

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GRANTS COMMITTEE OF AYLESBURY TOWN COUNCIL HELD VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL, ON WEDNESDAY 24 MARCH 2021 AT 7PM

Present: Councillors: M. Willis (Chair)

Mrs R. Takodra (Vice Chairman)

T. Dixon

Mrs D. Summers

T. Hussain

Officer Present: Jane Eden, Committee Clerk

The Chair welcomed everyone present and called the meeting to order at 7.00 pm

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2021 as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

No matters arising

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders at 7.03 p.m. to allow grant applicants to speak in respect of their respective applications.

The Chairman reinstated Standing Orders at 8.25pm to allow discussions to begin.

6. SPORTS GRANTS 2020/21

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

01-20/21 Alice Rolfe

£1000

RESOLVED: The committee agreed to award Alice Rolfe £1000 toward expenses to continue training for under 21 England Hockey team and GB Elite development program

7. GENERAL GRANTS 2020/21

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

09-20/21 Covid19Families UK

RESOLVED: The committee chose not to support Covid19 Families UK on this occasion as the application did not meet the criteria. Aylesbury Town Council Grants can only fund projects or events that give a clear and robust value to Aylesbury residents. Should the event take place in Aylesbury in future years the committee would welcome the organisation to reapply.

10-20/21 The Ducklings Trust

£2000

RESOLVED: The committee agreed to support The Ducklings Trust awarding £2000 towards a new birthing pool at the maternity unit Stoke Mandeville

12-20/21 Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity £4000

RESOLVED: The committee agreed to support Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity awarding £4000 towards the hospice at home service.

RESOLVED: A motion was proposed by Cllr Willis to support Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity with the sum of £4000, £2000 more than the original ask. This proposal was made due to the unusual and unprecedented year and the hugely beneficial service this organisation offer the residents of Aylesbury. Funding to enable this would be taken from the Sports grants funding stream.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Takodra and supported unanimously with the rest of the committee.

8. SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL WELLBEING GRANTS 2020/21

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

05-20/21 Youth Concern

£8000

RESOLVED: The committee agreed to support Youth Concern awarding £8000 towards the supervision, counselling co-ordinator and overheads to continue the free counselling provision for 13 - 25 year olds

06-20/21 Lindengate Mental Health Charity

£2000

RESOLVED: The committee agreed to support Lindengate Mental Health Charity awarding £2000 towards Site maintenance costs providing bespoke short programmes and a new focus for young people, including a peer support program

07-20/21 The Pace Centre

£3720

RESOLVED: The committee agreed to support The Pace Centre awarding £3720 towards the cost of a Learning support assistant supporting the services of a Music Therapist to deliver Music Therapy Provision

7. BUDGET MONITORING

The Clerk reported that the 2020/21 grant budget balance was £7838.73 allocated as £5995.73 for General grants and £1843 for the Sports grant.

RESOLVED: Cllr Willis proposed that the committee ask for the remaining funds be allowed to be carried over into the next financial year for Grants by a request taken to Full Council.

This proposal was seconded by Cllr Summers and supported unanimously by all committee members.