



CHIPPING NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

At the Extraordinary Council Meeting held, pursuant to notice on Tuesday 10th March 2020 at 7.15pm in the Council Chamber, the Town Hall, the following members were present: -

Cllr. D. Davidson, Town Mayor
 Cllr. M. Walker, Deputy Mayor
 Cllr. R. Benfield
 Cllr. N. Bradley
 Cllr. G. Brown
 Cllr. C. Butterworth
 Cllr. L. Carter
 Cllr. S. Coleman
 Cllr. J. Graves
 Cllr. D. Heyes
 Cllr. G. Mazower
 Cllr. R. Poole
 Cllr. L. Tuckwell
 Cllr. M. Tysoe

Officer: Mrs J. Sparrowhawk, Town Clerk
 Others: 7 Members of the Public

7407 Mayors Welcome

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

7408 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. E. Coles and Cllr. M. Jarratt.

7409 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. D. Davidson declared a non-pecuniary interest in Glyme Hall as he is the Chair of the Trustees. Cllr. M. Tysoe declared a non-pecuniary interest in Glyme Hall as he is the Treasurer. Cllr. C. Butterworth declared a non-pecuniary interest in Glyme Hall as he is a Committee Member. There were no further declarations of interest to report at the meeting.

7410 Teenage Facilities within Chipping Norton
Employment of a Youth Worker

Cllr. D. Davidson congratulated Cllr. R. Poole and Cllr. S. Coleman on the grant award of £25,620 from the OCC Youth Opportunity Fund. The grant award is for the Youth Engagement and Empowerment Project (YEEP!). Cllr. D. Davidson had details of a contact within Oxfordshire Youth that may be able to assist Cllr. R. Poole with the project. These details would be passed to Cllr. R. Poole after the meeting.

Starting a Youth Club for older children

Cllr. D. Davidson informed Members he had been surprised to learn of the Chipping Norton 12-18's Youth Club application grant application submitted by Cllr. G. Brown to OCC. A grant of £14,200 had been successfully awarded. The application had been discussed along with the Youth Engagement and Empowerment Project application at the Council meeting held on 18th November 2019. A clear decision had been made by Members to submit one application for the Youth Engagement and Empowerment Project. It had been envisaged that the Detached Youth Worker would engage with the young people to gain confidence and establish any requirement for further youth provision. The Council is corporately responsible for its actions. Cllr. D. Davidson advised Members on a number of inaccuracies that were within the application:

- The Trustees of Glyme Hall had not been approached regarding a subsidised rent prior to the application or whether there was any availability for a regular booking.
- A mistake had been made by referring to yrs 7-11's as ages not school years and that there is a Friday youth club for 11-16's years.
- Included with the existing youth group provision should have been reference to the ATC and Army Cadets.
- Reference to 2400 homes should in fact be 1200 homes within Chipping Norton.

Cllr. G. Brown should not have proceeded with submitting the grant application to OCC.

Cllr. G. Brown apologised to the Town Clerk and the Council for any embarrassment that had happened. Cllr. G. Brown's submission was in the interest of the town and a lot of time had been spent on the application via research with other Council's and the local youths.

Members discussed the issues around the application. The award of the grant by OCC showed a clear need for youth provision within the town.

Cllr. G. Mazower proposed that both projects should be managed by the Youth Working Group, reporting to the Council. That the OCC Officer should be contacted by the Town Clerk ASAP and be informed of the inaccuracies within the application and that an alternative site for the youth club may need to be found by the Council. The OCC Officer should be informed that the Council want to support the young people of the town. That after considering this information the grant should still be awarded to the Council. Cllr. D. Heyes seconded the proposal.

A vote was taken by Members on the proposal and was carried unanimously.

The Town Clerk to report to Council on the decision made by the OCC Officer.

The meeting closed at 8.04 pm.