

## WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

### Meeting of the Finance Buildings and Personnel Committee held 8 March 2021

**FBP20/56 Present**

Cllr A Clamp (Chairman), Cllr G Gratton, Cllr E McDonagh, Cllr A Pollock, Cllr P Taylor and Cllr C Whittall

**In attendance:**

1 member of Wirksworth Community Response Group, Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)

**FBP20/57 Apologies for Absence: None**

**FBP20/58 Variation in Order of Business:** To take item 7 Community Grant to Wirksworth Community Response Group for £750.

**FBP20/59 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:**

None Declared

*Open Forum opened 6:35pm*

**FBP20/60 Open Forum**

A member of Wirksworth Community Response Group provided more information regarding their grant request.

*Open Forum opened 6:50pm*

**FBP20/61 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance, Buildings and Personnel Committee dated 8 February 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.

**FBP20/62 Community Grant to Wirksworth Community Response Group for £750**

A grant is being sought to fund Public liability insurance, IT running costs and claimed mileage costs of the group through 2021.

RECOMM: That in principle support be given to a grant of £750. The grant to be paid in two tranches of £375, with the first payment to be made in April (from 2021/22 Budget) and that the second tranche be sought from the council in 4 months if the group are unable to secure any alternative sources of funding (e.g. DDDC). Delegation remains with the Clerk in regard to the provision of printing for community groups.

**FBP20/63 Monthly Budget Balance**

RECOMM: That the figures be noted.

**FBP20/64 Anti Bullying/Harassment Training**

Following on from media attention of Handforth PC, Dalc's HR consultant has indicated that councils may wish to instigate councillor and staff training to provide some legal defence/protection from an allegation of bullying/ harassment.

RECOMM: That the council approach DALC to request whole council training on this issue.

**FBP20/65 Staff Recruitment**

The recent government announcements provide a road map which includes the reopening of facilities such as the Town Hall. The current caretaking resources will be insufficient to support any significant return of bookings (pre-Covid).

RECOMM: That delegation be given to Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Committee Chairs to approve a request from the Clerk to commence recruitment as the requirement for caretaking resources begins to grow beyond current capacity. In the interim, any shortfall is to be met through staff overtime.

*The meeting closed at 7.25pm*

Chairman