

Minutes of the meeting of the FINANCE COMMITTEE to consider the GRANT APPLICATIONS held in Rickards Hall on 17 October 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs J Barnett, R Bell, Mrs J Davison, R Davison (Vice Chairman), A Layland, R Orridge.

In attendance: Daphne Slater (Finance Officer), Cllrs J Barnett, V Maynard and M McArthur. 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 (unwell), S McGregor (holiday), J Scholey (holiday) and B Todd (family commitment). Cllrs C Pearman, M Robson and J Woollorton were absent.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Cllrs declared Personal Interests for items 4.2 and 5.

3. TO RECEIVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE GRANTS MEETING HELD ON 19 OCTOBER 2015

Resolved: that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting to consider the Grant Applications held on 19 October 2015 be signed by the Committee Vice Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. TO CONSIDER THE GRANT APPLICATIONS

4.1 Grants Meeting

Members recalled that, as resolved by Council, all councillors were encouraged 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 take the application for Edenbridge Town Village Hall Charity out of the meeting and refer it to Council, and to allocate the following grants:

Applications	Amount Granted
Edenbridge & District Rail Travellers*	£100
Edenbridge Community First Responders*	£150
Eden Valley Chamber of Commerce	£1,200
Edenbridge & Westerham CAB	£1,500
Edenbridge Cricket Club	£1,000
Edenbridge Piranhas Swimming Club	£800
Edenbridge Players	£100
1 st Edenbridge Scout Group	£400
Edenbridge Voluntary Transport Service	£500
Forge Singers	£100
Hi Kent (Local Registered Deaf Charity)*	£500
Nomads Football Club	£500
Stangrove Community	£200
West Kent Mediation*	<u>£400</u>
	£7,450

Those which are sanctioned under Section137 are marked with an *

Resolved: that the balance of £50 should remain in the Council's funds for any further applications for funding in this financial year. The RFO is to advise various organisations that they should apply to other sources including Sevenoaks District Council and Sevenoaks District Arts Council as the Council, had suggested in the past. Suggest to Nomads Football Club that they should organise some fund raising events themselves to generate extra income.

5. TO CONSIDER THE SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS FOR 2017/18

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 2017/18. Members were pleased with the interim reports and having considered the funding requests

Resolved: to renew the E&DTA SLA on 1 April 2017 for a further year and the RFO would include £500 in 2017/18 budget preparation.

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Members considered the long term prosperity of the Edenbridge HOUSE project under an SLA with West Kent Communities, as agreed at Council in September. Members discussed the level of funding and

Resolved: to including £7,500 funding for 2017/18 as was in the 2016/17 budget, with a view that this could be reduced to £7,000 if necessary.

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 only £7,500 grant funding available, and several applications, the money had been distributed fairly and appropriately.

The meeting closed at 8.18pm.

