



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Grants Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 19th July 2021
at the Town Hall, High St, Haslemere, GU27 2HG

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. In the absence of the Chairman the meeting was chaired by Vice-Chairman Cllr Dullaway.

14/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Matthes and Keen self-isolating, Cllr Round on holiday.

15/21 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None declared.

16/21 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held 8th March 2021 were approved by January Full Council – and were signed by the Chairman.

17/21 BUDGET 2020-21

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

18/21 GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

i) LOVE HASLEMERE HATE WASTE - £1,950 (Repair shop set-up)

Victoria Page from LHHW explained that the repair café was intended to mend items to save them being thrown into landfill. Many of the items are small and repair companies are reluctant to look at them. LHHW has a number of local people lined up to have a go at mending. The initiative promoted shared skills and engaging whole range of people. Local people are willing to give up time and teach others. The idea is to build a community around the repair café. At the moment the café is virtual, and the admin done by Victoria making it slow and cumbersome. The grant would be used to overhaul the website to make it more bespoke and easier for people to use to access a mender.

There was some discussion over the cost of the website and whether it can be brought in on time. Victoria confirmed that they have worked with the company before and that she is able to manage them to time and budget.

Cllr Robini proposed that the full amount be granted but was concerned it goes over the £1k limit. Seconded by Cllr Whitby, so long as it's clear that part of the funding comes from the earmarked reserve from last financial year.

RESOLVED: Love Haslemere Hate Waste is awarded a grant of £1,950, given the unusual situation of having £8500 carried over from last financial year.

ii) **HASLEMERE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE - £1,000 (Teens connected)**

Cllr Robini explained that this was for und a pilot to make sure it works, essentially a pump prime exercise. Cllr Whitby proposed the full amount, seconded by Cllr Hewett.

RESOLVED: Haslemere & District Community Centre is awarded a grant of £1,000.

iii) **SURREY HILLS ENTERPRISES £1,400 (Reduced subscription fees for 10 businesses)**

The Clerk gave Ms Varcoe’s apologies as she had a board meeting to attend. The Clerk reminded the committee that this Sustainable Business project had already received funding from council. This small grant request was to help the 10 pilot businesses identified to have a reduction in the subscription fees as the Chamber has pointed out that they may still be recovering from the impact of Covid on their business.

The committee had some questions which were not able to be answered with no representative there from Surrey Hills, for instance what type of businesses were in the scheme and whether any were in Hindhead / Beacon Hill. Also, the committee questioned the nature of the Council’s representation on Surrey Hill Enterprises project.

RESOLVED: The Chairman and Clerk are to meet with Wendy Varcoe to discuss this outstanding points. They are then delegated to award a grant of up to £1,000.

19/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

13th September 2021

Meeting closed at 7.30 pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chairman of Grants