



**Minutes of a meeting of the Grants Committee held on
Wednesday 18 October 2023, in the Council Chamber, Aylesbury Town Hall, 5
Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP at 7pm**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7pm.

In the chair: Cllr Susan Morgan

Present: S Morgan
S Bateman
T Hussain
C Hendren
S Chapple
T Dixon

Officer Present: Jane Eden, Committee Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and accept apologies of absence from Town Councillors.

Resolved: To accept apologies received from Cllr A Morgan (Prior Commitment) and Cllr M Baldwin (Illness)

2. Declaration of interest

Cllr Dixon declared an interest in Aylesbury Homeless Action Group and Cllr Dixon, Cllr Morgan and Cllr Chapple declared an interest in the application from Feedback Global due to potential conflicting role as sit on the Aylesbury Community Board.

3. Minutes of the meeting

Resolved: The committee unanimously agreed to accept and sign the minutes of 21 June 2023 as a true record.

4. Matters arising

Apologies from Milton Keynes Islamic Arts & Culture who are unable to attend due to an emergency community meeting with Thames Valley Police. Apologies from Aylesbury Homeless Action Group, unable to attend as prior commitment at the High Wycombe Homeless action AGM.

5. Public participation

To suspend Standing Orders in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 64 so those members of the public present at the meeting might speak.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.05 p.m. to allow grant applicants to speak in respect of their respective applications.

The Chairman reinstated Standing Orders at 7.55 pm to allow discussions to begin.

6. Sports Grants 2023/2024

To consider the following applications received and consider any other applications submitted by the Clerk as appropriate:

01-23/24 Kainaath Rahman £1000

Resolved: The committee unanimously agreed to support Kainaath awarding £1000 towards expenses to compete in the World Kickboxing Organisation Series

02-23/24 Drishith Paturi £1000

Resolved: The committee unanimously agreed to support Drishith awarding £1000 towards expenses for representing the county and Badminton England tournaments

03-23/24 Aylesbury Cheerleading Academy

Resolved: Due to the applicant not being able to attend, the committee would like to defer this application to the next meeting in January. The committee would like to ask further questions regarding the financial requirements towards Aylesbury Cheerleading Academy representing at The Summit 'All Star Championships' in Florida May 2024

04-23/24 Mokshitha Chinthaparthi £1000

Resolved: The committee unanimously agreed to support Mokshitha awarding £1000 towards expenses to achieve representing at Tennis Europe's and ITFs

7. General Grants 2023/24

To consider the following applications received and consider any other applications submitted by the Clerk as appropriate:

04-23/24 Rossway Group Riding for the Disabled Association £1500

Resolved: The committee unanimously agreed to support the Rossway Group Riding for the Disabled Association awarding £1500 towards another pony to support school visits benefiting children from Stocklake Park School in Aylesbury

05-23/34 Social Link £2000

Resolved: The committee unanimously agreed to award Social Link £2000 towards a trip to the seaside benefiting 50 members from Aylesbury

Cllr Chapple, Cllr Morgan and Cllr Dixon left the meeting at 7.30pm when the applicant was answering questions, they also left the room when the committee members discussed the application.

06-23/24 Feedback Global £880

Resolved: The committee unanimously agreed to award Feedback Global £800 towards the 'Only Me' scheme that identifies areas of need created through isolation,

loneliness, nutrition poverty and the lack of confidence or motivation to cook balanced meals

07-23/24 Milton Keynes Islamic Arts and Culture

Resolved: As the applicant was unable to attend the committee asked that this application be deferred to the next meeting.

08-23/24 Queens Park Art Centre

£1899

Resolved: The committee unanimously agreed to award Queens Park Art Centre £1899 towards the purchase of a mobile PA system to be used for touring theatre performances at local venues and events

8. Social and Emotional Grants 2023/24

To consider the following applications received and consider any other applications submitted by the Clerk as appropriate:

Cllr Dixon was not present for the discussion of this application. Cllr Dixon left the meeting at 8.35pm

01-23/24 Aylesbury Homeless Action Group

£5000

Resolved: The committee unanimously agreed to award Aylesbury Homeless Action Group £5000 towards supporting the vital work during winter season 2023-2024 and to continue offering a full range of services to those in need.

9. Budget monitoring

Resolved: The Clerk reported that the 2023/24 grant budget position to October (Month 7) was £31,471. Allocated as £2,000 Sports grants, £14,471 General Grants and £15,000 Social & Emotion Wellbeing Grants.

10. Correspondence

No correspondence received.

11. Next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 17 January 2024 at 7pm

There being no further business of the Committee, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.56 p.m.

Signed: _____ Date: _____