

ASHBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance, Town Hall & HR Committee Meeting held on Monday 4 November 2024 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ashbourne.

Present: Councillors: Mrs D Brown; Mr P Chell; Mrs C Cooper; Dr G Clark; Mr R Currie; Ms J Keyne; Ms B Michalek; Ms S Moore; Mr M Spencer and Mrs S Spencer.

In attendance: Carole Dean; Town Clerk; Samantha Higton; Assistant Clerk.
Cllr A Bates; Anne Wright; Ashbourne Town Team; Jane Gough; Groundwork.
Dave wood; Albert Golding; Julian Burton; John Lake and Keith Nye; Ashbourne Sports Community Partnership (ASCP).

F/24/1669 Apologies for absence

Cllr Mr E Brown

Cllr Mrs Brown stated that Cllr Smith would be arriving late.

F/24/1670 Variation of order of Business

None received.

F/24/1671 Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr's Mr Chell and Mrs Cooper declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 7(a) and 7(b).

Cllr Ms Moore declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 6(a) and 6(b) and advised that she would not be taking part in the discussion vote.

F/24/1672 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

None received.

Public Speaking

No members of the public wished to speak.

Cllr Bates said he had nothing to report.

F/24/1673 a) Ashbourne Town Team to present the case relating to their 'application for funding' of £5,000.00 towards 'stage 3' of the Business Improvement District (BID) for Ashbourne

A maximum of 30 minutes including Q&A from Members

Mrs Wright gave an overview of the Business Improvement District (BID) for Ashbourne; she added that the Town Team were looking for £5,000.00 toward 'stage 3'; which was the ballot, and that the ballot would only take place if stages 1 and 2 were successful.

Ms Hough said that she had worked for 'Groundwork' since the early 2000's and was involved in the first 'BID' in the UK.

Ms Hough gave a slide show presentation explaining how 'Groundwork' has been involved in BID for other Council's and what they had achieved.

b) Members to consider and decide on the funding request of £5,000.00 under the Power of S137. If agreed the money is to be ringfenced specifically for Stage 3 of the 'BID' the ballot stage and due for payment in the latter half of 2025. If the BID does not reach the ballot stage the funding will be re-allocated to other TC expenditure

It was RESOLVED to allocate £5,000.00 under the Power of S137; the money is to be ringfenced

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F/24/1674 a) Presentation by Ashbourne Sports and Community Partnership (ASCP) relating to their offer for the Town Council to become a community investor in ASCP projects which make a difference to the residents of Ashbourne

A maximum of 30 minutes including Q&A from Members

Mr Lake said that ASCP wanted to present two opportunities to the Town Council: the proposed extension to the pavilion and the 3G Pitch.

Mr Nye gave a slide show presentation on the proposed extension to the pavilion including a 3D projection of how it could look. The extension would be to the side of the existing building and include a large function room and rooftop space.

Mr Golding said that there was the demand for a 3G Pitch, which would be sited on the existing hockey pitch, it would provide an all-weather facility and was supported by DDDC and the Football Foundation however there was a shortfall of between £400,000 and £500,000.

b) Members to consider the ASCP proposal(s) identifying any to pursue and the financial commitments to develop these further

Members RESOLVED to defer making a decision until after they had held their meeting relating to the Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.11pm

Chairman.....

Date.....