

FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Grants Committee meeting held remotely by Zoom on 21st January 2021 at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Abena Akuffo-Kelly, Connor McConville, Richard Wallace (arrived 18.35pm) and Roger West (Chairman).

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

141. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from:

Councillor Tim Prater due to a clash with another meeting.

Councillor David Horton due to work and family commitments.

Councillor Michelle Keutenius due to ill health.

142. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Connor McConville declared a personal interest in relation to Strange Cargo's application.

143. MINUTES

The Committee was asked to receive and authorise the Minutes of the Grants Committee meeting held on 24th September 2020.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Grants Committee held on 24th September 2020 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Connor McConville

Seconded: Councillor Abena Akuffo-Kelly

Voting: F:3 Ag:0, Ab:0

144. 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 Kent Creative Arts CIC - A year in the life of Folkestone and Folkestone Festivals - Music Festival Weekend be awarded a town grant of £500 each.

Proposed: Councillor Abena Akuffo-Kelly

Seconded: Councillor Roger West

Voting: F:4, Ag:0, Ab:0

RESOLVED: That the remaining town grants be approved enbloc:

Proposed: Councillor Connor McConville

Seconded: Councillor Abena Akuffo-Kelly

Voting: F:4, Ag:0, Ab:0

Ref	Applicant	Purpose	Award
1	Folkestone Rescue	Equipment and Training	£1,250
2	Folkestone Youth Project/The Shed	Spirit Lifting Lights	£262
3	Hi Kent	Lip Reading Classes for Local Residents	£600
4	Folkestone Festivals	Bandstand Summer Programme	£500
5	Folkestone Festivals	Music Festival Weekend	£500
6	Strange Cargo	Charivari 2021	£1,250
7	Kent Creative Arts CIC (Kent Creative)	A year in the life of Folkestone	£500
8	Folkestone Channel Rotary	Folkestone Channel Triathlon	£750
	<i>Total</i>		£5,612

145. MATTERS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM FULL COUNCIL

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Folkestone Town Council held on 12th November 2020 at minute 1746. NOTICE OF MOTION it was resolved:

That Council abolish the Grants Committee following the expenditure of the 20/21 budget.

From 2021/22 all grants will be awarded via a Councillor Community Grant Scheme with a budget of £34,200 divided equally between the town councillors i.e. £1,900 each.

Applicants may make a maximum of two applications during the financial year but the total award to any applicant via any combination of grants or funding must not exceed £2,500 and the Councillor Community Grant budget must be spent within the financial year and not rolled over.

As, Folkestone Town Council is governed by s.101 of the Local Government Act 1972, which states that if the Council does not exercise a function itself it can only be delegated to a Committee, a Sub-Committee, or Officer as individual Councillors have no statutory authority to make a decision, all applications via the Councillor Community Grant Scheme will be processed and approved by the Town Clerk.

Report G/21/278 - Grants Scheme Review, concluded the business of the Grants Committee and included a recommendation to receive the new Grants Application Form and Policy Guidelines.

RESOLVED: That Report G/21/278 be received, noted and the new policy documents and forms approved; and that the Grant Committee recommends Full Council adopt the new policy documents and forms effective 1st April 2021.

Proposed: Councillor Connor McConville

Seconded: Councillor Roger West

Voting: F:4, Ag:0, Ab:0

The meeting concluded at 19.00pm

Chairman

Date