

## FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the Grants Committee meeting held remotely by Zoom on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 6.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Abena Akuffo-Kelly, Michelle Keutenius, David Horton, Connor McConville, Richard Wallace and Roger West.

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** J Childs (Town Clerk), E Timmins (Marketing and Communications Officer).

**131. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Tim Prater due to a clash with a meeting of Hythe Town Council. Councillor Richard Wallace joined the meeting at 18.35 (item 137)

**132. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Nominations for the appointment of Chairman of the Grants Committee for 2020/21 were sought.

**RESOLVED: That Councillor Roger West be appointed Chairman of the Grants Committee for the 2020/21 Municipal Year.**

Proposed: Councillor Michelle Keutenius

Seconded: Councillor Connor McConville

Voting: F:5, Ag:0, Ab:0

**133. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Nominations for the appointment of Vice Chairman of the Grants Committee for 2020/21 were sought.

**RESOLVED: That Councillor Abena Akuffo-Kelly be appointed Vice Chairman of the Grants Committee for the 2020/21 Municipal Year.**

Proposed: Councillor Connor McConville

Seconded: Councillor Michelle Keutenius

Voting: F:5, Ag:0, Ab:0

**134. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Abena Akuffo-Kelly declared a personal interest in Origins application for Black History Month as she has attended some of the meetings held. Also, Folkestone Fringe Normal? Festival.

**135. MINUTES**

The Committee was asked to receive and authorise the Minutes of the Grants Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Grants Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019 be received and signed as a correct record.**

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor Connor McConville

Voting: F:5 Ag:0, Ab:0

**136. REVIEW OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

In line with Councils adopted standing orders members reviewed the Terms of Reference for the Grants Committee.

**RESOLVED: That the Terms of Reference be re-adopted without any changes.**

Proposed: Councillor Abena Akuffo-Kelly

Seconded: Councillor Michelle Keutenius

Voting: F:5, Ag:0, Ab:0

18.35 Councillor Richard Wallace arrived at this juncture.

**137. REVIEW OF THE POLICY GUIDELINES**

Members reviewed the Policy Guidelines for the Grants Committee.

**RESOLVED: That the Policy Guidelines be re-adopted without any changes.**

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor Richard Wallace

Voting: F:6, Ag:0, Ab:0

**138. BUDGET 2020/21**

At this juncture Committee was asked to consider its budget requirements for the next financial year so that the Finance & General Purposes Committee could consider the full list of proposals put forward by all Committees ahead of submitting the budget request to Full Council in January 2021.

The budget for 2020/21 was £35,000. At the beginning of the financial year £10,000 was vired to the Community Resilience Fund to assist the community during the Coronavirus epidemic.

**RESOLVED: That the Town Grant budget remain at £35,000 for the 2021/22 financial year.**

Proposed: Councillor Connor McConville

Seconded: Councillor David Horton

Voting: F:6, Ag:0, Ab:0

**139. TOWN GRANT APPLICANTS**

Town Grant applications were assessed on merit against five categories by each Councillor. Scores were then accumulated to calculate the award.

**RESOLVED: That the Happy Skate Community Interest Company grant be approved on condition of production of a valid risk assessment and alternatives for inclement weather.**

Proposed: Councillor Richard Wallace

Seconded: Councillor Roger West

Voting: F:6, Ag:0, Ab:0

**RESOLVED: That the remaining town grants be approved enbloc:**

Proposed: Councillor Michelle Keutenius

Seconded: Councillor Richard Wallace

Voting: F:6, Ag:0, Ab:0

Ref	Applicant	Purpose	Amount requested
1	IMOS Foundation	St Eanswythe Sculpture	£1,250
2	Folkestone Volleyball Club Limited	New volleyball club	£420
3	LAS THEARTE C.I.C	The Lion Inside Outdoor Schools Tour	£999
4	Sparked Echo CIC	Beacons Community Exhibition	£900
5	Folkestone Fringe	Normal? Festival of the Brain	£2,500
6	Urban Room Folkestone Association	The Festival of Looking 2020	£925
7	ORIGINS	Black History Month	£2,500
8	Happy Skate Community Interest Company	Happy Skate Halloween Pop up event	£1,000

**140. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 @ 6.30pm (provisional)**

**Chairman .....**

**Date .....**