

TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of a meeting of the **Grants Committee (sub-committee of P&R)** held at Telscombe Civic Centre on Monday 15th January 2024 at 6.30pm.

Committee Members Present:- Cllrs C Clarkson, D McGuckian, B Page & C Robinson

Also Present: Stella Newman, Town Clerk/RFO (minutes)

141. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were received from Cllrs Judd and O'Connor who were away and these reasons were accepted by the Committee.

142. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Clarkson advised that his wife works for Develop Outdoors.

143. TO AGREE GRANT APPLICATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS:-

Just under half the budget had been allocated at the meeting in September. It was noted that due to the high number of applications received for consideration at this meeting which totalled over £4,000 in excess of the available funds, the Council would be limited as to the amount applicants could be awarded. Applications were therefore examined in detail and consideration given to each based on whether it met the policy criteria and its benefit to the community of Telscombe Town at the present time.

It was proposed by Cllr Clarkson, seconded by Cllr McGuckian and unanimously **RECOMMENDED** that:-

ABC Fund – as there was no indication on the application form if residents of Telscombe Town would benefit from the grant, it was decided not to make a grant payment on this occasion.

Develop Outdoors CIC - £250 be paid towards equipment and furnishings for their new base.

Diversity Resource International – as funding for current classes was coming to an end and in view of the uncertainty of whether classes would continue and whether a laptop would be required, it was decided not to make a grant payment on this occasion.

Newhaven Cricket Club Youth Section - £200 be paid towards a “Crazy Catcher”.

Peacehaven & Telscombe Bowls Club - £125 be paid towards advertising material to attract new membership and raise awareness of the club to local residents of Telscombe. It was also agreed that we can put an article in our next newsletter.

Peacehaven Horticultural Society - £125 be paid towards printing costs for the Horticultural Society Annual Show.

Peacehaven Rangers - £200 be paid towards up-to-date equipment for the Ranger unit.

Saltdean Climate Action Network - £100 be paid towards venue hire.

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143. To Agree Grant Applications From The Following Organisations (Contd):-

Saltdean Flower Power Group – it was noted that this group was previously the Homeridge Gardening Group who were awarded a grant at our September meeting, so it was agreed not to make another grant payment in this financial year.

Saltdean Jazz Band - £150 be paid towards hall hire costs. It was also agreed that we can put an article in our next newsletter.

Saltdean Residents Association - £150 be paid towards a Skate Jam in the Park event.

Spitfireboy Productions - as the application did not meet the policy conditions, it was agreed not to make a payment.

Telscombe Cliffs Women's Institute - £150 be paid towards costs of speakers for meetings.

Payment is recommended and made subject to the money being spent on the specific reason claimed for and agreed by the Committee. Recipients will be asked to provide evidence or a report confirming this.

It was also unanimously recommended that in the future the Town Clerk check all applications and if they do not meet the policy criteria, they are not brought to the Committee for consideration. However, a separate item should be added on the meeting agenda informing the Committee of any such applications.

144. URGENT MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR NOTING AND/OR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE AGENDA

None.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.10 pm.

Signed, Chairman