

**LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**15 OCTOBER 2018 AT 1930 HOURS**

Present: Councillors:     D Bowater  
                                  A Brandham  
                                  S Cotter – in the Chair  
                                  G Perham  
                                  J M Freeman  
                                  F Kharawala

Also in attendance:       V Cannon (Head of Cultural & Economic Services)  
                                  Ben Bodsworth (Town and Community Promotions Consultant)  
                                  Sarah Jewell (Best Bar None Co-Ordinator)  
                                  M Jahn (Committee Officer)

Members of the public:     7  
Members of the press:     0

**136/CE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received and were accepted from Councillor C Chambers.

**137/CE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were asked to declare any interests, including the nature of those interests, which they had in any of the items under consideration at this meeting. Councillor J M Freeman declared an interest as a member of the Carnival Committee, Councillor D Bowater declared an interest as a member of the Rotary Club and Councillor F Kharawala as knowing one applicant for the Youth Promise Grant.

**138/CE QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions from the public.

**139/CE YOUTH PROMISE GRANT**

The Committee received summaries for three applications received for the Youth Promise Grant. The remaining money available in the Youth Promise Grant fund totalled £29,541.64 which was £14,332.46 less than requested by the three organisations.

After discussions with the representatives of the three organisations the Committee decided it's intention to support all three applications and considered the fairest way of distributing this money would be to ask each group to resubmit their targets to ensure they could achieve their goals on a reduced grant.

Organisation	Purpose of grant	Amount	Outcome
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Leighton Buzzard Scout Group</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>£8,190</b>	<b>Resubmit showing reduced budget amount and amended targets.</b>
<b>Leighton Buzzard Fire Cadets</b>	<b>Equipment and staff</b>	<b>£21,995.10</b>	<b>Resubmit showing reduced budget amount and amended targets.</b>
<b>Leighton Buzzard Canoe Club</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>£13,689</b>	<b>Resubmit showing reduced budget amount and amended targets.</b>

**RESOLVED** to reduce bids by the appropriate percentage so an even reduction could be achieved and each group resubmit their targets within a two week time frame from the date of Committee. The Committee delegated responsibility to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chair of the Cultural and Economic Committee to reassess the applications and agree grants to be offered.

#### **140/CE COMMUNITY EVENTS**

The Committee received a progress report on community events including the Canal Festival, Band Concerts, Living History Day and the up and coming preparations for the Christmas Festival Weekend.

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The Canal Festival had been a success and great advert for the town with approx 100 traders, 20 demonstrators and 35 boats attending. The dog show was cancelled due to the heat experienced on the run up to the event but an on-line version of the dog show took place and proved popular. Living History Day received good feedback despite the wet weather with positive comments on social media and from the demonstrators.

The Committee wanted to thank the Events Team and the Officers for their hard work especially in the weather conditions on Living History Day.

**RESOLVED to note the report.**

The Committee received an events review to consider developments to the events programme for 2019. The Committee discussed and considered options for the introduction and/or enhancement of events including extension of the Canal Festival to 8.00 pm to provide music and food stalls in the Paddocks area, a Proms in the Park evening in Parsons Close to coincide with the BBC broadcast of Last Night in the Proms which would be shown on a big screen with a 5 minute pyrotechnic display at the end. Also a suggestion of a Young Persons live TV Broadcast aimed at the 18-25 age group in Parsons Close to try and reach a different target audience.

**RESOLVED to enhance the events programme with additional time and expenditure at Canal Festival, Band Concerts & Live TV Screening in financial years 2019/20, 2020/21 & 2021/2022 utilising a proportion of Earmarked Reserves (970/9057) annually. To review these changes after the first year before continuing for the remaining two years.**

**141/CE BEST BAR NONE**

The Committee received an update on the Best Bar None Scheme which was a programme to improve standards within licensed premises by offering training for Licensees towards good and safe management practices within their premises. An evaluation would be circulated showing how the scheme influenced good practise in licensed venues and joint working with other groups such as Pub Watch and the Police to ensure a safer environment.

**RESOLVED to**

**1.1 note the report**

**1.2 confirm the Town Council's intent in continuing the delivery of the scheme for a further year and that it expands to include the towns, Biggleswade and Sandy.**

**1.3 Confirm that the Town Council would continue to provide line management for the Best Bar None Coordinator on behalf of scheme partners.**

**1.4 Set aside the sum of £1,000 from earmarked reserves, Economic Development (970/9018), as the Town Council's contribution to the delivery cost of the scheme.**

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The meeting closed at 2125 hours.

I HEREBY CONFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2018.

Chair

10 DECEMBER 2018