

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 23rd JULY, 2018

Present: Councillors S Cudlip (Chair) and Mrs B E Allen, R Arthur, E Bell, Mrs J A Bell, Mrs G Bleasdale, Mrs K Brace, S P Colborn, Mrs S Forster, Ms R M Gratton, G N Hepworth, Mrs L Kennedy, Mrs S Pratt, T Shepherd, Miss L Willis.

Apologies: Councillors D Cummings, Mrs V Cummings, D McKenna, K Shaw, B Taylor, R Whitehead.

Prior to commencement of the meeting the Chair advised members of this Committee and members of the public that in line with the amendment to 'the public bodies (admission to meetings) act 1960', which came into force in August, 2014, parts of this meeting may be recorded by photographic, video and audio means.

1. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded prior to the start of the meeting of the need to disclose any interests, prejudicial or personal, in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

2. APPLICATION FOR GRANT

Seaham Field of Remembrance

Councillors Mrs Leanne Kennedy, Graeme Hepworth, Barry Taylor and Miss Linda Willis declared an interest and took no further part in the voting thereon.

Councillors Edward Bell, Mrs Jennifer Bell, Mrs Leanne Kennedy and Mrs Geraldine Bleasdale declared a pecuniary interest as County Councillors as they have donated from their neighbourhood budgets and took no further part in the voting thereon.

It was noted that Seaham Field of Remembrance (SFR) have made grant applications to Durham County Council which has been formally agreed and to ASDA which the outcome of this application is still undetermined as well as Seaham Town Council. Donations towards the SFR have also been received from members of the public. There will also be an application made to Durham County Foundation.

It was noted that the timescale for the project is to have the poppies in place for Armistice Day and the Royal Engineers are going to place the poppies on the fence. A Member noted that this year is 100 years of the Armistice and in order to pay respects this should be done in time for Armistice Day.

Members agreed to grant a donation of £3000 towards the poppies and to also pay the annual insurance premium for the poppies year on year.

RECOMMENDED that a £3000 donation be granted to the Seaham Field of Remembrance towards to the cost of the poppies and also that the Town Council will pay the annual insurance premiums for the poppies going forward.

3. WORLD CUP SEMI-FINAL SCREENING

The Acting Town Clerk provided a written report for Members to approve retrospectively for the costs of the World Cup Semi-Final Screening.

A Member stated that the staff should be applauded for the work they did to make this event happen at such short notice. A Member noted that the feedback from members of the public had been excellent.

RECOMMENDED that the Acting Town Clerks report be accepted.

4. RAMSIDE CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHTS

It was noted that the issues from this request since the last meeting had now been resolved and the Christmas Party Nights would go ahead on the 14th and 15th December, 2018.

RECOMMENDED that the Christmas Party Nights be approved.

5. NATIONAL LOTTERY FUNDING

The Acting Town Clerk along with partners has managed to secure an extra £9,980 for community events from the National Lottery Fund. Updates on future events to be held with this extra funding will be reported at future Parks and Events Committee meetings.

RECOMMENDED Members note the information.