

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2021 IN the COUNCIL CHAMBER**

PRESENT

Committee Chairman Cllr. T. Adams
Cllr. M. Bossingham, Cllr. P. Harris, Cllr. R. Leeds, Cllr. P. West

Mrs. J. Warner PSLCC AICCM (Deputy Town Clerk)

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

Cllr. Harris – Cromer Artspace re item 4
Cllr. Adams – NNDC Councillor re item 4

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr. Pritchard (family).

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present.

4. **GRANT APPLICATION**

Cllr. Harris presented a grant application on behalf of Cromer Artspace for the renovation of the art-deco building on the west promenade for use as an exhibition space for artists. It is hoped to host workshops, art festivals, talks and events. It was noted that an application has been submitted to the NCC Social Infrastructure fund which if successful will fund 80% of the cost of the project but a further 20% has yet to be sourced.

Concern was raised that the premises are vulnerable to storm force winds and sea surges and Cllr. Harris was asked whether it is possible to insure the premises. It was stressed that a well rehearsed plan needs to be in place should there be warnings of adverse weather. Concern was also raised at the increased traffic movements along the promenade especially at the west end which is narrow with no barrier.

Cllr. Harris advised that there are shutters on the building and that an alarm system will be installed but he is yet to contact any insurers. He also advised that people will be encouraged to park on the Runton Road car park and that there is a disabled parking area on the promenade. He would be happy to come to an arrangement with NNDC re the control of vehicles on the promenade.

It was **AGREED** to recommend to Full Council to award £2k from the grant fund and a further £3k from general reserves subject to proof that the premises are insurable and a mitigation plan is in place for adverse weather and vehicular movements on the promenade.

Note: Cllrs. Adams and Harris did not participate in the vote.

5. **CASUAL VACANCY**

It was **AGREED** to advertise the vacancy for co-option now that Covid restrictions have been lifted and face to face interviews can be held.

6. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** – 7.00pm, 21 September 2021

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05pm.

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