

**MINUTES of Edenbridge Town Council GRANTS Committee held at 7.55 pm on 29 November 2021 in Rickards Hall**

Present: Cllrs J Aldridge, A Baker (Council Vice-Chairman), S Compton, M Gemmell Smith, V Jennings, A Layland, N Lloyd (Finance and Governance Committee Chairman), and S McGregor

In attendance: Town Clerk; no members of the public and no members of the press.

Meeting was chaired by the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

**1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received, noted and accepted from Cllrs Damodaran, McArthur, Read and Todd.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OR PREDETERMINATION**

Cllr Compton declared an interest in item 5 – 1<sup>st</sup> Edenbridge Scouts Group; she would leave the meeting for that item and not vote. Cllr Layland declared an interested in item 5 as a trustee of the Eden Valley Museum and the Edenbridge Volunteer Drivers. The Town Clerk advised that Cllr Layland could not vote on either of the two grants as he had a personal and pecuniary interest under appendix B of the Code of Conduct, and therefore would conflict with the decision making - *An interest which relates to or is likely to affect: (i) any body of which the member is in a position of general control or management and to which he/she is appointed or nominated by the Council.* Cllr Layland questioned this and said that the Code did not reference pecuniary interests, but **agreed to abstain from the voting**. However, the Clerk was asked to seek further clarification after the meeting.

**3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

None.

**4. TO RECEIVE, ADOPT AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON [23 November 2020](#) (9349-9340)**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Grants Committee meeting held on 23 November 2020 be duly signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting; pages 9349-9340.

**5. GRANT APPLICATIONS to receive and consider**

**1st Edenbridge Scout Group**

**Eden Valley Chamber of Commerce**

**Eden Valley Museum**

**Edenbridge & Westerham CAB**

**Edenbridge Cricket Club**

**Edenbridge Evening WI**

**Edenbridge Repair Café**

**Edenbridge Voluntary Transport Service**

**Friends of Hever School**

**Edenbridge Christmas Association – already awarded, Council October 2021**

Members noted that of a grants budget of £7,880; remaining for 2021 there was £6,380. They considered the applications and if 'in principle' they supported, before they considered the award amounts, (with the exception of the Scouts). Members

**Resolved:** Not to award grants to Eden Valley Chamber of Commerce; Edenbridge Evening WI; Friends of Hever School.

8.16 pm Cllr Compton left the meeting.

Members discussed the 1<sup>st</sup> Edenbridge Scouts application. It was agreed to award £1,500 subject to the award amounts for the other applications, yet to be considered further.

*8.16 pm Cllr Compton re-joined the meeting.*

Members voted on each organisation (Cllr Layland abstained from the vote for the Eden Valley Museum and the Edenbridge Volunteer Drivers). Members,

**Resolved:** the following awards:

**1st Edenbridge Scout Group - £1,500**

**Eden Valley Museum - £790.** A condition was put on the award to request details on what the computer equipment the grant would actually be spent on, and a copy of the invoice before payment would be made. To be approved by the Clerk.

**Edenbridge & Westerham CAB - £2,000**

**Edenbridge Cricket Club - £790**

**Edenbridge Repair Café - £300**

**Edenbridge Voluntary Transport Service - £1,000**

The total grants awarded was £6,380. Edenbridge Christmas Association had been awarded £1,500 by Council (October meeting). Total grants awarded £7,880.

**6. PRESS RELEASE**

To announce the grants awarded, once the organisations had been informed.

**7. Date of next meeting – 28 November 2022**

Meeting closed at 20:49