



BEVERLEY TOWN COUNCIL

GRANTS COMMITTEE

6th August 2020

6.30pm Via Zoom

(Due to the COVID-19 pandemic it was not possible for Council to meet in person)

Present: Councillors P. Astell, C. Hopkins, D. Horsley, L. Johnson and M. Pinder

In attendance: Councillor D. Healy, Matthew Snowden (Deputy Town Clerk), 3 members of the public

1/20: To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apologies were received by Cllr D. Boynton and Cllr I. Gow

2/20: Declarations of Interest

2.1: To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

Cllr M. Pinder declared a non-pecuniary due to being previously contracted to carry out paid work for the Beverley Puppet Festival (one of the grants applicants) – this contract has now ceased.

2.2: To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below.

No dispensations were given

3/20: Complaint from a Member of the Public

It was reported that a member of the public had made an official complaint to the Town Council, saying that the date of the Grants Committee meeting had been incorrect on the Town Council website and in their opinion this meant it had been unconstitutionally arranged and could therefore not lawfully take place.

The Deputy Town Clerk explained that whilst there had been an error on the website home page regarding the meeting date, the correct date has always been detailed on the agenda, within the official summons sent to Councillors, on the agenda uploaded to the website and on the agenda displayed in the Wednesday Market notice board. In addition, as soon as the Mayor had made the Deputy Town Clerk aware of the error it had been corrected on the website.

It was the professional opinion of the both the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk that the meeting could still lawfully take place and that this was also the advice received from ERNLLCA.

Councillors discussed how best to proceed given the circumstances.

