



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Grants Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 9th March 2020
Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere

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 and was attended by representatives from Haslemere Fringe Festival, and Haslemere Vision.

7/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Dullaway was delayed but joined the meeting at 7.08pm

8/20 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cllr Matthes declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 5(5) and 5(6) as her husband is involved in both.

Cllr Round declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5(1) as HTC's representative at the Hunter Centre.

Cllr Isherwood declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5(5) as he is a member of the Vision.

Cllr Whitby declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5(3) as his wife attended the school.

Cllr Dullaway declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5(5) as his wife is involved in the project.

9/20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held 13th January 2020 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

10/20 BUDGET 2019-2020

The Committee noted the remaining budget.

11/20 GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

1) THE HUNTER CENTRE – Dementia friendly bus

Cllr Round gave some background to the project. There was some discussion over the project and the committee noted that there would hopefully be two busses, in two different parts of Haslemere. This is for advertising to raise awareness of the facility.

The Committee initially agreed £500 but reserved the right to amend this depending on what budget was left at the end of the meeting. This was revisited later in the meeting and the amount increased to £1000.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £1000 be awarded.

2) **HASLEMERE FRINGE FESTIVAL – Festival costs**

The committee consider this event to be important to the town for many reasons, including entertainment for residents and the boost to the local economy.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £1500 is awarded. The Town Clerk to add £1500 as a permanent budget line in the next budget round, for Council to consider.

3) **CAMELSDALE SCHOOL**

The committee noted that the school had never previously received a grant from HTC. They are aware that the school is in W. Sussex however Haslemere children to attend.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £300 is awarded. The school to be invited to apply again should they not be able to raise all the money needed.

4) **WOOLMER HILL SCHOOL – Hot composting**

The committee felt that this might have been better to have been applied for under the new ‘green grant’ scheme. It is a lovely idea but a ‘nice to have’. It wasn’t clear if the academy trust which the school belongs to would be contributing.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £1000 is awarded.

Cllr Matthes left the meeting

5) **HASLEMERE VISION – Biodiversity project**

The committee considered it important that this work be done as it feeds into work being done by the Neighbourhood Plan and may also be useful in considering Planning decisions. Phillipa Guest explained that there is a decline in biodiversity in Surrey area and reminded the committee that in consultations over the Neighbourhood Plan residents had consistently stated that they value landscape and biodiversity assets in the town

The Committee initially agreed £1500 but reserved the right to amend this depending on what budget was left at the end of the meeting. This was revisited later in the meeting and the amount increased to £2197.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £2197 be awarded.

6) **SURREY AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE GROUP**

Whilst the committee considered this to be an interesting project, they did not consider that paying for stalls at the Charter Fair was something the small grants process should support.

RESOLVED: That no grant is awarded.

12/20 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

4th May 2020.

Meeting closed at 7.50 pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chairman of Grants