



MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOLLER CHURCH ROOMS, KETTERING AT 7PM ON 18th OCTOBER 2023

Councillors Present: Cllr Robin Carter (Deputy chair in the chair)
Cllrs Lloyd Bunday, Carolyn Carter, Eve Edwards, Scott Edwards, Emily Fedorowycz and Bev Wright

Officers present:- Martin Hammond, Town Clerk

No members of the public/press attended.

Item Number	Description
FC23/036	Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Perrett and from Cllr Mark Rowley and Maggie Don, both of whom had a declarable interest in item below. Cllrs Carolyn Carter, Eve Edwards and Bev Wright respectively substituted for the members above
FC23/037	Declarations of interest None declared
FC23/038	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 20 th September 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair
FC23/039	Public Session None
FC23/040	Voluntary and Community Sector Grant Applications A report was submitted detailing the 24 applications that had received to the 2023 voluntary and community sector grants round. The total value of the applications received amounted to almost £76,000. The report assessed the applications against the key tests contained within the grants policy and

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also identified other Town Council funding streams that might better suit the applications.

Each application was considered in turn and members determined whether to approve it, offer a smaller amount than that requested, allocate funding from another grants, in whole or in part, or reject the application.

RESOLVED:-

- a) that the following organisations and projects be funded in full

Youth Works	Regeneration of the youthworks garden	£5000
Kettering Nature Group	Bee barn project	£900
Highfield Barnes Food Bank	Operating costs	£1000
Grange Resource Centre	Pilot to set up new community groups	£3060
Highfield Barnes Community Association	Community activities for local people	£1000
Highfield Barnes Youth Group	Activities and trips out	£1000
Crescents Community Centre	Mower repairs and redecoration works	£ 800
Civic Society	Art works on Openreach Telecoms Boxes	£1300

- b) that the following organisations and projects be funded in part, as set out

Homestart	Operating costs	£1015
Kettering Food Bank	Operating costs	£2000
Shire Sounds	Equipment to enable training of young people to take place	£1500

- c) that the following organisations and projects be jointly funded (50/50) by this budget and the community resilience budget

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	BHVA	Market valuation of Gala Bingo site	£2850
FC23/041	<p>Climate Change</p> <p>It was reported that the allotment societies and Groundwork would be able to attend the next meeting to discuss seed and vegetable exchanges. It was agreed to invite the William St Community Garden Group to attend as well.</p>		
FC23/042	<p>Mayoral and Civic Activity</p> <p>The clerk reported that the College of Arms had now awarded the Town Council its coat of arms and that quotes were being sought for updating the Mayoral chains. A report would be submitted to the next meeting.</p> <p>Two payments of £250 had been made, one each to the Mayor's Charities, from the monies raised by the Mayor at the Love Food event.</p>		
FC23/043	<p>Monitoring of the Corporate Plan</p> <p>A report was submitted and noted which detailed progress against the actions in the corporate plan action plan. No response from NNC had been received on the transfer of land for the new toilet.</p>		
FC23/044	<p>Budget Monitoring and Invoices</p> <p>A report was submitted setting out the current budget position across the Council's accounts and detailing the payments that had been made since the last meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) an invoice in the sum of £48.14 plus VAT to Knights and Hyde for office and events equipment be approved b) that, subject to the decision of Council about its draft budget, the annual contribution to the elections fund be increased to £18,000 from 2024/5 onwards, to improve the resilience of this fund for the expenditure likely in 2025. 		
	Meeting closed at 8.40pm		

Signed.....

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