

## **MIDDLEWICH TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council's Finance, Policy and Governance Committee, held in Room 3A, Victoria Building, Lewin Street, Middlewich on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018, commencing at 6.00pm.**

### **PRESENT**

Councillor S Moss (in the Chair) and Councillors PJ Farrell, K Kingston, DJ Latham and SN McGrory

### **OFFICERS PRESENT**

JPA Williams, Town Clerk and DJ French, Assistant Town Clerk

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors B Walmsley and W Walmsley (prior meeting commitments)

### **202 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

### **203 MINUTES**

#### **Resolved:**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> November be confirmed as a correct record.

### **204 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The Committee considered grant applications as below:

- Cheshire and Warrington Carers Trust;
- Run Middlewich;
- Middlewich Women's Group;
- Kindred Spirits Folk Dance Club.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That:

(a) no grant is offered to the Cheshire and Warrington Carers Trust as the organisation has sufficient support from other sources and the provision of services in Middlewich by the Trust is limited;

(b) Run Middlewich is offered a grant of £213 to cover the sum required for public liability insurance;

(c) Middlewich Women’s Group is not offered a grant but is offered assistance towards promoting the Group via the Mexon Street Market and the Council will help with organising speakers to attend 3 meetings of the Group; and

(d) the Kindred Spirits Folk Dance Club is not offered a grant but is invited to attend the Mexon Street Market to entertain and promote the Group and also the opportunity to perform at the Middlewich FAB Festival including rehearsal space if required.

**205 MIDDLEWICH MEXON STREET MARKET**

The Committee considered the report of the Vision Action Plan Manager on future arrangements for the market. The report outlined findings from the 5 markets held in 2017 and financial information on income and expenditure should the market continue to be held in 2018. The report proposed holding 4 themed markets every second month on a Saturday and a Christmas market to take place on the Friday evening of the Christmas Lights Switch On event.

In discussing the report, Members thanked staff for their hard work in running the markets in 2017, particularly the work of the Vision Action Plan Manager. It was felt that a monthly market would be more sustainable for traders and could become a regular addition to the existing events in the town. The themed approach every second month was supported and a market during FAB was considered to be an excellent addition to the other entertainment and activities on offer.

The staffing impact was discussed and it was agreed this should be referred to the Personnel Committee.

**RESOLVED:** that

(a) the Mexon Street Market be held every month in 2018 from March – October on the third Saturday of the month between 10.00am – 3.00pm; and a Christmas market be held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November alongside the Christmas Lights Switch On from 4.00pm – 8.00pm; and

(b) the Personnel Committee be requested to consider staffing implications of the Town Council running the Mexon Market.

**Date of next meeting – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 6.00pm**

**Cllr S Moss**

**Chairman**

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