

## LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 APRIL 2018

#### Present

**Chairman:** Mayor, Cllr Mrs M. Ellis

**Councillors:** Cllr J. Broom, Cllr R. Doney, Cllr D. Hallett, Cllr P. Hicks, Cllr B. Larcombe, Cllr S. Larcombe, Cllr O. Lovell, Cllr S. Miller, Cllr P. Ridley, Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds, Cllr J. Scowen, Cllr G. Turner, Cllr S. Williams

**Officers:** Mrs A. Mullins (administrative officer), Mr J. Wright (town clerk)

#### 17/182/C Public Forum

##### Mr M. Dixon

Mr Dixon spoke in support of Lyme Regis Gig Club's application for a grant of £700 to buy a new launch trolley for the club's sea skiff, Storm Force. He said the club was a charity established 11 years ago to give local people the opportunity to take up sea rowing to keep fit, have fun and compete in the region's fastest growing sport. He said there were 84 members, 45 junior members, and a waiting list to join. Mr Dixon said sea skiffs were 15ft long, ideal for eight to 12-year-olds. He said the club had two skiffs but only one launch trolley, so a second would make things much easier. Mr Dixon said the club had put on jumble sales to raise money and was saving to buy another sea skiff later in the year, as well as another Cornish pilot gig. He hoped the council would look favourably on the application, as 85% of the members were from the DT7 or EX13 postcodes, and over half the membership were women.

##### Mrs K. Yelland

Mrs Yelland spoke in support of the 1<sup>st</sup> Lym Valley Scout Group's application for funding to refurbish the toilet and shower end of the scout hut, which the trustees had been updating for the last 15 years. She said scouting had re-captured the imagination of the nation, and the Lym Valley group had seen a resurgence in interest, increasing from 15 children to over 60, with a waiting list to join. Mrs Yelland said the refurbishment was necessary because needs had changed from 40 years ago, equipment had evolved and the demographics had changed, with more female members, which the group was currently unable to accommodate. She said the showers were not fit-for-use and storage was needed for modern equipment. Mrs Yelland said the refurbishment would enable them to increase the size of the groups, and other groups who rented the hall would also benefit. She said the income from the hut paid for its upkeep, and anything left over was used for scouting activities. Mrs Yelland said the group had never asked the council for funding before and had raised £13,000 towards refurbishment costs of £37,000. She said the group was proud to be part of civic events, including Remembrance parades.

### **Ms C. Jenkins**

Ms Jenkins spoke in support of the application from Black Ven Poetry and Beachwood Adventures. She said she got together with Sarah Acton from Black Ven Poetry to get young people together on the beach. She said she took children to the beach to get them inspired and connected through nature through games and learning, which is then combined with Black Ven Poetry in the Hub to further inspire the children. Ms Jenkins said there was a lot of evidence that young people who are less academic are inspired to write about being outdoors. At the end, the group would put on a performance, helping the young people to gain confidence and self-esteem.

### **Ms S. Acton**

Ms Acton also spoke in support of the application from Black Ven Poetry and Beachwood Adventures. She said they were not a properly-constituted body; they were freelancers who had come together for this project. She said the application was for funding for the pilot scheme and they would look to find out ways to work with primary and secondary schools. Ms Acton said she had worked with a poetry slam at Budleigh Salterton Festival, which had great results.

### **Mr J. Shaw**

Mr Shaw spoke in support of the application from Harbour Voices. He thanked the council for last year's grant, which he said was used to great effect, and he hoped a lot more councillors had now heard of the group. He said the application was for condenser microphones to pick up a group of voices. Mr Shaw said the group raised money itself. He said the musical director was leaving so the group was currently hiring a new one, which involved some expenses, although this didn't form part of the grant application. Mr Shaw said their concerts took place in the open air on the seafront, which attracted lots of children. He said they were working with the museum to archive some songs.

### **Ms S. Ward**

Ms Ward spoke in support of the application from Lyme Regis Taekwondo Club to buy the latest electronic equipment system to use for sparring, which was used in the Olympics and competitions. She said it was a safer way to bring Taekwondo into competitions as the sensors would register at the slightest touch. She said the system was expensive and as they were a small club, they couldn't afford it. Ms Ward said the system was used for all ages in all competitions and it had been used since the Sydney Olympic Games. She said the club had last applied for major funding when it was formed 13 years ago for equipment such as sparring kits and mats, which was still being used as it lasted well. She said they could use the existing sparring kit, but not having the electronic equipment meant the members couldn't progress.

### **Dan Barton**

As the youngest member of Lyme Regis Taekwondo Club when he gets his black belt, Dan spoke about the benefits of the electronic system. He said with the old equipment, they had to kick hard and they didn't have head gear, so they had to rely on the referee to gather those points, and if a referee missed a point, this caused debates. Dan said the new equipment would help the members improve their kicking

technique and help the instructor check if they were doing it correctly. He said the equipment could be used in members' gradings, and it would help modernise and update the club.

### **Mrs M. Harvey**

Mrs Harvey spoke in support of the application from Charmouth Scout Group. She said the group had just under 100 members, who would benefit from the funding to buy additional survival, bushcraft and camping equipment.

### **Mr D. Wellman**

Mr Wellman spoke in support of the application from Uplyme and Lyme Regis Cricket Club. He explained about the adult and youth teams that would be playing this year, including adult league sides, Dads and Lads, under 11s, and girls' youth cricket. He said the Eddie Clark Chance to Shine programme enrolled from local schools and this formed the under 13s side. He said the only cricket these youngsters had was in school, but they didn't have the facilities any more. He said there was also a five to eight-year-old group as an introduction to cricket, and on a Saturday morning the field was packed with youngsters and their parents. Mr Wellman said the club was an example of how communities could work together, because despite the ground being in Uplyme, lots of people came from Lyme Regis. He said the roller which required funding was essential to the club and the current one was 30 years old. He said the club's funds were committed to renting a roller and further funds needed to be raised or it would have to be returned. Mr Wellman said they had a number of fundraising activities, but a grant would be very much appreciated. He thanked the council for its valued historic support and he hoped this would continue to help ensure cricket would remain available for all ages.

### **Mr R. Waspe**

Mr Waspe spoke in support of the application from Lyme Regis Sea School. He said the school was run by volunteers and his main role was to look after the boats and keep them safe. He said the grant last year to replace the dinghies was ongoing. He said the school's main activities were teaching children and adults to sail and to take them through the Royal Yachting Association syllabus, and they could then become instructors or assistant instructors. Mr Waspe said the school taught local children sea safety, which was very important when you lived by the sea. He said a lot of the children had personal problems and sailing gave them a sense of achievement and responsibility, with some teenagers teaching adults. Mr Waspe said the school wanted to replace the old Wayfarer boats, which had to be bailed out when they capsized and took a lot of effort to get upright. He said they wanted to replace four of these boats with modern vessels, which didn't capsize completely.

### **17/183/C Apologies for Absence**

None.

### **17/184/C Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Cllr Mrs M. Ellis declared a non-pecuniary interest in the application from St Michael's Primary and Pre-School PFA as she was the chairman of governors, and a non-

pecuniary interest in the application from the Over 70s Christmas Dinner Fund as she was on the committee.

Cllr R. Doney declared a pecuniary interest in the application from the Town Mill Trust as he was a shareholder of the Town Mill Brewery, a tenant of the trust, and he would not take part in the discussion of this application.

Cllr O. Lovell declared a non-pecuniary interest in the application from the Over 70s Christmas Dinner Fund as he was on the committee.

Cllr P. Hicks declared a pecuniary interest in the application from the Town Mill Trust as he was the manager of the Town Mill Brewery and he would not speak or vote on this application.

Cllr S. Larcombe declared a non-pecuniary interest in the application from Lyme Kids Club as his wife ran it, and a non-pecuniary interest in the application from Lyme Regis Majorettes as he was on the committee.

#### **17/185/C Dispensations**

There was no grant of dispensations made by the town clerk in relation to the business of this meeting.

#### **17/186/C Allocation of Minor Grants 2018/19**

Cllr Mrs M. Ellis reminded members that although a budget had been allocated for minor and medium grants, the council didn't have to spend it all.

Members discussed whether the late application from Lyme Regis Brownies should be allowed to progress, and agreed the application deadline should be adhered to.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr O. Lovell, members **RESOLVED** to reject the late application from Lyme Regis Brownies.

Cllr D. Hallett voted against this motion.

Members discussed the application from Black Ven Poetry and Beachwood Adventures and agreed it should not be allowed to progress because it was not a properly-constituted body.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds and seconded by Cllr S. Larcombe, members **RESOLVED** to reject the application from Black Ven Poetry and Beachwood Adventures as it was not a properly-constituted body.

Proposed by Cllr S. Miller and seconded by Cllr G. Turner, members **RESOLVED** to award a medium grant of **£2,500** to **Axe Valley and West Dorset Ring and Ride Service**.

Proposed by Cllr O. Lovell and seconded by Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds, members **RESOLVED** to award a medium grant of **£4,930** to **Bridport and District Citizens' Advice Bureau**.

Proposed by Cllr J. Broom and seconded by Cllr O. Lovell, members **RESOLVED** to award a minor grant of **£250** to **Charmouth Scout Group**.

Proposed by Cllr B. Larcombe and seconded by Cllr P. Hicks, members **RESOLVED** to award a minor grant of **£290** to Dorset Youth Association.

Proposed by Cllr B. Larcombe and seconded by Cllr G. Turner, members **RESOLVED** to award a minor grant of **£815** to **Get Together Club**.

Members discussed the application from Guitars on the Beach and agreed the council should give further consideration at a later date to purchasing a stage which could be used by various events and organisations.

Proposed by Cllr P. Ridley and seconded by Cllr G. Turner, members **RESOLVED** to award a medium grant of **£3,500** to **Guitars on the Beach**.

Proposed by Cllr O. Lovell and seconded by Cllr S. Williams, members **RESOLVED** to award a minor grant of **£750** to **Harbour Voices**.

Proposed by Cllr S. Larcombe and seconded by Cllr R. Doney, members **RESOLVED** to award a minor grant of **£550** to **Life Education Wessex**.

Proposed by Cllr S. Miller and seconded by Cllr O. Lovell, members **RESOLVED** to award a medium grant of **£3,000** to **1<sup>st</sup> Lym Valley Scout Group**.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr J. Broom, members **RESOLVED** to award a medium grant of **£1,000** to **Lyme Kids Club**.

Members discussed the application from Lyme Regis Community Land Trust. Members agreed the Garmans Field residents shouldn't have to pay for their bins but some members felt it was not appropriate for the funding to be allocated through the grants' process. It was suggested this could be considered by the relevant committee to determine how the council could take this forward.

Cllr D. Hallett suggested section 106 funding could be used for this purpose.

Cllr O. Lovell requested a recorded vote on the following motion.

Proposed by Cllr S. Miller and seconded by Cllr B. Larcombe, members **RESOLVED** to reject the application from Lyme Regis Community Land Trust but to pursue the issue of bins for residents of Garmans Field through the relevant committee.

**Voted for** – Cllr S. Williams, Cllr S. Larcombe, Cllr D. Hallett, Cllr G. Turner, Cllr P. Hicks, Cllr B. Larcombe, Cllr R. Doney, Cllr J. Scowen, Cllr J. Broom, Cllr S. Miller, Cllr Mrs M. Ellis

**Voted against** – Cllr O. Lovell, Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds

**Abstentions** – Cllr P. Ridley

Proposed by Cllr O. Lovell and seconded by Cllr B. Larcombe, members **RESOLVED** to award a medium grant of **£1,000**, to be underwritten, to **Lyme Regis Festivals**.

Proposed by Cllr D. Hallett and seconded by Cllr B. Larcombe, members **RESOLVED** to award a minor grant of **£700** to **Lyme Regis Gig Club**.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds and seconded by Cllr J. Broom, members **RESOLVED** to award a minor grant of **£165** to **Lyme Regis Guides**.

Proposed by Cllr S. Miller and seconded by Cllr J. Broom, members **RESOLVED** to award a minor grant of **£950** to **Lyme Regis Jazz Festival**.

Proposed by Cllr O. Lovell and seconded by Cllr D. Hallett, members **RESOLVED** to award a minor grant of **£800** to **Lyme Regis Majorettes**.

It was proposed by Cllr J. Broom to award a major grant of £3,000 to Lyme Regis Musical Theatre.

Members indicated they would be willing to support £2,000 so Cllr J. Broom amended his proposal.

Proposed by Cllr J. Broom and seconded by Cllr Mrs M. Ellis, members **RESOLVED** to award a major grant of **£2,000** to **Lyme Regis Musical Theatre**.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds and seconded by Cllr S. Williams to award Lyme Regis Pantomime Society a minor grant of £999.

This motion was not carried.

Proposed by Cllr G. Turner and seconded by Cllr P. Ridley, members **RESOLVED** to award a minor grant of **£500** to **Lyme Regis Pantomime Society**.

It was proposed by Cllr S. Williams and seconded by Cllr P. Ridley to award a medium grant of £4,999 to Lyme Regis Sea School.

This motion was not carried.

Proposed by Cllr S. Larcombe and seconded by Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds, members **RESOLVED** to award a medium grant of **£3,500** to **Lyme Regis Sea School**.

It was proposed by Cllr J. Scowen to award a medium grant of £2,500 to Lyme Regis Taekwondo Club.

This motion was not seconded.

Proposed by Cllr S. Miller and seconded by Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds, members **RESOLVED** to award a medium grant of **£1,000** to **Lyme Regis Taekwondo Club**.

Members discussed the application from the Mendip Mule Motorbus and there was some concern about the future of the business due to trading issues last year, and paying start-up costs.

Cllr S. Miller suggested approving £2,000, to be released only if the service becomes operational.

Proposed by Cllr B. Larcombe and seconded by Cllr S. Larcombe, members **RESOLVED** to reject the application from the Mendip Mule Motorbus.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds and seconded by Cllr P. Hicks, members **RESOLVED** to award a minor grant of **£300** to the **Over 70s Christmas Dinner Fund**.

Members discussed the application from St Michael's Primary School and Pre-school PFA. It was generally agreed essential equipment like books should be paid for by government funding, but the defibrillator would be an asset as there wasn't one in the residential area.

Proposed by Cllr G. Turner and seconded by Cllr P. Ridley, members **RESOLVED** to award a medium grant of **£1,000** to **St Michael's Primary School and Pre-School PFA** to purchase a defibrillator, for which the school must cover the support costs and which must be accessible for the public to use.

Proposed by Cllr O. Lovell and seconded by Cllr S. Miller, members **RESOLVED** to award a medium grant of **£4,470** to the **Town Mill Trust**, provided there is sufficient signage to show the toilets are available to the public.

Proposed by Cllr R. Doney and seconded by Cllr S. Miller, members **RESOLVED** to award a medium grant of **£1,500** to **Turn Lyme Green**.

It was proposed by Cllr O. Lovell to award a medium grant of £1,000 to Uplyme and Lyme Regis Cricket Club.

This motion was not seconded.

Proposed by Cllr S. Miller and seconded by Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds, members **RESOLVED** to award a medium grant of **£2,000** to **Uplyme and Lyme Regis Cricket Club**.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs C. Reynolds and seconded by Cllr J. Broom, members **RESOLVED** to award a minor grant of **£200** to the **Western Area Transport Action Group**.

*The meeting closed at 9pm.*