

STREET PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee held in Room 6, Crispin Community Centre, Street, on 6 September 2022 at 6pm

PRESENT: Councillor S. Carswell (Vice-Chair) (in the Chair)

Councillors: H. Shearer, N. Smith and L. Wolfers

IN ATTENDANCE: L.A. Ruff – Clerk/RFO
Z. Leach– Deputy Clerk and RFO
D. Price – Assistant Clerk Community Engagement
A representative of Street Bowling Club
A representative of Strode College Sports Centre

APOLOGIES: Councillors: P. Birch, P.Goater, N.Kellett, T.Napper – reasons accepted.

9. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 5 July, 2022 which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

In accordance with the Code of Conduct the following declarations of interest were made:

Councillors Carswell and Shearer declared an other interest under Appendix B in any matters relating to the District Council and stated they would keep an open mind when considering issues at either District or Parish level.

Councillors Carswell and Shearer declared an other interest under Appendix B in any matters relating to the County Council and stated that they would keep an open mind when considering issues at either County or Parish level.

Councillor Wolfers declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in any matters relating to Street and Glastonbury Chamber of Commerce as she worked freelance for them.

Councillor Shearer declared an other interest under Appendix B in the grant application for Houndwood Community Group as she was a member of the Group.

Councillor Carswell is a representative of the Council on the Street Twinning Association and did not leave the meeting as he only observes.

Councillor Wolfers is a representative of the Council on the Crispin Hall group and did not leave the meeting as she only observes.

11. GRANT APPLICATIONS 2022/23 and 2023/24

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

A representative of Street Bowling Club and Strode College Sports Centre made presentations to the Committee in support of their grant applications and then left the meeting at 6.45pm.

The Clerk advised that we are awaiting receipt of the YMCA grant application.

RESOLVED

A. that the following grants be made for 2022/23 -

Street Bowling Club	£1,000
Street & Walton Men's Shed	£1,000
St Margaret's Somerset Hospice	£1,500
Glastonbury FM	£1,100 (subject to conditions below)
Street Neighbourhood Watch	£ 300
Glastonbury & Street Sea Cadets	£1,000
Street Parochial Church Council	£1,300
Wessex Youth Football	£1,000 (subject to conditions below)
Moorlight Theatre	£1,000
Street & Glastonbury Carers Group -	£ 216 (subject to conditions below)
Council will pay room hire charges in the community centre	
(Total including grants already paid = £10,616 with £15,384 left)	

B. that Somerset and Wessex Eating Disorder Association are informed that they will be invited to bid for funding for mental health initiatives in Street in 2023/24.

C. that the grant application for the Houndwood Community Group be deferred to the Council meeting as due to Councillor Shearer having an interest the meeting was not quorate.

D. that Glastonbury FM are asked to confirm that they will organise community training and continue to be involved in events in Street.

E. that the Street Parochial Church Council are asked to provide any PR communications for circulation on the Council's media platforms.

G. that Wessex Youth Football as asked to clarify how many members are from Street and whether they are in receipt of any funding from Walton Parish Council

H. that Street Twinning Association be allowed free use of a meeting room at the Parish Rooms and a letter be sent to them confirming the value of this provision.

I. that Street & Glastonbury Carers Group are asked to give a future presentation to the Council and are encouraged to promote their services to the community of Street and provide advice on how to join the group.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

that the following grants be made in:

2022/23:

Strode College Sports Centre	£2,500 (subject to conditions below)
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2023/24:

Citizens Advice Mendip	£10,000 agreed and a presentation to be made to the Council.
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Crispin Community Focus	£10,000
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A. that the grant application from Elmhurst School Association be declined as the Council is constrained by budget and feels that other causes are better suited.

B. that Strode College Sports Centre confirm to the Council that the bursary provision will be ringfenced specifically for children within the community of Street that are in receipt of free school meals and that they agree to report back to the Council next year.

C. that the Principal of Strode College and Manager of Strode Theatre are asked to make a presentation to the Council on their grant application for £20k.

D. In respect of the previous application from Strode College for PFSA funding it was agreed to inform them that bids will be invited in 2023 for youth outreach and mental health services provision.

E. to arrange a meeting with Crispin school and the committee to discuss assistance and the new bid scheme.

12. **RELOCATION OF SCOUTS TO STREET FOOTBALL CLUB SITE**
Councillor Shearer provided a brief update on the situation regarding the potential relocation of the scouts to the Street Football Club site.

RESOLVED

To ask Millfield School and the Redbrick Building if they had a suitable vacant building which the scouts could move to.

13. INCOME GENERATION

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated which clarified the position on 'trading'. Trade could only be done through a commercial company which could be owned by the Council but would be subject to corporation tax and other taxes.

The main source of income for the Council is the precept. The Council has successfully delivered projects in the past using section 106 funding and from grants, this can be continued for new initiatives.

The meeting ended at 7.55pm

Chair _____

NOTES OF THE INFORMAL PART OF THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 6 SEPTEMBER 2022.

The formal committee meeting ended at 7.55pm when Councillor Wolfers left and there was then not a quorum present. The following needs to be agreed by the Council.

1. INVESTMENT OF FUNDS

The Clerk submitted a report which had been circulated.

RESOLVED

that the report circulated be agreed.

2. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

The confidential report had been circulated to members. The income and expenditure report at 30th June 2022 appears as Annex A to the minutes in the Minute Book. The following were noted.

1179: Grant received of £1000 from a local trust towards the fixing of the murals on the Library Garden Wall

1190: We are in receipt of higher interest rates on the CCLA Deposit Fund and Natwest Business Reserve account than anticipated at the time of setting the budget.

1103 and 1104 + 1108 and 1109

Total staff costs will be around £7,500 more than allocated excluding any agreed salary increase from 1st April 2022 still being negotiated at a national level. The Assistant Clerk and Projects Officer left at the end of January 2022 and the Assistant Clerk at the end of April 2022. The Deputy Clerk/RFO and the Assistant Clerk – Community Engagement started in June on slightly higher salaries and the ACCE is full time whereas the Assistant Clerk only worked for 20 hours a week. Also the Clerk and Assistant Clerk were paid for annual leave owing from 2021/22.

1302 Future Development - the Council has not yet decided how to spend the additional £100,000 but this can be added to earmarked reserves if necessary.

1341 CCTV Monitoring - no new agreement has been entered into with the 5 Mendip towns and the District Council and it seems unlikely that the allocation of £9,665 will be needed in 2022/23.

3. PERIODIC REPORTS AND INSPECTIONS

RESOLVED

that the report circulated be agreed.

4. BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2023/24

The Clerk is in the process of preparing the Budget report for the November Policy and Finance meeting and will add 10% to the allocations for inflation.

The meeting ended at 8.15pm