

**Minutes of the Grants Committee meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 6pm In the Committee Room of the Town Hall**

<b>PRESENT</b>	R Stubbings (Mayor) Chair M Haynes C Topping S Bubb E Brambley-Crawshaw S Kenward
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Mr Charlie Middleton, Deputy Town Clerk

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors J Harris, G. Elliott

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**

Councillor C Topping declared a non-pecuniary interest in Beccles Open Gardens and Spaces.

**3. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017.**

**RESOLVED** To approve the minutes of the Grants Committee meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

**4. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE EXPENDITURE OF THE GRANTS FUND TO DATE.**

The update was duly noted by all.

**5. TO RECEIVE GRANT APPLICATIONS AS FOLLOWS:**

**a) BECCLES OPEN GARDENS AND SPACES –PUBLICITY AND OPERATING COSTS.**

Following a discussion where it was considered that that the Charter Weekend, which this group is part of, should be self financing, it was decided to award £500 with the stipulation that the grants committee viewed the Charter Weekend as self-funding in future years.

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL**

To award Beccles Open Gardens and Spaces £500 towards publicity and operating costs, but to stipulate that It was the view of the Grants Committee that whilst supporting the activities of the Charter Weekend, they should be self-financing

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**b) LINK LUNCH CLUB – HELP TOWARDS TRAINING AND OPERATING COSTS.**

The Chair outlined that he had asked the Deputy Town Clerk to find out if the dishwasher belongs to the Lunch Club or the church. The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the club are the main users, but that the church occasionally use it. The wages increase was discussed, with a concensus being reached that the grants should not be used for wages. It was therefore decided that whilst the committee fully support the club, they felt it inappropriate to fund wages, but could contribute £500 towards the cost of refurbishing the dishwasher.

**RESOLVED** To outline the reasons for being unable to contribute toward staff costs in the response letter.

To review the grant application criteria to include that staff costs would not be considered.

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL**

To award the Link Lunch Club £500 towards the refurbishment of the dishwasher/sterilizer.

**c) WAVENEY FOOD BANK – CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS CONTINUING THE FOOD BANK SERVICE FOR BECCLES.**

The Chair informed all that this organisation had been forced to take over the foodbank after East Suffolk Foodbank were no longer able to run this service. Following a discussion, it was decided to award the full £500 and to also request a meeting with the organisers to fully understand the scope of the service being offered.

**RESOLVED** For the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to meet with the organisers to gain a full understanding of the service offered to Beccles by Waveney Food Bank.

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL**

To award Waveney Food Bank £500 to allow them to continue offering the food donor collection and food box distribution services.

**d) SUFFOLK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – CONTRIBUTION**

The Deputy Town Clerk informed all that they had enquired about submitting a grant application, but that the costs of preparing set of audited accounts were considered prohibitive in terms of the £50 grant they were seeking. The request had been included within the agenda for consideration on the grounds of the low amount.

Following a discussion, it was decided not to award a grant, as no accounts had been provided as per the grants application criteria, and also that the local

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neighbourhood watch groups were not really aware of the Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch.

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL**

To not grant any funding towards Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch as no accounts had been provided as per the grants application criteria and that the local neighbourhood watch groups were not really aware of the Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch.

**e) 2<sup>ND</sup> BECCLES SCOUTS – CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS NEW TOILETS**

The application was discussed, but as the previous request for a copy of the quote for the additional building works had not been received, the committee felt it was still not able to fully consider the application and that a letter should be sent fully outlining that the quote as previously requested was required.

**RESOLVED** To write to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Beccles Scouts outlining the reasons for not considering this application.

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL**

To not grant 2<sup>nd</sup> Beccles Scouts funds towards the new toilets as the requested criteria have still not been met.

**f) APPLICATION FROM BECCLES PUBLIC HALL – USER FRIENDLY LIGHTING SYSTEM**

The application, submitted as an additional agenda item, was discussed, but it was felt that there was insufficient information and that this should be deferred till a future grants committee meeting. The Deputy Town Clerk was requested to request that Beccles Public Hall provide quotes and further background information to allow the committee to be fully informed about the proposed system.

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL**

To defer the Application From Beccles Public Hall – User Friendly Lighting System and request further information about the lighting system to allow the grants committee to consider this application at a later meeting.

**6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

The date of the next meeting will be set after Mayor Making in May 2018.

Signed: E. Frankley Crustow 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
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