

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF GRANTS & AWARDS SUB COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.30 PM

Present: Councillors C Palmer (Vice-Chair)
 K Cursons
 S Hemmings (Chair)
 S Jones
 M Freeman

Also in attendance: M Saccoccio, Town Clerk
 S Sandiford, Deputy Town Clerk
 M Jahn, Committee Officer
 Cllr A Dodwell (joined remotely)

Members of the public: 4
Members of the press 0

35/GA APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Gray, Councillor R Goodchild and Councillor D Scott.

36/GA DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hemmings declared a personal interest as the Councillor representative on the Sports Council. Councillor Palmer declared a personal interest in the 1st Bedfordshire Girlguiding unit due to a family connection and Councillor Freeman declared a personal interest due to involvement in the District Scouts.

Councillors Jones and Cursons declared a pecuniary interest as members of the Leighton-Linslade Helpers and requested dispensation from the Sub-Committee to speak and vote on this agenda item.

RESOLVED to approve dispensation for Councillor Jones and Councillor Cursons to speak and vote on the agenda item relating to the Leighton-Linslade Helpers.

37/GA QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 minutes per person; maximum 15 minutes)

Four members of the public attended in support of their grant applications.

Representatives of the Leighton-Linslade Helpers gave a verbal update on the current Community Fridge initiative and the proposal to open a second one to the east of the town.

Members of the public were thanked for attending the meeting.

38/GA **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

(a) The Sub-Committee received the draft minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2021.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2021 be approved as a correct record and were signed accordingly.

(b) Minute reference 31/GA General Grant Applications (2nd Round for 2021-2022) – information was still being sought from First Responders from their grant application and therefore the funding of £500 was still showing as included in expenditure reporting but had been deducted for the purposes of this meeting.

39/GA **GENERAL GRANT APPLICATIONS (3RD ROUND FOR 2021-2022)**

(a) The Sub-Committee was advised that the budget allocated for General Grants in 2021-2022 totalled £10,000. A total of £3,860.16 remained available from this allocation, with the total applications received being £5,491.13.

RESOLVED to note the information.

(b) The Sub-Committee received a report and reminder of the General Grant guidelines and considered the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED

(i) To note the report

(ii) To recommend to the Leighton-Linslade Sports Council that grant criteria and eligibility be reviewed

(c) The Sub-Committee received a summary of the twelve applications received for a General Grant in 2021-2022, along with a summary of the documents submitted with the applications.

Whilst noting the shortfall between applications and available funding, the Sub-Committee agreed it wanted to support as many organisations as possible, particularly in recognition of the impact of the Covid pandemic. As agreed at the previous meeting, a degree of flexibility would be applied to normal General Grant guidelines as a one-off gesture recognising the detrimental impact of the pandemic on the ability of groups to operate and fundraise as they ordinarily would have done. Some of the applications would not ordinarily fall within guidelines and it was clear that this was a one-off gesture.

RESOLVED to approve payment of general grants totalling £3,922.13 from the remaining 2021-22 budget, subject to all applicants having met the required

criteria by providing the required documentation, as set out below. This would mean an overspend of £61.97 against this budget line.

Organisation	Purpose of General Grant	Amount
1 st Beds Inclusive Girlguiding unit	To purchase sensory mat, light panel, sound speaker	£391.13
3rd Linslade Brownies, 4th Linslade Brownies and 4th Linslade Guides	Towards cost of storage shed, shelving, padlock to keep materials on school site where groups meet	£500
Sacred Heart Church Fundraising Committee	To replace broken chairs in the church hall, which is used by community	£500
TS Ocean Naval Cadets	To purchase 6 rucksacks with waterproof/hi vis covers & maps	£500
Leighton-Linslade Helpers	Purchase a fridge – Meadow Way community fridge centre.	£500
Bedfordshire Scouts County Council	36 Scouts from Beds including 2 from L-L District (1 st Linslade Scouts) have been selected to attend 2023 World Scout Jamboree	£500
4th Linslade Guides	As a result of falling membership since Covid, contribute to hall hire fees for summer term	£100
Woodcraft Folk	£350 annual registration cost to national organisation plus venue hire costs. This reflects loss of income during covid and would avoid having to put up children's fees.	£431
L-L Cancer Support Group	To support the operating costs of the group, which meets weekly for those with a cancer diagnosis	£500
		£3,922.13

RESOLVED to approve payment of general grants totalling £1000 after 1 April 2022 from the 2022-23 budget, subject to all applicants having met the required criteria by providing the required documentation, as set out below.

LB Otters Swimming Club for the Disabled	Towards costs of summer prize giving event for approx. 200 people on 16 July 2022	£500
LB Table Tennis Club	To purchase a new higher quality table	£500
		£1,000

After discussion, Members requested that one application be deferred until the May meeting and then given further consideration, if formal accounts and a constitution could be provided by that date.

RESOLVED to request additional paperwork from Body and Mind (BAM) Martial Arts and defer further consideration until the next meeting on 9 May 2022.

It was noted that the three sports related applications would not ordinarily be funded and that the applicants would be encouraged to join the Leighton-Linlode Sports Council for future support and possible funding.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

I HEREBY CONFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING IS A CORRECT AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2022.

Chair

9 MAY 2022