

**LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL**

**GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2017 AT 1930 HOURS**

Present: Councillors A Brandham  
S Cursons  
K Cursons  
J M Freeman  
C Perham

Also in attendance: S Sandiford (Head of Democratic and Central Services)  
M Jahn (Committee Officer)

Members of the Public: 4

**045/G APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

It was proposed by Councillor K Cursons and seconded by Councillor C Perham that Councillor A Brandham be appointed Chair of the Grants Sub-Committee for the municipal year 2017-2018. There were no further nominations. On being put to the vote, the motion was carried.

**RESOLVED to appoint Councillor A Brandham Chair of the Grants Sub-Committee for the municipal year 2017-2018**

Councillor Brandham took the Chair.

**046/G APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR**

It was proposed by Councillor J M Freeman and seconded by Councillor K Cursons that Councillor S Cursons be appointed Vice Chair of the Grants Sub-Committee for the municipal year 2017-2018. There were no further nominations. On being put to the vote, the motion was carried.

**RESOLVED to appoint Councillor S Cursons Vice Chair of the Grants Sub-Committee for the municipal year 2017-2018.**

**047/G APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received.

**048/G DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members were asked to declare any interests, including the nature of those interests, which they had in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

No prejudicial interests were declared but the following personal interests were stated:

Councillor J M Freeman – appointed as the Town Council representative to Buzzer Bus (and an application had been made by South Beds Dial-a-Ride for a grant in this round of applications).

**049/G PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Representatives of the Friends of Tiddenfoot Waterside Park and the Freddie and Friends Sunshine Stop spoke briefly to the Sub-Committee in support of their grant applications.

Members of the public were thanked for attending the meeting.

**050/G MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Sub-Committee received the draft minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2017.

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2017 be approved as a correct record and were signed accordingly.**

**051/G GENERAL GRANT APPLICATIONS (2<sup>nd</sup> ROUND FOR 2017-2018)**

The Sub-Committee was advised that of the £10,000 general grant budget for 2017-2018, a total of £5,205 remained available (original budget of £10,000 less general grants already approved, plus £620 funding for older person's leaflet).

**RESOLVED to note the information.**

The Sub-Committee received a summary of the 17 applications received for a General Grant in 2017-2018, along with a summary of the documents submitted with the applications.

Discussion took place regarding the applications submitted and the assessment criteria for general grants. A number of views were expressed and the applications were assessed in terms of meeting criteria, own fundraising undertaken, benefit to the public and financial need. Thanks and appreciation were expressed for all the volunteers working hard for the local community.

The Sub-Committee gave consideration to the number of applications along with the funds remaining in the budget.

**RECOMMENDED to the Policy and Finance Committee that the returned funds of £2,031.78 from FORATAILL be vired from the Guaranteed Grants budget to the General Grants budget in order to meet the shortfall for approved 2017-2018 General Grants.**

**RESOLVED to approve General Grant funding amounting to £6,775.97 as follows, subject to all applicants meeting the required criteria and the shortfall in funds being approved by the Policy and Finance Committee:**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Purpose of General Grant</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Autism Bedfordshire	Funding for 'Loads of Autistic Fun' group	£500
Leighton-Linslade Homeless Service	To supply CitizenCards (ID cards) to service users & towards travel expenses for job interviews	£500
LB Voluntary Patient Transport	Public liability insurance, mobile phone, DBS Checks & training	£250
1003 (LB) Squadron Air Cadets	To buy drums & equipment to start marching drum band	£500
Freddie and Friends Sunshine Stop	Setting up a bug to support those with learning difficulties and disabilities	£250
Linleighbridge District Girlguiding	Renew first aid training for 20 adults and young leaders.	£435
8 <sup>th</sup> Leighton Buzzard Brownies	Subsidise cost of sleepover including crafts and activities	£500
4 <sup>th</sup> Leighton Buzzard Guides	To replace camp cookers and subsidise costs of two adventure activity camps	£500
LB Historic Map Trust	To conserve and 1838 map of the High Street	£500
Hospice at Home Volunteers	To cover travel expenses for 12 volunteers supporting clients in the community	£500
SNAP Parent Carer forum	Cost of room hire and printing flyers to publicise meetings and events for parents/carers of young people with special needs/disabilities	£500
Off the Rails	Further planting and general upkeep of pocket park & troughs LB station	£500
1 <sup>st</sup> LB Guides	Travel costs for Guides and leaders to Norjam 2018 event	£400
Linslade Guides	To purchase camp cookers to be used by all groups in the district	£440.97
Fr of Tiddenfoot W P	Tree and hedge planting along iron fence on northern side of park	£500

Two applications were deferred: one from the NCT Sling Library, to obtain further information on the group and what it offered and the second, South Beds Dial-a-Ride, put aside until Central Bedfordshire Council had awarded the Contract next year.

**052/G EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** that, under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted which involves the likely disclosure of exempt information. The public and press to withdraw from the meeting during consideration of detailed discussion regarding 2018 Honorary Burgess nominations.

**053/G HONORARY BURGESS NOMINATIONS FOR 2018**

The Sub-Committee received and discussed three Honorary Burgess nominations.

**RECOMMENDED** to the Policy and Finance Committee to consider recommending to Council approval of three nominations for the 2018 Honorary Burgess award, subject to further information being provided by nominators.

The meeting closed at 2037 hours.

I HEREBY CONFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2017.

Chair

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