

Minutes of the meeting of the FINANCE COMMITTEE to consider the GRANT APPLICATIONS held in Rickards Hall on 19 October 2015 at 8.00pm

Present: Cllrs Mrs J Davison, R Davison (Vice Chairman), A Layland, S McGregor (Chairman), R Orridge, M Robson, J Scholey, B Todd.

In attendance: Daphne Slater (Finance Officer) Cllrs J Barnett, C Pearman. No members of the press or public were present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received, noted and accepted from Cllrs T Bryant (business commitment), V Maynard (unwell) and M McArthur (family commitment). Cllrs J Chappell and J Wooltorton were absent.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr S McGregor	Personal Interest Item 5 Edenbridge & District Twinning Association & Item 4.2 Edenbridge Voluntary Transport Service
Cllr A Layland	Personal Interest Item 5 Eden Valley Museum Trust & Item 4.2 Edenbridge Voluntary Transport Service
Cllr R Orridge	Personal Interest Item 4.2 Edenbridge Voluntary Transport Service

3. TO RECEIVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE GRANTS MEETING HELD ON 27 OCTOBER 2014

Resolved: that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting to consider the Grant Applications held on 27 October 2014 be signed by the Committee Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. TO CONSIDER THE GRANT APPLICATIONS

4.1 Grants Meeting

Members recalled that at October 2014 Council meeting, members resolved to encourage all councillors to attend the Grants meeting, with only the Finance Committee members having the right to vote.

4.2 Grant Applications

Members considered the Grant Applications received by the Council at length and

Resolved: to allocate the following grants:

Applications	Amount Granted
Edenbridge & District Rail Travellers*	£100
Edenbridge Community First Responders*	£125
Edenbridge & Westerham CAB	£1,500
Edenbridge Cricket Club	£1,100
Edenbridge Piranhas Swimming Club	£750
Edenbridge Players	£200
1 st Edenbridge Scout Group	£400
Edenbridge Voluntary Transport Service	£500
Forge Singers	£200
Hi Kent (Local Registered Deaf Charity)*	£500 pending
Nomads Football Club	£500 pending
The Eden Christian Trust	£200
Uckfield Railway Line Parishes Committee	£25
West Kent Mediation*	<u>£400</u>
	£6,500

Those which are sanctioned under Section137 are marked with an *

Resolved: that the balance of £1,000 should remain in the Council's funds for any further applications for funding in this financial year. The RFO is to write to Edenbridge Community First Responders stating members understand they have received funding from another source to cover the kits since the application form was submitted.

Edenbridge Players and The Forge Singers are to be reminded again that they should apply to other sources including Sevenoaks District Arts Council as the Council, had suggested in previous years. Before further applications are submitted, members will need to receive reassurance that all current policies are in place.

Funding has been earmarked for Hi Kent (Local Registered Deaf Charity). They are to be asked to provide a budget to include what they are proposing to do in Edenbridge.

Nomads Football Club is to be advised that funding has been earmarked pending their co-operation with the Council regarding lease meetings.

Cllr Scholey had reminded members that funding had been allocated in the Capital Reserves Fund for House Project and this funding did not need to come out of the Grants budget. The Grant Application for West Kent Extra was therefore considered as a separate item and members

Resolved: that the £7,500 applied for would be provided from General Capital Reserve Funds.

5. TO CONSIDER THE SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS FOR 2016/17

Members recalled that the Council has two Service Level Agreements (SLA) which have been in place for almost three years now, between Edenbridge Town Council and (1) Eden Valley Museum Trust (EVMT) and (2) Edenbridge and District Twinning Association (E&DTA). The interim reports on progress and spending had been submitted, along with requests for funding for 2016/17. Members were pleased with the interim reports and having considered the funding requests

Resolved: that E&DTA and EVMT SLA

would be extended for a further year and the RFO would include £500 and £5,500 respectively when preparing the 2016/17 budget.

6. PRESS RELEASE

Members wished to issue a press release stating how pleased they were to be able to help so many local organisations with funding.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

