



Minutes of Bridgwater Town Council held in the Bridgwater Room, Town Hall, High Street, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 3AS on Wednesday 12 June 2024 at 18:30

Present:

Councillors, Smedley (Chair), Aujla, Heywood, Hubble, Leavy, Lerry, Marsh, and Rodrigues.

Officers:

David Mears, CEO and Town Clerk, Rob Semple, Director of Community Services, Amy Storey, Democratic Services Officer, and Annie Griffin, Community Support Assistant

There were no members of the public or press present.

CSC2024/1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

RESOLVED: No apologies of absence.

CSC2024/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

RESOLVED: Councillor Leavy and Lerry have a personal interest due to being trustees of Diversity Voice.

CSC2024/3 TO AGREE STANDING AGENDA ITEMS Current suggestions of headings,

1. Grants/Funding
2. Events
3. Comms
4. Town Centre
5. Museums in Bridgwater
6. Communities (ReCreation, RollerCoaster, Pantry, warm spaces)
7. Volunteers

RESOLVED: To agree the standing agenda items and to add the following as standing agenda items also, Arts Centre Groups, Bridgwater Cultural Partnership, Twinning, Youth Forum and Town Deal.



CSC2024/4 TO AGREE THE GRANTS PROCESS FOR 2024/25:

1. To set out the timetable for the allocation of the Grant Budget (£18,000) across 2024/25

RESOLVED: To agree to spread £4,500 across four meetings with the option of flexibility.

CSC2024/5 GRANTS - TO CONSIDER THE GRANT REQUESTS BELOW

CSC2024/5.1 MINGLE BRISTOL CIC - £2,218.50

RESOLVED: To grant £1,000 subject to obtaining other funding.

CSC2024/5.2 WELLINGTON COUNSELLING CIC - £2,400

RESOLVED: To grant £1,000 subject to receiving data from previous counselling sessions held for Bridgwater residents. Director of Community Services will then decide whether to release the funds.

CSC2024/5.3 RUSTY ROAD TO RECOVERY - £2,500

RESOLVED: To use £2,000 from their budget and to grant £500 from the general grant fund budget.

CSC2024/5.4 DOFE (DUKE OF EDINBURGH) SOMERSET COMMITTEE - £2,500

RESOLVED: To grant £1,500.

CSC2024/5.5 FRIENDS OF BRIDGWATER DOCKS - £700

RESOLVED: Bridgwater Town Council will fund this due to being under our ownership.

CSC2024/6 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST FROM SOUTH WEST HERITAGE TRUST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR BRICK AND TILE MUSEUM The request is for £21,800 to be taken from the devolution budget



RESOLVED: To approve the request for £21,800 to be taken from the devolution budget for financial support for the Brick and Tile Museum.

CSC2024/7

CCTV IN BRIDGWATER - TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST FROM SOMERSET COUNCIL TO FUND CCTV IN BRIDGWATER The request figure is approximately £165,000 to be taken from the devolution budget. Members to note that this will form a recommendation to the August full council meeting.

RESOLVED: To agree the recommendation for CCTV in Bridgwater to go to the August Full Council Meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at **20:06**

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