

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT LANSDOWNE HALL, DERRY HILL
MONDAY 29th April 2024

CALNE WITHOUT COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE

Present (P): Apologies (A): Did Not Attend (X)

Ioan Rees	P	John Barnes	P	Bruce MacInnes	P
Lucy Campbell Rogers	A	Jurgen Kronig	A	Doug Price	P

59/24/SPC Apologies

To receive apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Campbell-Rogers and Kronig.

It was unanimously resolved to accept the apologies.

60/24/SPC Public participation/ Correspondence

60.1/24/SPC Public participation

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee.

Cllr Deedigan attended as a member of the public, and took part in the discussion re the grant application.

60.2/24/SPC Correspondence

For the Clerk to report any correspondence not circulated.

No additional correspondence to report.

61/24/SPC. Declarations of Interest

Declarations from Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest (Standing Orders 13b) or other interest (Standing Orders 13c) in respect of matters being considered by the Council.

No declaration of interests declared.

62/24/SPC. Chairman Announcements

Cllr Price discussed the need to talk about future of strategic planning committee in respect of the new/successor council. Having a new strategy and outline spending plans would be required in time for the budget setting process in September 2024.

63/24/SPC. Minutes

Recommendation: That the Committee approve the **Minutes** of the meeting held on Monday 5th February 2024 as a true and fair reflection of the motions agreed by the

Committee and the discussion that took place and that these be signed by the Chairman as such.

It was unanimously resolved that the minutes were a true and fair reflection.

64/24/SPC. Large Grant Request – Bristol Avon Rivers Trust

To consider the [grant request](#) for £19740 and [additional information additional sheet](#) and [additional information](#) received against the scoring matrix and make recommendations to take to full council.

**Budget; Environment and aesthetics (to be funded from CIL or sun Edison reserve)
Power; Public Health Act 1936 S125 and S260 or Local Government Act 1972 S137**

Cllr Price opened the discussions reminding the committee that this grant was discussed at length during the last meeting and further information had been requested.

Cllr Deedigan talked through the revised document and additional information provided.

The committee had a discussion on the proposed works and funds requested. There was a general discussion on feeling uncomfortable on committing almost £20000 when still lots of unanswered questions.

It was noted that the application appeared unclear in many places and it was disappointing that there wasn't a representative of BART available to answer further questions.

The committee discussed the potential benefits of the works proposed and how this might be measured and observed by the public.

It was suggested that the committee would feel more comfortable awarding a small amount of grant money to enable the project to be scoped fully.

It was acknowledged that BART do have some match funding for the project.

The pros and cons were discussed at length, along with the benefits and outcomes from the first part of the project that has been completed.

It was pointed out that CIL money from Cherhill view and Low Lane could be attributed to this project, money benefitting the area from where it has been earned.

The committee concluded that the scoring matrix was not going to be completed as they were aware that the grant request would fail the test. They discussed they were happy scoping works were necessary before they could commit to any further funding.

The Clerk advised that to not complete the matrix (required by paragraph 11 of the Large Grant funding policy) because they know that the request will fail is going against the policies of the council and does lead to a financial risk. The committee indicated that they were happy with their decision to not follow this aspect of the grant policy.

The Clerk further reminded the Committee that there was not a specific power to complete this type of work and read out the wording on Local Government Act 1972 S137 which is the power which would be used for this grant payment.

Proposal; to recommend full council to Fund BART up to £1500 which we assume will be match funded by the Wiltshire heritage and nature grant for Landowner engagement and scoping work for the works required in priority area 1 up to June 2025. Further to this scoping work BART must present detailed proposal of works proposed following the landowner engagement in person or there will be no further investment.

It was unanimously resolved to make the recommendation to full council

The meeting closed at 20.40