

**BOGNOR REGIS TOWN COUNCIL** 

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Dear Sir/Madam,

### ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM FOR THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

Please be advised that an additional item will be considered as detailed below at the Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee to be held at The Town Hall, Clarence Road, Bognor Regis on **MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019** 

# DATED this 31st day of JANUARY 2019

# **CLERK TO THE COUNCIL**

# THE AGENDA and BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED is:

 To receive an update from the organisers of Bognor Birdman on the event content and consider any resulting change to the level of Grant Aid awarded - Min. 91 refers

#### BOGNOR REGIS TOWN COUNCIL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING - 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019

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#### REPORT BY DEPUTY CLERK

### FOR DECISION

At the Extraordinary Meeting of this Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018, Members agreed to award Grant Aid of £7,500 to Bognor Birdman following the organisers submission of an application for £8,000 (Min. 91 refers).

The successful application was for a two-day event, extended for 2019 from the Esplanade and Pier area into the Town Centre, to create another entertainment zone to let Bognor Regis go "Birdman Crazy".

For Members information, a breakdown of the anticipated costs for which the Grant Aid was awarded is as follows:

Medical Cover	£1,550
Insurance	£1,800
Scaffolding	£3,100
Security	£1,550

The Town Clerk has received an email from the Birdman organisers advising of a change to the event with the relevant extract as follows:

At the time of our application we stated that Birdman would be a two-day event in August 2019.

Birdman will be going ahead this year as an attraction in an altogether bigger and more diverse event. The whole event is Pride and will take place over the two days, however Birdman will only be happening on Sunday. As the Birdman part of the Pride weekend is only going to be the one day I wondered how that would affect the funding if at all?

Pride itself has asked for no funding from BRTC at this point and promises to be a huge event focusing on individuality, equality and inclusion and will celebrate every aspect of our community including families, those with disabilities, the LGBT community.

Moving forward these two events will always run side by side.

Although the actual Birdman is running only on the Sunday I would request that the funding already allocated remains the same as the whole event is now a combined venture bringing something new and exciting to our town. No information has been received as to whether the costs, as quoted in the original Grant Aid application, will be reduced as a result of the Birdman element being reduced from two to one day.

# DECISION

Do Members **AGREE**, in light of the changes to the event, to permit Bognor Birdman to retain the previously awarded Grant Aid of £7,500?

or

Do Members **AGREE**, in light of the changes to the event, that the Grant Aid awarded to Bognor Birdman should be reduced and if so, what do Members **AGREE** should be the revised amount?