



Rugeley Town Council

Minutes of the Rose Committee held in the Council Chamber
at 7:00 pm Wednesday 12th January 2022.

PRESENT: Councillors: P Ansell R Dipple
D Gaye N Mahon (Chair)
I Pyke K Tait-Green

ALSO PRESENT: H. Goodreid – Town Clerk

Min	Item	Action
110 110.1	Apologies Apologies were received from Councillors Gunner and Szklarczyk.	
111 111.1	Declarations of Person & Prejudicial interest No Declarations of Interest were made.	
112 112.1	To receive any requests for dispensation None	
113. 113.1	Chair to close the meeting for the public session. No members of public were in attendance.	
114	Chair to reopen meeting	
115. 115.1 115.2	Minutes It was noted that on item 109 – the date of the next meeting was incorrect and should read 12 th January 2022 – this was amended by the Chair. It was proposed to approve the amended minutes of the Rose Committee meeting held on 8 th December 2021. <i>Proposed: Cllr Dipple; Seconded: Cllr Gaye</i> The minutes of the Rose Committee held 8th December 2021 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
116 116.1	Matters Arising <u>102</u> – Booking figures would be reported to Cllrs by the Theatre manager in a separate email. <u>103</u> – this would be on the February Full Council agenda as January's meeting had been cancelled.	

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	<p><u>104</u> – the cost of banners and promotion would come to a future meeting.</p> <p><u>106</u> - A meeting would be called for all councillors to consider the future of the Rose Theatre, and this would include the possible development of a management group.</p>	
<p>117 117.1</p> <p>117.2</p>	<p>Income and Expenditure</p> <p>Councillors considered and noted the December 2021 Income and Expenditure report for the committee.</p> <p>It was noted that there would be underspend on the utilities budget which may be used to offset the loss of forecasted income from the cancelled Drive in Cinema / Fringe festival events etc. This would be brought to the attention of F and M Committee.</p>	
<p>118 118.1</p> <p>118.1.1</p> <p>118.2</p>	<p>Budget</p> <p>There was much uncertainty as to the events programmed for the year for the theatre and the ways in which the committee could promote events and bring in additional events. It was proposed that the budget for 2022/2023 should stay the same as for 2021/2022 but Council should be sympathetic to the situation and the needs of the theatre and understand that requests may be made for funds from general reserves should the need arise.</p> <p><i>Proposed: Cllr Dipple; Seconded: Cllr Gaye</i></p> <p>It was agreed that no budget increases be sought for 2022/2023 but funds from general reserves will be requested should the need arise.</p> <p>It was proposed that using the underspend on marketing and equipment, 2 scanners be rented from ticket source as discussed in the December 2021 meeting. This would cost £1,200+ VAT as a deposit and £50 for the two handsets.</p> <p><i>Proposed: Cllr Dipple; Seconded: Cllr Ansell</i></p> <p>It was agreed that the scanners would be rented from Ticket Source.</p> <p>It was proposed that the replacement radio mic headsets and monitor speaker be bought with a maximum budget of £545.02 + VAT as per the report.</p> <p><i>Proposed: Cllr Dipple; Seconded: Cllr Pyke</i></p> <p>The motion was agreed.</p>	
<p>119 119.1</p>	<p>Pantomime</p> <p>On Tuesday 7th December, a school was booked in to the 1pm performance. As they had not arrived by 12.45pm, the school were called to check that all was on track to attend. We were informed that the school had the performance in the diary for the 8th December at 10am in error and would therefore not be attending. The school were offered an alternative performance after school on the Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday as a replacement but declined the offer. A request had been received from the school for reimbursement of the cost of the tickets amounting to £1,090.</p>	

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119.2	<p>It was proposed not to reimburse the school as public money had been used to fund the staff, actors, sets etc for the day and the fault lay with the school for the error as the invoice clearly stated the date and time of the performance.</p> <p><i>Proposed: Cllr Dipple; Seconded: Cllr Ansell</i></p> <p>It was agreed not to reimburse the pantomime fees to the school.</p>	Clerk to write to the Head of the school.
120 120.1	<p>Covid</p> <p>Unfortunately, the Palmer Season for March/ April has been postponed because of a reduced number in the one theatre group due to Covid. As this is a season of two plays the other company postponed as well, although it may lose its director. There was also a lost sponsorship opportunity.</p>	
120.2	<p>It was felt that the Town Council needed to hold a separate meeting to discuss the future of the theatre and how it should operate in future years.</p>	Clerk to call a meeting of Full Council
121 121.1	<p>Theatre Managers report</p> <p>A meeting had taken place between the Chair of the Committee, the Theatre Manager, and the Town Clerk to look at the year ahead for the Rose Theatre. The possible ways of opening the theatre up to the community for events was discussed with suggestions around a seasonal table top promotion of local groups, reintroduction of the successful pop up cinemas, the development of the theatre into exhibition space, possible band nights.</p>	
122 122.1	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 9th February 2022 at 7pm.</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

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