



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Grants Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 2.30pm on 6th November 2023
at the Town Hall, High St, Haslemere, GU27 2HG

Chairman	*Cllr Jacquie Keen
Vice Chairman	*Cllr Oli Leach
Councillors	*Carroll, Carter, *Robini, *Waters

**Present*

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

12/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Carter – prior engagement.

RESOLVED: that the apologies are accepted by the committee.

13/23 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

14/23 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held 3rd July 2023, which were approved at Full Council on 20th July 2023, were signed by the Chairman.

15/23 BUDGET 2023-24

The Committee noted the remaining budget for small grants and green grants for 2023-24.

16/23 SMALL GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Community Orchard Project South East (COPSE) - £500

Project description: Community Apple Juicing.

The Committee had a number of concerns about the application relating to finances, process and benefit to the wider community.

RESOLVED: That a decision on this application is deferred until questions regarding it have been answered by the applicant. Once the Clerk has circulated the information requested, the Chair and Clerk are delegated to make the decision in consultation with the committee:

- 1) Why has no further funding been sought for this project? The cost is £500 (4 sessions at £125) and the Council is being asked to fund the entire amount.
- 2) The committee notes that COPSE's reserves appear to have grown over the two years of their accounts. Why are they seeking funding when healthy reserves are being held?
- 3) What is the estimated number of people who will benefit from the project?
- 4) Are apples being purchased for juicing or sourced for free from COPSE's orchards?
- 5) Can we have a breakdown of what the £500 is actually being spent on?

17/23 GREEN GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

None for discussion.

18/23 SMALL GRANT APPLICATIONS REJECTED FOR CONSIDERATION:

Haslemere Musical Society - Hall hire for practice - £1000.

The Committee noted that this has been refused due to it not fitting the category of being a capital item, there was also an issue of benefit to the wider community and whether supporting productions such as this is a good use of tax payers money.

19/23 GRANTS FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY:

The committee noted the following:

Cancer Testing South – Haslemere Regional Prostate Cancer Testing Clinic - £500.

Haslemere Table Tennis Club – new lighting due to move from the Edge- £500

20/23 DATES AND FREQUENCY OF GRANTS MEETINGS

Grants committee meetings are held 6 times a year, however they are often cancelled due to lack of applications or only have one application to consider. The committee discussed various options for reducing the frequency of meetings and consequent onus on council officers whilst remaining able to react to applications in a timely manner.

RESOLVED: that future Grants committee meetings are moved to be held immediately after F&G meetings held three times per year. If an application is received between meetings which needs to be dealt with before the next meeting, an ad hoc meeting of the committee can be convened to consider it.

Meeting closed at 2.50pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Chairman of Grants