



## Minutes of Meeting of the Finance and Compliance Committee held on 20 January 2025 at 6.30 pm Hybrid Meeting at the Ostreme Centre & via Teams

**Councillors Present:** Rob Marshall (Chair), Pam Erasmus (Vice Chair) Ian Scott, Martin O'Neill, and Carrie Townsend Jones

**Officers Present:** RFO, Diane Athernought – Customer Services Officer and Ian Hughes - CSO

**FI2501-01 Apologies:** Cllrs Phil Keeton and Phil Keeton

**FI2501-02 Declarations of Interest**  
Cllr Erasmus declared a personal interest in relation to agenda item **FI2501-07** as she is a friend of the applicant.

**FI2501-03 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Committee**  
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2024 as a true record.

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 as a true record.

**FI2501-04 Outstanding Actions from Previous Meeting**

Outstanding actions outlined by CSO.

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

**FI2411-05 Budget Monitoring Reports to 30/11/2024 - Paul Beynon, RFO**

Financial reports prepared by RFO Paul Beynon, who had previously circulated reports to councillors.



No queries regarding these reports were raised prior to the meeting.

**RESOLVED** to approve the budget monitoring report to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024

#### FI2501-06

##### **Sunshine Lotus Yoga Grant Application**

Grant Application for £5,000 to support yoga within the community through Yoga 4 Health

A discussion ensued in relation to the merits of the application, in particular why it was not scored higher under the matrix system for approving grant applications. Councillors also wanted to know whether contributions towards the running of the project could be made through other means.

**RESOLVED:** The application was deferred pending enquiries from the applicant in relation to the possibility of alternative funding being obtained together with looking at other areas where the applicant could have scored higher on the matrix system. Advice of MCC Officers also to be offered to applicant.

#### FI2501-07

##### **Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY) Grant Application**

Grant Application for £5,000 to contribute towards the screening of 100 young persons aged between 14 and 35 in relation to identifying heart-related issues.

CLr Erasmus had previously declared a personal interest in this item as outlined at [FI2501-02](#).

A discussion took place in relation to alternative methods of contributing to funding this application through other community councils or SCC. The lack of a constitution was also highlighted during the discussion. This application is connected to a national organisation and as highlighted at earlier meetings guidance on funding such applications is required through an MCC Policy Document

**RESOLVED:** The application was deferred until the February Meeting pending enquiries from the applicant in relation to the need for alternative funding to be considered and querying the apparent lack of a constitution for the applicant's organisation.



In addition, a draft policy on funding national organisations is urgently required, with the Chair, Cllr Marshall needing to discuss the draft policy prior to February's Meeting.

**ACTION:** The Clerk to urgently provide a draft policy document in relation to funding grant applications from national organisations.

**ACTION:** The Clerk to arrange for a Policy Committee to be called within 2 weeks to approve the above policy document prior next Full Council and Finance Meetings

**FI2501-08**

**St John's Ambulance Gower Division Grant Application**

Grant Application for £4,999.16 to contribute towards the purchase of vital equipment for volunteers and includes expenditure for training.

Again, a discussion ensued in relation to alternative methods of contributing to funding this application through other community councils or SCC. This application is also connected to a national organisation and guidance on funding such applications is required through an MCC Policy Document

**RESOLVED:** The application was deferred until the February Meeting pending enquiries from the applicant in relation to the need for alternative funding to be considered.

In addition, the Finance Committee awaits guidance on MCC funding applications connected to national organisations through a policy document.

**FI2501-09**

**MumblesBowls Club Grant Application**

Grant Application for £2,242.62 to contribute towards the maintenance of the playing surface at Mumbles Bowling Green.

Feedback on earlier queries from the Finance Committee was provided through e-mail communications submitted by Nigel Richards of Mumbles Bowls Club. A discussion took place in relation to this much valued local amenity, but the consensus of the committee was that both bowls clubs and the croquet club had conflicting interests, in particular greatly different financial resources.

**RESOLVED:** The three separate groups contained within the original application (Mumbles Bowls Club, Oystermouth Bowls Club and Mumbles Croquet Club) should



make separate grant applications in relation to the maintenance of the playing surface.

**FI2501-10**

**Sculpture by the Sea UK Ltd Grant Application**

Grant Application for £3,350 to contribute towards the Beach Sculpture Festival 2025 and pre-festival children workshops. Providing healthy mind and body activities.

All councillors were very supportive of this initiative which has been very successful and oversubscribed in previous years.

**RECOMMENDED** that a grant of £3,350 to contribute towards the Beach Sculpture Festival 2025 and pre-festival children workshops from **Budget FC1**

Meeting ended 7.20pm

Next Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025