# **Grants Committee**

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 10th May 2018

Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere

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| **Chairman** | Cllr J. Edwards\* |
| **Vice Chairman** | Cllr M. Carter\* |
| **Councillors** | Abeysundara\*, Arrick, Blades\*, Dover, Ford, Hall, Hewett\*, King\*, Rodgers, Round\* |

\**Present*

**Meeting clerked by:** Lisa O’Sullivan Town Clerk.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Committee accepted the following absences - Dover (unwell), Hall (no reason stated), Rodgers (family engagement)

1. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Cllr Carter declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 5(5) as he volunteers for the organisation.

Cllr Edwards declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 5(1) as he is the relevant portfolio holder at WBC.

Cllr Abeysundara declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 5(3) as his husband is manager at Haslemere Hall.

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held 8th March 2018 were signed as a true record.

Cllr King asked whether the information required from the Haslemere Hogs initiative had been obtained. The Clerk stated that she had circulated it previously, will circulate again.

1. **BUDGET**

The Committee noted the remaining budget.

The Committee agreed to bring 3 Counties debt advice application forward. Cllr Carter left the room.

1. **GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**
2. **THREE COUNTIES DEBT ADVICE (£1200 to replace laptops)**

Dr Keith Potter gave an overview of the service provided. He stated that with the implementation of General Data Protection Regulations at the end of the month, the current laptops were not of a specification to keep the clients’ personal data in the secure way required. The Committee thanked Dr Potter for the fantastic work the organisation does for local residents.

**RESOLVED**: That the full grant of £1200 be awarded.

Cllr Carter returned to the room and took the chair as Cllr Edwards withdrew.

1. **HASLEMERE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (£1000 cost of Waverley BIG awards)**

There was some discussion over funding for this project and what it was for. Eddie Patterson explained that the total cost of the awards across Waverley, including cash prizes for winners, was £31k. Many other organisations have been asked for financial assistance. WBC are donating £10k and other Town and Parish Councils have also been approached. He explained the different categories of prizes and that there were businesses in Haslemere who are very keen to win one. He confirmed that HTC would get recognition as a sponsor.

**RESOLVED:** **that** **the full grant of £1000 be awarded.**

Cllr Edwards returned to the room and took the chair.

1. **1ST CAMELSDALE GUIDES (£1850, outdoor equipment).**

Lorraine Boberg explained that the Guides are mainly from Haslemere and that the name, 1st Camelsdale, is historic. They have no outdoor equipment such as tents and are looking to expand what they can do with their girls. Cllr Abeysundara questioned whether the Guides should receive anything, given that there are only 20 of them who will benefit. Cllrs Carter and King spoke in support of the work that Guides do.

It was suggested that funding could be found from other sources such as the Haslemere Penny Ha’Penny Trust. Mrs Boberg had already completed the form.

**RESOLVED:** **that 1st Camelsdale Guides is awarded a reduced grant of £500**

1. **BLISS (£500, hall hire for 35th Charities Fair).**

Dianne Bennett explained that this is her 35th year organising the fair and that she hoped to be able to give free tables to all participants. The Committee thanked Mrs Bennett for her tireless work and all the money she has raised over the years for this cause. Cllr Abeysundara said that there might be more support the Council could give than just financial. It was noted that matched funding had not been sought.

**RESOLVED:** **that BLISS is awarded a reduced grant of £250**

Cllr Abeysundara left the room.

1. **HASLEMERE HALL (£5000, refurbishment of ladies toilets).**

Stephen Bennett gave an overview of the project. The Hall has done a great deal of work self-financed in the past few years and it is a viable business with both paid employees and volunteers. Donations to the Hall are dwindling and more work needs to be done so external funding sources are being sought. There was a general feeling that although the Hall does an amazing job and the Council would want to support it, £5000 is half the yearly small grants budget.

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:** **that Haslemere Hall is awarded an initial grant of £2000 to be paid from the Community Projects Reserve (currently stands at £5666)**

Clerk to add a budget line for Haslemere Hall for consideration in next year’s budget round.

Mr Bennett was invited to make a further small grant application later in the year should funds be available.

Cllr Abeysundara returned to the room.

1. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Confirmed as **5th July** 2018.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

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**Chairman of Grants**