Highcliffe & Walkford Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of **Policy and Resources Committee** held on 13th August 2024 at 11:00 in The Old School House, 254 Lymington Road, Highcliffe.

Present: Cllr L Dedman (Chair), Cllr R Ede, Cllr J Webster, Cllr A Martin, Cllr R Dickson

In attendance: the clerk, Tom Brindley. One member of the public.

25PR/8 (Agenda Item 1) Apologies for Absence: Apologies were accepted from Cllr D Martin (Cllr A Martin substituting).

25PR/9 (Agenda Item 2) Chairman's remarks and Declarations of Interest:

1 The chairman welcomed the members and public and explained this was a special meeting called to discuss the Highcliffe Music Festival.
2 There were no Declarations of interest.

25PR/10 (Agenda Item 3) Public participation:

1 Mandy Povey, Director, Stir Events CIC addressed the council.
2 Stir Events had been engaged by Highcliffe Action Team to run a music festival on 7th September 2024.
3 The event was funded by ticket sales and commission on event stalls.
4 There was currently a shortfall in revenue received which, if not resolved, would mean the festival would have to be cancelled.
5 Stir Events anticipated that revenue from additional ticket sales between now and the event, combined with gate sales and commission from stalls would plug the gap, but the risk was too great to continue without additional funding.
6 The current funding gap was £8,500 but the event committee, via Stir Events CIC, was asking for a grant of £7,000.

25PR/11 The committee agreed to bring forward Item 5.

25PR/12 (Agenda Item 5) Grant in support of Highcliffe Music Festival

1 Members discussed the risks and benefits for the festival.
2 A motion having been duly proposed and seconded, it was unanimously **RESOLVED**:
   a. To award a grant of £8,500 to Stir Events CIC to be used solely for the Highcliffe Music Festival.
   b. That the grant be repaid in part or in full, if the event produces a surplus.
   c. That the event marketing continue.
   d. That the event accounts be made available to the council.

25PR/13 (Agenda Item 4) Minutes of meeting of 8th July

1 The minutes were adopted and singed by the chair.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 11.44 am.

Signed ……. Date……..

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