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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Morecambe Town Council's Festivals, Sponsorships and Events Committee held at Morecambe Town Hall at 17.00pm on tenth day of May 2022.

Present: Councillors P Heath, V Boyd-Power, J Ashworth, P Clarke.

In attendance: Luke Trevaskis (Proper Officer)

Minute FSE2223-01

Election of Chairman

Cllr P Heath duly elected Chairman.

Minute FSE2223-02

Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr V Boyd-Power duly elected Vice Chairman.

Minute FSE2223-03

Apologies

Cllrs J Goodwin, M Pattison, C Matthews, P Anderton.

Minute FSE2223-04

Declarations of Interest

None.

Minute FSE2223-05

Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Minute FSE2223-06

Public Participation

None.

Minute FSE2223-07

Exclusion of Press and Public

The Committee resolved to exclude the press and public, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, from the meeting for the following business on the grounds that it could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

Minute FSE2223-08

Festival Grant Application 6

The Committee resolved to award a grant of £5,000 to Bay Fringe Festival organised by West End Players as seed funding for an annual series of events.

Minute FSE2223-09

Festival Grant Application 7

The Committee resolved to award a grant of £700 to the Lancaster Military Heritage Group for Armed Forces Day and to request more involvement in the event next year.

Minute FSE2223-10

Festival Grant Application 8

The Committee resolved not to award a grant to this applicant.

The Committee noted that in a prior year it had been discussed that the award would be their last as the event should be self sufficient after receiving financial grants from the Council for close to ten years.

The Committee also noted the applicant had not completed all sections of the application form, requesting the Council to 'fill in the blanks'.

The Council also considered criteria "2(G) - How the applicant intends to recognise the contribution of the Council". It was noted that the applicant had not included any information to meet this requirement. Rather, the applicant had been publicly unsupportive of the Council and had accused the Council of 'taking too long' to consider the application, despite the application being considered within the advertised 12-week timeframe and the applicant having an opportunity to apply for a grant up to 18 months prior to the event.

Minute FSE2223-11

Festival Grant Application 9

The Committee resolved to award a grant of £2,590 to Promenade Concert Orchestra and suggested the organisation should consider increasing its ticket price to become more self sufficient in the future should the Council be unable to fund it in the future.

Minute FSE2223-12

Festival Grant Application 10

The Committee resolved to award a grant of £2,000 to More Music to fund the Catch the Wind Kite Festival.

Members requested a future review of the grant criteria at a future meeting.