

The minutes of the Bentham Town Council Precept Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd January 2019 at 7.30pm at Bentham Town Hall.

Present: Cllr Adams, Cllr Bridgeman, Cllr Burton, Cllr Faraday, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Stannard, Cllr Taylor.
Gill Mason – clerk.

Three members of the public.

160. Apologies.

Cllr Swales and Cllr Wills.

161. Declaration of interests and dispensations.

Please refer to the individual grant applications for the councillor's declaration of interests.

162. Open forum and public participation.

No questions or issues raised.

163. To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous precept meeting have already been agreed and signed.

164. To authorise and sign the redemption form for the transfer of £40,000 from the PSDF to the Unity Trust current account.

It was resolved that the redemption form be authorised and signed.

Proposed by Cllr Adams.

Seconded by Cllr Stannard.

165. To authorise the payment of £1408.35 to PRS for the music licence.

It was resolved that the payment be authorised.

Proposed by Cllr Burton.

Seconded by Cllr Bridgeman.

166. To authorise the wages cheque for £207.30.

The current standing order for the individual's wages has been cancelled, due to the bank account number being incorrectly inputted online. It was resolved that the wages payment be authorised and a new standing order be created with the correct account number for February.

Proposed by Cllr Adams.

Seconded by Cllr Burton.

167. To consider and agree any special projects.

It was resolved that the special projects budget be set at £16,900 for the following agreed projects:

Philip Harvey field fence £2500

Replacement public noticeboard £1500

Town Hall roof repair including scaffolding hire £2000

Youth Café oak door replacement £1500

Street lighting £9400 (New Grasmere Drive footpath lights)

Proposed by Cllr Burton.

Seconded by Cllr Faraday.

168. To consider and agree the grant applications.

It was resolved that the grant budget be set at £16,700 and the following grants be awarded to the applicants:

Bentham age concern £100
Proposed by Cllr Burton.
Seconded by Cllr Bridgeman.

Carnival Bentham £500
Proposed by Cllr Taylor.
Seconded by Cllr Bridgeman

Bentham Christmas Lights Committee £1000
Proposed by Cllr Burton.
Seconded by Cllr Bridgeman.

Bentham Community Bonfire £500.

Cllr Stannard declared an interest in this application and left the room 8.07-8.09pm.

A grant of £1000.

Proposed by Cllr Burton

Seconded by Cllr Faraday.

A grant of £500

Proposed by Cllr Adams.

Seconded by Cllr Taylor.

(Three in favour, two against and one abstention for the amount of £500 to be awarded to Bentham Community Bonfire)

Community Link Café £750

Cllr Faraday and Cllr Bridgeman declared an interest in this application and left the room 8.10-8.12pm.

Proposed by Cllr Marshall.

Seconded by Cllr Adams.

Friends of Bentham School – No grant awarded.

The application was refused. The councillors do not consider it appropriate for the town council to award a grant for the purchase of eight tablets for every teacher, as a resource for teaching and learning. The school is funded by NYCC.

Proposed by Cllr Bridgeman.

Seconded by Cllr Taylor.

All in favour.

Goodenber Play Area Association £2000

Cllr Adams declared an interest in this application and left the room 8.15pm.

Proposed by Cllr Burton.

Seconded by Cllr Faraday.

LASRUG £150

Cllr Adams declared an interest in this application and remained out of the room until 8.18pm.

Proposed by Cllr Burton.

Seconded by Cllr Stannard.

Bentham Playing Fields Association £5000

Cllr Stannard declared an interest in this application and left the room 8.18-8.27pm.

The town council resolved to complete the grass cutting for the playing field at a total capped cost of £3000 for the year. The town council will also contribute £2000 to the cost of the playing field insurance.

Proposed by Cllr Marshall.

Seconded by Cllr Burton.

Settle Area Swimming Pool £200.

The town council resolved to purchase the swimming aids for the pool at a cost of £249.12 and reclaim the VAT.

Proposed by Cllr Marshall.

Seconded by Cllr Burton.

Low Bentham Victoria Institute £5000

Cllr Faraday and Cllr Bridgeman declared an interest in this application and left the room 8.28-8.32pm.

Proposed by Cllr Stannard.

Seconded by Cllr Burton..

Bentham Youth Café £1500.

Cllr Burton declared an interest in this application and left the room 8.34-8.37pm.

Proposed by Cllr Adams.

Seconded by Cllr Faraday.

169.To adopt the budget for 2019/2020.

It was resolved that the budget for 2019/2020 be adopted. The expenditure has increased from the previous year's budget, due to the hours and salary increase for the new clerk, an increase in grants awarded and the new grass cutting contract.

Proposed by Cllr Adams.

Seconded by Cllr Burton.

170.To consider and agree the precept for 2019/2020.

It was resolved that the precept for 2019/2020 be set at £106,447.06. The Band D equivalent charge will remain at £85.55.

Proposed by Cllr Burton.

Seconded by Cllr Adams.

The meeting closed at 9.32pm.

Gill Mason
Clerk