



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Grants Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 9th November 2020
Via Zoom

Chairman	Cllr Jacquie Keen*
Vice Chairman	Cllr David Dullaway*
Councillors	Hewett*, Isherwood*, Matthes*, Robini*, Round* and Whitby*

*Present

Meeting clerked by: Lisa O'Sullivan, Town Clerk.

Also attended by representatives from Haslemere Cricket Club and Haslemere Collaborative

19/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All committee members present.

20/20 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cllrs Robini and Matthes declared non-pecuniary interests as members of Haslemere Co-lab / Facebook page.

21/20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held 14 September 2020 were approved by September Full Council – to be signed by the Chairman.

22/20 BUDGET 2020-21

The Committee noted the remaining budget for small grants and green grants.

23/20 GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

The Committee agreed to consider Haslemere Collaborative before Friends of Grayswood School.

i) HASLEMERE CRICKET CLUB - £10,000 (net restoration and security fencing)

Chris Spooner explained that the current nets are in a terrible state and need an upgrade. Waverley BC won't help with costs. The club is fortunate that they have an amount of money in their account (£53k) as they were left a legacy some years ago however they have lost money year on year for the past few years so cannot survive and pay for the £40k work needed. The project is viable if the Town Council doesn't give the £10k requested but maybe a less quality installation. The new nets will be protected from damage by a high security fence, local people will be able to access them using a booking system.

Cllr Keen proposed £1000, Cllr Round proposed £2000.

Cllr Isherwood seconded Cllr Keen's proposal.

RESOLVED: Haslemere Cricket Club is awarded a grant of £1000.

ii) HASLEMERE COLLABORATIVE - £1603.94 (Community pop-up event).

Catherine Guest gave background to this application. She is providing herself as a free resource in the community, looking to find a way to support small business. Haslemere Col-lab initiatives must demonstrate both value to local economy and community. The pop-up will use the alleyway next to the Swan pub, there were 50+ applicants but only 18 places. All risk assessments etc are in place. The money is to purchase infrastructure from a local joiner which will be stored after and can be booked out and re-used by other small traders. Jewson are giving materials at cost. The joiner working at 50%. Ms Guest mentioned that the Virtual High St set up online last week to help small traders in the run up to Christmas already has 2k+ members and local small businesses trading. It was clarified that the pop-up would go ahead once lockdown restrictions were lifted. Cllr Round noted that the co-lab should be speaking with the Chamber of Trade. Cllr Robini was concerned that other traders in the town would be disadvantaged as they have to pay rates etc whereas the popups would get their pitches for free, Ms Guest said that she had been speaking with local traders and had positive feedback on her proposal. Cllr Keen noted that a similar project some years ago did close down after local traders became resentful.

Cllr Keen proposed £750, Cllr Whitby seconded Cllr Keen's proposal.

RESOLVED: Haslemere Collaborative is awarded a grant of £750.

iii) FRIENDS OF GRAYSWOOD SCHOOL - £1,000 (ICT upgrade).

Cllr Keen explained that there was a quandary in that the PTA was asking for equipment that it seemed the school should provide. The Town Clerk confirmed that the council was not able to provide equipment to a school which another authority (in this case the County Council) should provide. There was a general concern that if the Council funds equipment for one school, all other local schools will follow. Cllr Isherwood stated his surprise that Grayswood had made this application, given that the local confederation of schools had managed things differently. There was general consensus that the Council should not fund something that the Government should fund. It was appreciated that the application was intended to help pupil premium children.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk is asked to contact the applicant and explain the issues the committee had identified. They are invited to make another application to the next meeting.

The Town Clerk suggested that she amends the Terms of Reference for the Grants committee to clarify grants to schools and bring to the next meeting, which was agreed.

24/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11th January 2021.

Meeting closed at 8.04 pm

Signed: 
Chairman of Grants

Date: 16.4.2021