

MEETING OF THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE held at The Guildhall, Faversham, on Wednesday 14 November 2018

Present: The Mayor Cllr Abram, Cllrs Wade, Cosgrove, Campbell, Wilcox, Kay

In attendance

Louise Bareham, FTC Town Clerk – Secretary

94. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Walker, Belsom

95. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Campbell	Minute Ref 97	Umbrella Centre FACE	DPI
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96. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The previous minutes were agreed.

97. Strategic Plan

Cllr Campbell left the room during the discussions on Umbrella Centre and FACE

BUDGETS	AVAILABLE
Grants	£5,935
Special Projects	£1,200
EMR Tourism	£2,000
TOTAL	£9,135

Umbrella Centre was considered a priority, particularly given the previous support by the town council in saving it for the community. It was proposed by Cllr Cosgrove, seconded by Cllr Kay and on being to put the meeting it was resolved to recommend a grant of £4,000.

Faversham Antiques Market is an important attraction to the town. Cllr Wilcox proposed, Cllr Kay seconded and on being put to the meeting it was resolved to recommend a grant of £1,755 from the Tourism reserves.

FACE had previously applied in the current financial year and received £2,500. Cllr Cosgrove proposed, seconded by Cllr Wilcox and on being put to the meeting it was resolved to recommend a further grant of £2,500.

The Alexander Centre Trust had requested funding for the total project and it was agreed to grant the remaining sum of £800 to be used for matched funding. It was proposed by Cllr Wilcox, seconded by The Mayor, Cllr Abram and on being put to the meeting it was resolved to recommend a grant of £800.

Whilst Members were in full support of the Literary Festival, they were unclear about some figures and surprised that authors required a fee, particularly if they were selling books.

RECOMMENDATION: The Town Council makes the following recommendations for grants

ORGANISATION	REQUESTED	RECOMMENDATION
Faversham Umbrella Centre	£5,000	£4,000
Alexander Centre	£4,000	£800
Faversham Literary Festival	£2,000	-
Faversham Antiques Market	£1,755	£1,755
Faversham Assistance Centre FACE	£5,000	£2,500
TOTAL	£17,755	£9,055

98. Budget 2019-2020

It was agreed that the Town Jetty was an important part of the strategic plan and a cost based analysis should be done. The Finance Workshop is taking place on 8th December

99. Flag Flying Policy

An estimate to install lighting for the flag pole is being sought.

It was proposed by Cllr Wade, seconded by Cllr Campbell and on being put to the meeting it was **resolved to RECOMMEND the adoption of the Flag Flying Policy**

100. Any Other Business

Following the proposal at the Town Council meeting for the Policy & Finance Committee to review the Doddington Library request, several questions were raised including security and value of the collection; conditions for storage; whether it would be a long term custodian

RECOMMENDATION that the objective be defined as “Ensuring that the Doddington Collection remains within Faversham in first class condition. Is available through secure access for legitimate research and provides a long term heritage resource that is nationally recognised”.

101. Date of Next Meeting

16th January at 4pm