

Appendix Full Council meeting October 2018

1819/125 Eldwick Church and Community Centre

Eldwick Church and Community Centre is making an application for £9,717 to fund chairs for the church and community centre. Initially the church and community centre applied to the grant fund dealt with by the Finance and General Purposes Committee which has delegated authority to award grants up to £2k. The Church and Community Centre then submitted a request for £9,717. This needs to be considered by full council as it falls outside the amount that F&GP is able to award. The Town Council grant criteria do not permit grants to be given for religious purposes.

The Town Council has a grant budget of £20,000. To date £13,654 has been spent from this budget with a further £2k promised to Park Run. An Extraordinary meeting of the Finance and General Purposes committee will be considering an application for £2k from the Bingley Chamber of Trade in November. This leaves £4,346 in the grants budget for 2018-2019, not allowing for the potential Chamber grant.

1819/126. Investment Strategy

Background

Following the resolution of the council the clerk and Councillors Dearden and Goode attended an appointment at Barclays Bank about opening a savings account. It transpired that three signatories only are permitted on this account and if the clerk is to be the administrator, even if they are not a signatory this will mean that there can be just two signatories. This would have the potential for the two councillor signatories to withdraw Council funds without authorisation.

Reviewing the decision made at the September full council meeting

As this is a decision which needs reviewing in light of the above information the Council needs to consider if it wishes to suspend Standing Order 7:

A resolution shall not be reversed within six months except either by a special motion, which requires written notice by at least 3 councillors to be given to the Proper Officer in accordance with standing order 9 below, or by a motion moved in pursuance of the recommendation of a committee or a sub-committee.

This is permitted under the Town Council Standing Order 25 a)

- a All or part of a standing order, except one that incorporates mandatory statutory requirements, may be suspended by resolution in relation to the consideration of an item on the agenda for a meeting.

Potential Next Steps

It is recommended that the council considers placing a larger amount of its funds in the Public Sector Deposit Fund. There is another fund offered by CCLA, the Property Fund and information is attached in an e-mail. This seems more suitable for well established councils who are prepared to invest their money for five years, **after** receiving financial advice.

Currently there is £58k in the Town Council Unity current account and £110k in the Unity Savings

account. If the Council decides to make a larger deposit with CCLA than agreed last month (25K), it is recommended that £80k is invested in CCLA and £30k left in the Unity savings account. The Council is to consider and risk assess that CCLA does not provide the security of £85k for funds that banks and building societies provide.

The Council is asked to consider the E-mail indemnity form from CCLA.

1819/127 Town Councillor Vacancy

No petition for election has been received by BMDC which means the Town Council may co-opt to the vacancy. A draft co-option policy is attached for the Town Council's consideration.

1819/129 Christmas

At the time of writing the quotation for the celebrity has not been received. Based on information from the Chamber and the agent for the celebrity, it is anticipated that the cost is going to be £500 for the celebrity switch on of the lights.

If the quotation is received in time for the full council meeting the council will need to consider if it wishes to suspend financial regulations requiring three quotations to be obtained. The risk assessment for the suspension of this financial regulation is attached for the Council's consideration. If the quotation is not received in time for the full council meeting, it is recommended that the decision of the celebrity be delegated to the Finance and General Purposes committee.

Christmas school competition

The Town Council has run a design competition for a Christmas light. The winner has been chosen. It is recommended that up to £200 be delegated to the Clerk for a small gift for the winner (a £20 voucher is recommended), a plaque for the winning school and some certificates for entries submitted.

1819/132 Grit bins

The Finance and General Purposes Committee as the delegated committee agreed 14 additional bins at its last meeting. This expenditure means that consideration needs to be given to funds for the refilling of the existing four bins and the additional 14. It is recommended that the Town Council agrees £1,800 for the refilling of bins.

1819/135 Parking in Bingley

The Town Centre and Regeneration sub committee discussed the introduction of parking charges in Bingley and recommended the following:

- a) **Resolved** that an item be put on a future Town Council agenda concerning writing to CBMDC about what Bradford is doing about parking in other locations and asking for information about overall revenue in Bradford from car parking charges and specifically in Bingley.

1819/136 Police Liaison Meeting

Police Liaison Group Meeting. 24th September 2018. Bingley Methodist Church. 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Howard Clough, Andrew Quarrie, John Goode, Helen Owen B.T.C.
Police Officers Cath Gallimore, James Surtees, Andy Rollett. Shipley Division.

1. S.I.D. Traffic speed monitor. Following meeting with Councillor Marcus Dearden and Fara Bagbhan Present it has been suggested that BTC could fund a mobile S.I.D. For Bingley. It is expected that Councillor Dearden will present this proposal to F & G P committee.

Advantages are that data is available from machine to assess traffic speeds. B.M.D.C would look after locating S.I.D. at BTC request.

2. Discussion re homeless in Bingley, specifically man known as Buster.

Email from member of public regarding him being moved out of district and actions of P.C.S.O.

It was explained that any complaint in regard to begging/ vagrancy must be addressed under vagrancy offence law. Police are liaising with Aldi and Sainsbury's stores. They are asked to record specific complaints.

Police action will be to: interview, direct towards support services, move from district, court action may follow.

3. Anti- Social behaviour in Five Rise Precinct. A rise in incidents since new term has begun.

A meeting took place with Councillor John Brazendale, Police, Library staff, security staff and representative from Youth Service. (No information regarding this has been made available to this group) Solomon (security officer) has been advised on interaction with groups of young people, Library staff advised to record incidents and inform management. Police liaising with Beckfoot and Bingley Schools. It was agreed that all possible is being done to address the problem and to forge good communication links with all parties.

4. Bijou Nightclub: appeal by licensee has been deferred.

5. Bingley Music Live: 20,000 attendees. Police report a few evictions, some drug dealing and 17 arrests over the three days. Considered a very good result for event of this size.

6. P.C.S.O.s Bingley Rural. One officer on Maternity Leave, Post not filled, cover provided when necessary from other areas.

7. Drug dealing in district. B.T.C asked to continue to give contact details in quarterly newsletter. All information is recorded and used as intelligence. Although members of public may feel matters not addressed – they are unaware that no information is wasted. 101 website has specific button to record drug offences.

8. Crime Stoppers Initiative to take place in October.

9. Councillors are asked to encourage Neighbourhood Watch groups and local community groups, especially for senior citizens, to request visits from P.C.S.O.s re Crime Prevention Advice.

Neighbourhood Watch groups will also be asked to share Crime Prevention Advice information and resources within their areas.

Meeting closed at 3.00 pm. Next Meeting Tuesday 4th December 2.00 p.m. Shipley Police Station.

