarations of Interest

CSO, Ian Hughes stated that he had a personal interest with Oystermouth Historical Association and left the meeting between 7.27pm and 7.34pm whilst the grant application was discussed (**FI2407-12** refers).

Cllr Marshall stated that he had a personal interest with Mumbles Movers and Groovers in relation to grant application **FI2407-11**.

FI2407-03 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Committee

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2024 as a true record.

Cllr Martin O'Neill left the meeting at 6.32pm

FI2407-04 Outstanding Actions from Previous Meeting

Outstanding actions outlined by CSO

RESOLVED outstanding actions updated, details recorded in 'outstanding action' report by CSO.

FI2407-05

Budget Monitoring Reports to 31/05/2024 - Paul Beynon, RFO



Financial reports prepared by RFO Paul Beynon which had previously been provided to councillors. No queries regarding these reports had been raised with RFO or CSO prior to the meeting

RESOLVED to approve the budget monitoring report to 31st May 2024.

FI2407-06 Grant Expenditure Report 2023/24 - to approve the grant expenditure for the 2023/24 financial year.

Grant Expenditure Report prepared by RFO Paul Beynon which had previously been provided to councillors. No queries regarding these reports had been raised with RFO or CSO prior to the meeting.

AGREED: to defer any decisions on expenditure until RFO had been consulted.

ACTION: CSO to seek clarification from RFO in relation to Barclays Bank not being shown on incoming expenditure list with regard to their hiring a room at Ostreme Centre.

RESOLVED to approve the Grant Expenditure Report 2023/24.

FI2407-07 Budget 2025/26

The RFO Paul Beynon had previously provided councillors with a proposed timetable for budgeting in the financial year 2024/25.

RESOLVED to accept the proposed timescale for budgeting in 2024/25

FI2407-08 Gower CIC Grant Application

Grant Application for £500, to contribute towards a Welsh Heritage Festival, bringing together local schools and the community.

Discussion took place on merits of application which included clarification that £500 and not £2,000 was being sought in the application.



RECOMMENDED that a grant of £500 or £2,000 be made towards a Welsh Heritage Festival, bringing together local schools and the community from **Budget FC1**, subject to confirmation of the amount in question being obtained from the applicant.

FI2407-09

St John's Ambulance Gower Division Grant Application

Grant Application for £500, to contribute towards the purchase of vital equipment for volunteers and includes expenditure for training.

Discussion on application took place which included the incorrect grant amount being shown in the agenda, The amount sought was £5,000 and not £500

RESOLVED to defer the application until the September Committee Meeting, pending the applicant being approached to offer a reduced fee at future MCC event/s.

FI2407-10

Kids Cancer Charity Grant Application

Grant Application for £1,000 to support families in Mumbles who have children diagnosed with cancer respite breaks.

Discussion took place on merits of application which was viewed favourably. Again, clarification on the amount being sought was not clear as both £500 and £1,000 were shown in the application.

RESOLVED to defer the application until the September Committee Meeting, pending the applicant providing clarification on the amount of grant money being sought.

FI2407-11

Mumbles Movers and Groovers Grant Application

Grant Application for £936, to provide elderly residents of MCC with fitness exercises.

Prior to this item being discussed The CSO read out a briefing note relating to yoga activities prepared by The Clerk and is attached at **Annex 1**.



A discussion ensued in relation to this application with reference being made to earlier applications. It was proposed to put the application to a vote of approval. Three councillors voted against the application, two voted in favour with one abstention.

It was noted by the Chair, Cllr Marshall that a future application by the applicant would be considered in the future.

RECOMMENDED not to approve a grant of £936, to provide elderly residents of MCC with fitness exercises.

FI2407-12

Oystermouth Historical Association Grant Application

Grant Application for £913.97, to provide equipment for the digitalisation of The Oystermouth Historical Association's Archive

During the discussion on the above The CSO left the meeting between 7.27pm and 7.34pm. The discussion included concerns that that the Oystermouth Historical Association would be duplicating the work of The Story of Mumbles Website and what would happen to the equipment at the end of the project.

RESOLVED to defer the application until the September Committee Meeting, pending the applicant providing clarification on aspects of the project in question.

Meeting ended 6.34pm

Next Meeting 16.09.2024



ANNEX A Briefing note: Sourcing Free Yoga Sessions



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