

**PEMBROKE DOCK TOWN COUNCIL  
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
29<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Present:           Councillor S O'Connor           Councillor M Williams  
                  Councillor M Wiggins           Councillor T George  
                  Councillor C F Boswell

**1. Apologies for Absence**

There were none.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr M Williams declared an interest in the Plant Dewi grant application.

Cllr S O'Connor declared an interest in the Youth Club grant application.

**3. Minutes from meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

It was

**PROPOSED** by Cllr T George

**SECONDED** by Cllr C F Boswell

**RESOLVED** - That the Minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025 are adopted as a true record.

**4. Grant Applications**

**Dockers ABC/Fitness**

They run Junior classes twice a week and aim to keep the classes safe in a caring emotional supportive environment where all children are treated as individuals and keep them engaged and active through boxing/fitness. Classes include juniors and adults who have problems such as ADHD, Autism, obesity, social emotional issues and lack communication skills. They currently have 23-30 members.

**Funding amount requested - £800**

For the purchase of sparing gloves and head guards for juniors.

10 x Junior headguards - £520

10 x Junior Sparring gloves - £300

Members commented this group provided a good application and members agreed the service they provide is a valuable one to members of the community, **it was recommended that the funding amount of £800 was granted.**

**Sandy Bear Children's Bereavement Charity**

Sandy Bear Children's Bereavement Charity provides specialist support to children, young people (aged 0-25), and their families across Wales who are facing or have experienced the death of someone important to them.

**Funding amount requested - £1000**

To continue our support, serving families within your area, not only the morally right thing to do, but with measurable and positive benefits to economy and crime in the area. **It was recommended this application was not supported with funding due to it being a larger charity, with funding opportunities from other avenues.**

### Pembroke Dock Youth Club

The Youth Club provide a non-formal and informal and structured opportunities and experiences for young people aged 11 to 25, enhancing their personal, emotional, social and political development. We often advise and give guidance and support.

#### **Funding amount requested £500**

For the purchase of cooking items and storage items.

**Members reviewed the application and agreed they were unsure of how many children from Pembroke Dock were attending, it was agreed that a visit would be arranged to go see the facilities.**

### Kids Cancer Charity

They are a small charity based in Swansea, that helps children affected by cancer and their families all across the UK and have been providing a full range of services for families for 36 years, currently helping 2 families in Pembroke Dock and 27 in Pembrokeshire.

#### **Funding amount requested £750-£1000**

To pay for a 3 day all-inclusive stay in Disneyland Paris or Florida.

**Members reviewed the information and although agreed the charity carried out some positive work, but as it is a national charity recommended it was not supported with funding.**

### Plant Dewi

Run families together group in Pembroke Dock which meets weekly 9-11am giving parents the opportunity to meet other local parents to share experiences, reducing isolation and support parents to make them feel more connected with the community. Activities include crafts, language and play, song and story as well as information sharing.

#### **Funding amount requested £717.00**

70 seater coach and entry fee for 60 individuals for Clerkenhill farm.

**Members reviewed the application and raised concerns about the funds covering the cost for residents from other areas and not just Pembroke Dock, it was therefore agreed to get more information on the application and invite the applicant to speak to the Finance Committee at a future meeting.**

## **7. Income & Expenditure Budget Update**

Members reviewed the budgets; the following was queried.

1301- Mayoral Allowances – it was questioned why these had not been spent, the Clerk stated that the changeover of Mayor only took place on 1<sup>st</sup> May, but these payments had now been paid.

1501 - Christmas Lighting – It was questioned why there was spend early on with this budget head, the Clerk confirmed the payment was the instalment for the lease of Christmas lighting.

1609- Memorial Park – The Clerk confirmed that the payment had not been made as the group were meeting this week to decide if they would continue, she stated that if the group was to wind up the funds would be transferred to the Town Council and earmarked for the play areas, it was agreed that Council should set a committee up to manage this fund.

Members commented that the 100 year anniversary event in the park was a huge success and questioned if it was something which could be done in future years, the Clerk commented that the event cost £11,729.31 and agreed it was a success, she commented that there could be cost savings made to reduce the cost but the stage cost £4,500 with bands etc on top. The Clerk stated that there were some issues with policing which will need to be addressed but she would raise this with Full Council at the next meeting.

It was agreed to confirm a budget with Full Council for the event to go ahead again in 2026.

**8. Recommendations to Council**

Dockers ABC recommendation for grant funding

Sandy Bears Charity & Kids Cancer Charity recommend no funding provided

Memorial Park Fun day to include stage and entertainment

**9. Date of Next Meeting – End of July**