

Langstone Community Council
Minutes of the Finance Meeting held on
Friday 25 March 2022
at 6.30 pm

Date: 25 March 2022

In attendance:

Adrian Edwards Clerk

Time: at 18.30hrs

Venue: Remote access by Zoom

Apologies received:

22/280 Cllr's Present

C Bryant

L Duthie

L Humphries (chair)

J Harring-Burn

J Straw

M Harring-Burn

A Jarman

M Kellaway

A Tucker

S George

M Griffiths

Absent:

C Romani

22/281 **Agenda Item 1.** Apologies for absence.

Cllr's M Griffiths due to illness, S George due to Diary comments

22/282 **Agenda Item 2.** Declarations of interest

Cllr's Straw, Jarman and J Harring-Burn will declare an interest as and when appropriate. The clerk reminded those present about declarations of interest and the forms need to be completed.

22/283 **Agenda Item 3.** 15 minutes set aside for Community interaction and members of the Community to ask the Clerk or elected members questions of local interest. Any questions should be submitted to the Clerk 3 clear working days before the meeting. All questions need to be relevant to the agenda.

The Clerk received no requests to address the council.

22/284 **Agenda Item 4.** To consider the funding of the 70th Jubilee celebrations that are ongoing.

The chair explained that the Community Council have said that in the past we would be working in partnership with the groups, but the Community Council have never said the Community Council would pay for everything. The local groups have submitted a wish list of things those groups would like to see over the Bank Holiday in June.

The chair explained that the Community Council would consider everything but wouldn't go over the budget the Community Council have set. The chair explained that members are mindful of the budget that been set in the last meeting and the precept the Community Council set.

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Chairman's initials

The chair said that it was said some months ago, that some members of the working group have said the events will not go ahead if the Community Council don't bail the group out. The clerk confirmed that was said in the early meetings.

The chair asked if the budget figure that was set in the budget meeting is to cover the wider community not just the current events that have been meeting. The chair explained that if a local group applies that will come out of the same budget. One member said that is not the case as no-one has asked for funding at this stage.

It was explained that a group meeting is going to take this evening (25 March) in Langstone following this meeting.

It was explained that the Community Council can't give funding to a group that is not constituted.

The chair explained the Community Council will try to accommodate all groups, but not everyone will get what there may expect as there is not sufficient funding.

One member said that the group in Llandevaud were not expecting 100% of the funding, the group drew up a 'wish list' to start the process and didn't expect full funding. It was explained the group was asked to put forward costs for consideration.

The clerk explained that he has seen several emails from one of the groups, indicating that they would like a pot of money to spend as they wish, and on top of that funding to support the group itself. The clerk explained that this wasn't the expectation at the start of this. Its suggestion was for local groups to work together for the wider community.

The clerk explained the community council cannot just award funds on an ad-hoc basis to spend as they think fit. The Finance Regulations do not permit that.

One member asked what the proposed cost for the event on the 2 June is. The clerk explained the current costs are projected as £2,024.00. It was also suggested in the last group meeting that an extra £500 is included for other entertainment. It was explained that this was not considered and included in any budget at this stage.

The clerk explained that the process has been broken down into three events. The clerk explained that the figures are still work in progress at this stage.

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The clerk gave a break down on the project cost for the three events.

Event	Project costs	Community Council projected costs
Event on the 2 June	£2,024.00	£855.00
Event on the 3 June	£626.58	£523.70
Event on the 4 June	£14,273.64	£5269.03

The clerk explained that the above costs are for outside caterers and stall holders attending. By doing it in this way, it will alleviate the management and the provision of requiring food hygiene certificates and insurance.

It was explained that the current cost will be the payment of deposits to traders and stall holders attending.

The clerk explained that the projected costs for these three events will leave a balance for any other events that may come forward.

The clerk informed the members, a resident from Langstone has contacted the clerk and explained that he can obtain a similar size generator at 'cost' along with the provision of portable toilets. The clerk explained that he has no further information at this stage.

It was also suggested that the Community Council contact local companies to sponsor events or activities. It was suggested that this is put to the event group at Llandevaud.

In conclusion the clerk explained that if the members of the Community Council are unable to conclude, he would need to inform the current task and finish group that funding is not going to be available.

Cllr Kellaway joined the meeting at this stage.

The chair proposed that the overall project cost is accepted. This was seconded by Cllr M Harring-Burn

All those present agreed apart from those who declared an interest

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 19:05hrs

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