



Folkestone Town Council



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AGENDA

Meeting: **Grants Committee**
Date: **24th September 2020**
Time: **6.30 p.m.** (Please note the time of this meeting)
Place: **Virtual Zoom Meeting [Link](#)**

To: **The Grants Committee**

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a meeting of the Grants Committee on the date and at the time and place shown above to transact the business shown on the agenda below. The meeting will be open to the press and public.

Any member who wishes to have information on any matter arising on the Agenda which is not fully covered in these papers is requested to give notice prior to the meeting to the Town Mayor, the Committee Chairman or the Town Clerk.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J L Childs'.

J L Childs
Town Clerk

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
To receive and approve any apologies for absence.
- 2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**
To appoint a Chairman for the Committee for the 2020/21 Municipal Year.
- 3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**
To appoint a Vice Chairman for the Committee for the 2020/21 Municipal Year.
- 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive any declarations of either personal or prejudicial interest that Members may wish to make.

5. MINUTES

To receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Grants Committee held on 7th November 2019 and to authorise the Chairman of the Committee to sign them as a correct record.

6. REVIEW OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

In line with the Town Council's adopted standing orders, the Committee is asked to consider the terms of reference for the Grants Committee. Any changes which the Committee wishes to make must be approved by Full Council at a future meeting. The current version is attached.

7. REVIEW OF THE POLICY GUIDELINES

The Committee is asked to consider the policy guidelines for grants, the current version is attached.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, applications are currently emailed to all committee members with score sheets and compiled into the calculator under the Town Clerks Scheme of Delegation and verified by the Chairman of the Grants Committee.

Although put in place as an emergency measure this way of working has streamlined the grant application process, as all applications are assessed automatically on merit against five categories and once the scores are accumulated calculate whether a full award, reduced award or no award is made, based on the combined score and available budget.

8. BUDGET 2020/21

At this juncture the Committee is asked to consider its budget requirements for the next financial year. The Committee is asked to be mindful of the ongoing pandemic, the restrictions imposed on everyone and the potential impact on the Council Tax Base. The Finance & General Purposes Committee will consider the full list of proposals put forward by all Committees at a future meeting 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.

9. TOWN GRANT APPLICANTS

Applicants requesting town grants £1000 and over, will answer any questions that the Committee may have. Applications will be considered later in the meeting.

Ref	Applicant	Purpose	Amount requested
1	IMOS Foundation	St Eanswythe Sculpture	£2,500.00
2	Folkestone Volleyball Club Limited	New volleyball club	£840.64
3	LAS THEARTE C.I.C	The Lion Inside Outdoor Schools Tour	£999.00
4	SparkedEcho CIC	Beacons Community Exhibition	£900.00
5	Folkestone Fringe	Normal? Festival of the Brain	£2,500.00
6	Urban Room Folkestone Association	The Festival of Looking 2020	£1,850.00
7	ORIGINS	Black History Month	£2,500.00
8	Happy Skate Community Interest Company	Happy Skate Halloween Pop up event	£2,500.00

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

21st January 2021 @ 6.30pm (provisional)