

Minutes of the meeting of the FINANCE COMMITTEE to consider the GRANT APPLICATIONS held on 23 November 2020 at 6.45pm via Zoom

Present: Cllrs A Baker, A Damodaran, V Jennings, A Layland, N Lloyd (Chairman), M McArthur S McGregor, A Read, and J Scholey (Vice Chairman), S Taylor and B Todd.

In attendance: Town Clerk and Finance Officer. No members of the press or public were present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received, noted and accepted from Cllrs J Aldridge and S Sumner. Cllrs Z Roberts Smith and P Smith were absent.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No councillors declared Pecuniary interests.

The following councillors declared Personal Non Pecuniary interests for Item 4.2:

S McGregor SDC representative to Eden Valley Museum
A Layland for Eden Valley Museum Trust (trustee), Edenbridge Voluntary Transport Services (trustee).
V Jennings for Edenbridge & Westerham CAB (trustee),
A Baker Edenbridge Community First Responders (trustee and treasurer).

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S McGregor SDC representative to Eden Valley Museum
A Layland for Eden Valley Museum Trust (trustee), Edenbridge and District Twinning Association (president).

3. TO RECEIVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE GRANTS MEETING HELD ON 7 OCTOBER 2019

Resolved: that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting to consider the Grant Applications held on 7 October 2019 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, the Terms of Reference adopted in January 2020 now allows all members the right to vote. Members had been encouraged to view the applications and they had been available in the Council office for 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

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 Churches in Covenant	£325
Edenbridge Christmas Association	£865
Edenbridge Community First Responders	£1,400
Edenbridge & Westerham CAB	£2,000
Edenbridge Voluntary Transport Service	£1,000
Hi Kent (Local Registered Deaf Charity)	£760

Nomads Football Club	£400
The Eden Christian Trust	£330
West Kent Mediation	<u>£800</u>
	£7,880

5. TO CONSIDER THE SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS FOR 2021/22

Members recalled that the Council has three Service Level Agreements (SLA) in place between Edenbridge Town Council and (1) Eden Valley Museum Trust (EVMT), (2) Edenbridge and District Twinning Association (E&DTA) and West Kent Extra HOUSE. The interim reports on progress and spending had been submitted, along with requests for funding for 2021/22. Councillors had held recent Zoom meetings with EVMT and HOUSE. E&DTA had been unable to carry out any visits this year and were not requesting funding this time.

Members were pleased with the interim reports and having considered the funding requests

Resolved: to renew the EVMT SLA on 1 April 2021 for a further year and the RFO would include £6,500 in 2021/22 budget preparation.

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6. PRESS RELEASE

Members wished to issue a press release listing the organisations receiving Grants from the Council.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.