

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE
COUNCIL OFFICES 44 OLD STREET ON MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.30PM

Present: Committee Chairman Cllr H. Young
 Cllrs B. Cherokoff, C. Francis-Pester, J. Geldart, A. Goodliffe, G. Hill, T. Morgan,
 K. O'Brien, D. Shopland, J. West, R. Westwood.
 Ms Paula Heath Town Clerk,
 Members of the public 2

Public Session

A presentation was made by Mrs H. Neale, Chairman of Curzon Trustees and Mrs S. Shaw, CEO of the Curzon on the roof replacement project, and additional information requested by the Council under Min No 19/920.

To date the Curzon has raised £75,000 from the community with a further £500k+ in grants and pledges. The total project cost to cover repairs, legal and ancillary works is £650,750

FGP 19/934 RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr N. Barton (illness) & Cllr Everitt (family commitment).

FGP 19/935 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Young declared a personal interest as her husband is a non-remunerated trustee of the Curzon.

*Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** to suspend standing orders to enable the above named guests to respond to Councillors questions.*

FGP19/936 RECEIVE & DISCUSS FUNDING FOR CURZON CINEMA AS PER MINUTE NO 19/920.

Members questioned the representatives from the Curzon in detail about the finances based on the audited accounts circulated for December 2017. The Accounts for December 2018 would be provided for the FGP meeting on 6th November 2019.

The work is planned for January 2020 subject to the necessary match funding being in place. The anticipated total from the Community of £100,000 is included in the above grant/pledge figures. The total to date is £75k raised with the auction of art on the old tiles due in December where it is expected the remaining £25k will be raised

It was explained that the Grant and Pledged money can only be accessed if all the funding is in place; there is currently a shortfall of £25k, that is needed to release the above funds.

It is expected to take 5 – 6 months subject to the weather. A decision had been taken by the Curzon not to use shrouded scaffolding that would enable the work to continue despite the weather. Because of the increased cost in having shrouded scaffolding, also the intrusion it would have on the adjacent footpath and road requiring traffic management, which would have to be funded by the Curzon. It is hoped there will be limited disruption to the running of the cinema, although some daytime screenings may be lost.

In response to the Clevedon Town Council Climate Policy, the Insulation of the building was discussed. It is intended at this phase to felt and installation line the roof tiles and in the next phase when the internal roof is done that further insulation would be installed. Due to the

structure it would not be possible to install solar panels. The Curzon is also investigating the grey water collection and reuse.

It was explained that many staff members are volunteers with a small paid team, all paid fairly and inline with the industry benchmarks.

*Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** to reinstate standing orders*

Proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** that this council pledges £25k grant to Curzon Cinema towards the roof replacement project, subject to the 2018 accounts being received at the meeting on 6th November 2019.
AGREED by 8 votes to 1 with 2 abstentions.

Discussion was held amongst Councillors as to the effect this would have on the precept and the appropriate decision-making mechanism; The recommendation would be a part 1 item to Council at the 27th November meeting.

FGP 19/933 DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS.

There are no Part 1 items as members requested minute no 19/936

Meeting closed at 8.32pm

CHAIRMANDATE