



**WISBECH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**13 JUNE 2016 – 9.20 pm**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Present:** Councillor Tierney, Chairman; Councillors Balsevics, Mrs Bucknor, Hodgson, Miss Hoy, Human, Oliver, Miss Oliver and Tibbs.

**Apologies:** Councillor Mrs Lay.

**Public Participation:** None requested.

The minutes of the meeting of the Resources Committee held on 11 April 2016 were confirmed and signed.

**R1/16 Election of Chairman**

On the proposal of Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Human, it was decided that Councillor Tierney be elected as Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee for the municipal year 2016/17.

**R2/16 Election of Vice-Chairman**

On the proposal of Councillor Miss Hoy, seconded by Councillor Tibbs, it was decided that Councillor Oliver be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee for the municipal year 2016/17.

**R3/16 Grant applications**

Members considered two grant applications, as set out below.

The Clerk reminded members that the sum of £1,073 remains (of an allocation of £5,250, less expenditure of £4,177) of the council's small grants budget for the financial year 2016/17 and £250 remains (of an allocation of £22,000, less expenditure of £21,750) of the special grants budget for that year).

**(1) Brinks Festival 2016**

Further to minute R13/15, members considered again, in the light of information provided by one of the organisers of this year's event, the grant application from the Octavia Hill Birthplace Trust for a financial contribution (of £1,000) towards the cost of delivering the Brinks Festival 2016.

The Clerk reminded members of the decision of the Resources Committee in relation to this application at minute R13/15 and circulated to members a report which had been produced by one of the organisers of this year's Brinks Festival with the aim of responding to the issues raised by the committee at minute R13/15.

The report sets out

- the objective of this year's Brinks Festival



- the planning and promotional activities undertaken
- the levels of attendance at some of the events
- an assessment of the achievements of the festival
- areas where improvements could be made to the festival in future years
- disappointments
- sponsorships received.

Members, having read the report submitted, are satisfied that efforts are being made by the organisers to improve the success of the festival, that the financial support provided by Wisbech Town Council to last year's festival had been acknowledged in the literature/publicity produced for that festival and that an enhanced publicity campaign had been delivered this year.

Although encouraged by the content of the report, members are, however, of the opinion that continued efforts are required by its organisers if the Brinks Festival is to be sustainable. They, therefore, concluded that it would be appropriate to provide a proportion of the funding which had been sought from Wisbech Town Council.

Members decided, on the proposal of Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Human, that funding of £500 (i.e. 50% of the funding sought from the council) be awarded to the Octavia Hill Birthplace Trust towards the cost of delivering the Brinks Festival 2016.

**(2) Meadowgate Police Cadets**

Further to minute 7/16 (2) , members considered an application submitted on behalf of the Meadowgate Police Cadets for grant funding (of £1,000) to support this group, which receives no funding from other sources, in undertaking various activities (aimed at assisting the social development of these vulnerable youngsters) including participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

Members decided, on the proposal of Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Human,

- (1) having regard to the level of funding remaining within its grants budget for the financial year 2016/17, that grant aid of £750 be awarded to the Meadowgate Police Cadets;
- (2) to note that the Mayor would add to that amount, through the use of the Mayor's Charities Fund, the sum of £250, to bring the total sum awarded to the amount sought by the Meadowgate Police Cadets.

**Meeting finished at 9.50 pm.**

Signed.....

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