



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Grants Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on Monday 6th March 2023
at the Town Hall, High St, Haslemere, GU27 2HG

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

*Present

The meeting was clerked by Town Clerk, Lisa O'Sullivan.

33/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RECOMMENDED: Cllr Dullaway (holiday), Cllr Whitby (unwell).

34/22 METHOD OF TRANSPORT TO MEETING

No changes

35/22 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cllrs Robini and Keen declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Chamber grant as they attend meeting of the organising committee.

36/22 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held 30th September 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

37/22 BUDGET 2022-23

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

38/22 SMALL GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

THREE COUNTIES MONEY ADVICE - £1500

Project description: Room hire for money advice service

Malcolm Carter gave an overview of the service and its funding. As years gone by those underwriting the rent haven't increased their contributions and other licences etc are required which cost money. The service is therefore facing a large funding gap. Cllr Waters noted that this service appears to be in line with the Council's aspirations for the community. Some discussion over the funding and shortfall. Cllr

RESOLVED: That the full amount of £1500 is awarded.

HASLEMERE CHAMBER OF TRADE - £1000

Project description: Coronation Celebrations Banners

The committee thought that the project was a worthy one and should have the council's support.

RESOLVED: That the full amount of £1000 is awarded.

HASLEWEY - £1000

Project description: 'Talk to Me' counselling service – running costs.

Kathy Nortrand spoke on behalf of the service. It is a free service for local people, adults and children, with two counsellors working two days a week. Clients pay via donation. The service does have some small funding from donations but costs a lot to run. There is a huge waiting list at the moment. Cllr Robini noted that they do get a lot of funding from other places which is good, they are not solely

relying on the Council. Cllr Keen agreed that Haslewey does do an enormous amount of fundraising. The Committee felt that this is an important local service which should be supported.

RESOLVED: That the full amount of £1000 is awarded.

HASLEMERE FESTIVAL - £1000

Project description: Coronation light show Lion Green

The Committee felt that this is an excellent initiative. It is costing £6k with the rest funded from previous fundraising activities. There was a lot of discussion over the amount of funds that the Festival seem to be holding in it accounts but the committee felt this was going to be used towards funding future events. Cllr Robini noted that having significant funds should not bar subsequent applications from other such institutions, such as Haslemere Educational Museum.

RECOMMENDED: That the full amount of £1000 is awarded.

39/22 GREEN GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

RIVER WEY TRUST - £2,000

Project description: Haslemere Citizen Science Water Quality Hub

Alastair Young gave an overview of the project. Much of the testing is centred around Liphook and the organisation gets from Hampshire. There is lots of interest these days about what goes into rivers, and the River Wey Trust is working to support this. Currently there is a gap around Haslemere where testing is not being done and the project is to provide equipment to contribute to the water testing and submit data. Testing takes place on the last Sunday of the month and will be available on their website.

Councillors were supportive of the aims of the project and Cllr Robini noted the issues in Haslmeere with sewerage and other water getting out and running towards the river. Mr Young confirmed that the testing will help to identify where there are issues.

RECOMMENDED: That the full amount of £2000 is awarded.

40/22 GRANT APPLICATIONS REJECTED FOR CONSIDERATION:

The committee noted the applications that had been rejected.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Chairman of Grants