

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

MONDAY, 9 MAY 2022 AT 7.30 PM

Present: Councillors C Palmer (Vice-Chair)
 K Cursons
 S Hemmings (Chair)
 S Jones
 A Dodwell
 M Freeman
 R Goodchild
 A Gray
 D Scott

Also in attendance: M Saccoccio, Town Clerk
 S Sandiford, Deputy Town Clerk
 M Jahn, Committee Officer

Members of the public: 2
Members of the press 0

40/GA APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Spurr

41/GA DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Dodwell declared a personal interest as Town Council representative for Freddie & Friends and Meadow Way Community Association, Councillor Palmer declared a personal interest as a member of Leighton Buzzard District Archaeological and Historical Society, Councillor Goodchild declared a personal interest as Town Council representative for Buzzer Buses and Councillor Freeman declared a personal interest as a member of Leighton Buzzard Carnival Committee and Leighton Linslade Music Centre.

Councillor Jones declared a personal interest as a pupil of Leighton Linslade Music Centre and would not vote on that item.

No dispensations were requested.

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

Two members of the public spoke in support of their grant applications (representing the Friends of Tiddenfoot Waterside Park and the Leighton

Buzzard & District Archaeological and Historical Society).

43/GA **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

(a) The Sub-Committee received the draft minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2022.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2022 be approved as a correct record and were signed accordingly.

(b) Minute reference 38/GA Minutes of the Previous Meeting – full information had not been received regarding the grant application from First Responders therefore no payment had yet been made.

Minute reference 39/GA General Grant Applications (3rd Round for 2021-22) – support had been offered to the Leighton-Linslade Sports Council regarding the review of grant criteria and eligibility.

44/GA **GENERAL GRANT APPLICATIONS (1st ROUND FOR 2022-2023)**

(a) The Sub Committee was advised the budget allocated for General Grants in 2022-2023 totalled £10,000. £1,000 of the total £10,000 budget had already been allocated at the meeting held on 21 February 2022, leaving £9.000 available.

RESOLVED to note the information.

(b) The Sub Committee received a verbal update to consider the deferred application from February 2022 for Body and Mind Martial Arts. Although supportive of the purpose of the application, Committee members agreed that the eligibility criteria for receiving a grant had not been met and it was suggested the group seek assistance from the Sports Council to achieve this , as this would be the usual mechanism for sports related applications.

RESOLVED not to approve the grant application from Body and Mind Martial Arts but to support them approaching the Leighton-Linslade Sports Council for support and possible funding.

(c) The Sub-Committee received a summary of the eight applications received for a General Grant in 2022-2023, along with a summary of the documents submitted with the applications.

RESOLVED to approve payment of general grants totalling £3,676.49 from the remaining 2022-23 budget, subject to all applicants having met the required criteria by providing the required documentation, as set out below.

Organisation	Purpose of General Grant	Amount
Friends of Tiddenfoot	To replace 25 broken hurdles protecting acid grassland areas in	£500

	the park	
CHUMS Charity	To run a therapeutic music programme at Greenleas school for vulnerable young people	£500
LB & District Archaeological & Historical Society	To purchase a standalone generator for use with the Old Linslade Holy Well dig project	£500
Buzzcycles	To purchase equipment for Dr Bike events	£376.49
Reclaim Life	To provide training to volunteer life coaches to expand services	£500
South Beds Division Girlguiding	Urgent repairs to the Camp & Activity storage building	£500
NCT Leighton Buzzard & District Branch	Costs for 48 weeks of Bumps and Babies weekly session for support for new parents	£500
Leighton Buzzard Riverside Womens Institute	Costs for monthly speakers to retain and recruit group members	£300

45/GA **GUARANTEED GRANTS**

(a) The Sub-Committee received a summary of information from the eleven recipients of Guaranteed Grant funding, including (where appropriate) copies of the reports provided to the Town Council regarding use of grant funding.

RESOLVED to note the information.

(b) The Sub-Committee was advised that the Guaranteed Grants budget for 2022-2-23 totalled £37,119 representing an increase for RPI of 4.9% from the previous year.

RESOLVED to note the information.

(c) The Sub-Committee agreed to the release of grant funding to Guaranteed Grant recipients subject to them having met the correct criteria.

RESOLVED to approve those payments for 2022-2023 be made to the Guaranteed Grants recipients totalling £37,090, subject to satisfactory reports and accounts having been submitted to the Town Council.

Organisation	2022-2023
Leighton-Linslade Arts Forum	£4,720
Autism Bedfordshire	£870
Beds Rural Communities Charity	£6,364
Buzzer Buses (Dial a Ride)	£4,349
Leighton-Linslade Carnival Committee	£1,591
Cruse Bereavement Care	£531

Freddie & Friends	£2,113
Greensand Trust volunteers	£849
Home-Start Central Bedfordshire	£1,593
Keech Hospice Care	£2,122
Macmillan Cancer Support	£797
Meadow Way Community Association	£2,652
Leighton Buzzard & District Sports Council	£6,417
Rotary Club of Leighton-Linslade for Yes We Can Tennis	£1,591
Leighton-Linslade Town Twinning Forum	£531
Total	£37,090

46/GA LEIGHTON-LINSLADE MUSIC CENTRE/INSPIRING MUSIC

(a) The Sub-Committee received and noted a report which provided information regarding Leighton Linslade Music Centre/Inspiring Music and considered the release of 2022-23 funding in the amount of £9,357.

RESOLVED to note the report and to authorise the release of funding for 2022-2023 of £9,357.

(b) The Sub-Committee received a verbal update on the Time Machine project funding which had previously been provided to Inspiring Music but had not commenced due to Covid restrictions.

Members agreed the intergenerational Time Machine Project was a great idea which could be revisited in the future but at present would not be likely to go ahead so the funding which had been ringfenced during Covid should be returned to the Town Council. It was agreed to suggest this be ringfenced in an earmarked reserve so that Inspiring Music could approach the town council again in future.

RECOMMENDED to Policy & Finance Committee to create an earmarked reserve to ringfence the funding due to be returned by Inspiring Music, to allow a future suitable project to take place.

47/GA CITIZENS ADVICE LEIGHTON-LINSLADE

Members noted that an annual report had been provided to Policy and Finance Committee on 22 November 2021 and that the next update would be in November 2022. In the meantime, the Committee received a letter of thanks from Citizens Advice for town council support.

RESOLVED to approve the release of 2022-23 grant funding to Citizens Advice Leighton-Linslade, in the amount of £23,327.

48/GA AWARDS SCHEMES

The Sub Committee was informed the Young People Awards were being promoted at present with the closing date being 30 June, for presentation by the end of July 2022.

The 2022 Community Volunteer Awards would be presented at the Civic Service on Sunday 15 May 2022.

RESOLVED to note the information

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, 9 MAY 2022.

Chair

7 NOVEMBER 2022