



BEVERLEY TOWN COUNCIL

GRANTS COMMITTEE

13th August 2020

6.00pm Via Zoom

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

Present: Councillors D. Horsley (Chair), C. Hopkins, L. Johnson, M. Pinder and D. Tucker

In attendance: Matthew Snowden (Deputy Town Clerk)

4/20: To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apologies were received by Cllr P. Astell, Cllr D. Boynton and Cllr I. Gow

5/20: Declarations of Interest

5.1: 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 interest due to being previously contracted to carry out paid work for the Beverley Puppet Festival (one of the grant applicants) – this contract has now ceased.

Cllr M. Pinder declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the Beverley Civic Society (one of the grant applicants)

Cllr D. Tucker declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of a sports group that uses facilities at Beverley Town Tennis Club (one of the grant applicants)

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

No dispensations were given

6/20: To elect a Chair for the municipal year

Proposal: That Cllr D. Horsley be elected as Grants Committee Chair for the municipal year.

Proposed: Cllr L. Johnson **Seconded:** Cllr D. Tucker

Resolved: That the proposal be approved.

7/20: To elect a Vice-chair for the municipal year

Proposal: That Cllr C. Hopkins be elected as Grants Committee Vice-chair for the municipal year.

Proposed: Cllr M. Pinder **Seconded:** Cllr L. Johnson

Resolved: That the proposal be approved.

8/20: To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6th August 2020

Proposal: That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6th August 2020 be approved.

Proposed: Cllr C. Hopkins **Seconded:** Cllr M. Pinder

Resolved: That the proposal be approved.

9/20: Decision Making

Councillors considered how best to make decisions in relation to the grant applications on the agenda. It was decided that an agreement in principle will be made regarding whether or not to support each submission, followed by financial amounts being allocated to the successful applicants.

10/20: To consider the following Grant Applications (the basic details are based on the original applications):

10.1	Organisation: Beverley Civic Society	Project: New Laptop
	Amount: £453.96	Power: Section 137
Grant: Purchase of laptop and associated software.		
Proposal		
Decision: Application declined.		
Reason: That whilst the Town Council values the work of Beverley Civic Society, on this occasion the request for funding will be declined, as the number of residents within the parish of Beverley who will directly and significantly benefit from the project is limited. However, this does not preclude the Civic Society from applying in the future for funding to support projects with wider community benefits.		
Amount Allocated: Not applicable.		
Resolved: That the application be declined.		

10.2	Organisation: Beverley Fire Station Twinning	Project: Hands Across Europe
	Amount: £900.00	Power: Section 137
Grant: To support travel costs for members to visit Lemgo in June 2020 as part of their Fire Service's 150th Anniversary programme – subsequent document explains this has been postponed until September/October 2020.		
Proposal		
Decision: Application declined.		
Reason: Although the Town Council appreciates the desire of the applicant to run this project, on this occasion it declines the application, because it is uncertain as to whether or not the activities will be able to take place due to rapidly-changing regulations regarding foreign travel during the on-going Covid-19 pandemic. However, the applicant is welcome to reapply in the future should the situation become more stable and certain, but is advised that they will need to provide more detailed information regarding their constitution, increased evidence of beneficiary numbers, etc.		
Amount Allocated: Not applicable.		
Resolved: That the application be declined.		



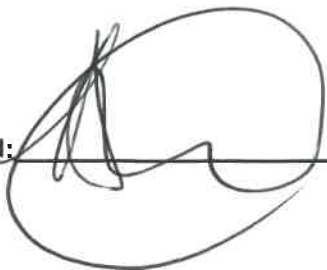
10.3	Organisation: Beverley Puppet Festival	Project: Puppet Festival 2020
	Amount Requested : £3,000.00	Power: LGA 1972, s144 and s145
	Grant: Large-scale walkabout puppetry performance, venue and toilet hire – subsequent document explains that due to Covid-19 resulting in the festival being held entirely online, the request is now revised to support the development of an enhanced website, on which the videos of these events and other resources can be uploaded and made available to the public	
Proposal		
Decision: Application approved.		
Decision: That the Town Council supports this application, as the uploaded videos and resources will be accessed by many local residents without limitation, alongside promoting the festival and Beverley as a whole to the wider world. The Town Council also felt this will help the Puppet Festival to evidence its work and thereby secure funding for future events		
Amount Allocated: £2,000		
Resolved: <i>That the application be approved and £2,000 allocated for the approved spend.</i>		
10.4	Organisation: Beverley Town Tennis Club	Project: Re-lawning Project
	Amount Requested: £3000.00	Power: LGA (Misc Provisions) Act 1976, s19
	Grant: Improvements to grass court playing surface.	
Proposal		
Decision: Application declined.		
Decision: That on this occasion the Town Council declines the application and advises Beverley Town Tennis Club that given the significant amount they require for this project, organisers might consider contacting the Commuted Sums officers and elected members for East Riding of Yorkshire Council, as this might be a more appropriate and substantial funding stream.		
Amount Allocated: Not applicable.		
Resolved: <i>That the application be declined.</i>		
10.5	Organisation: She Productions	Project: Young People's Programme
	Amount Requested : £2,497.00	Power: LGA 1972, s145
	Grant: To support a Young People's Programme in 2020 at East Riding Theatre – subsequent document explains that due to COVID-19, this project has moved online, with various delayed and planned to take place digitally over the coming months.	
Proposal		
Decision: Application approved.		
Decision: That the Town Council supports this application, due to the creative way in which this will provide activities for children and families throughout Beverley. Councillors also appreciated the thoroughness and clarity of the application itself.		
Amount Allocated: £2,497		
Resolved: <i>That the application be approved and £2,497 allocated for the approved spend.</i>		



10.6	Organisation: St Mary's Church	Project: Creating Narnia
	Amount Requested : £2,500.00	Power: LGA 1972, s144 and s145
	<p>Grant: A community and family event recreating Narnia within the church – subsequent document explains that aspects of the project which were going to feature interactive characters (actors) within the church have had to be cancelled due to Covid-19, but as an alternative it is now planned to recorded these experiences, for them to be played within specific areas of the building and can therefore be used in the future rather than on a time-limited basis.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>Decision: Application approved.</p> <p>Decision: That the Town Council supports this application, due to the creative way it has used the COVID-19 crisis to reinvent the project and give it greater longevity and flexibility. The Town Council also appreciates how this will be open to all members of the Beverley community (within social distancing guidelines) and will also help to promote the town.</p> <p>Amount Allocated: £1,850</p> <p>Resolved: <i>That the application be approved and £1,850 allocated for the approved spend.</i></p>	
10.7	Organisation: Two Churches One Town	Project: Website Enhancement
	Amount Requested: £2,276.46	Power: LGA 1972, s144
	<p>Grant: Enhancements and running costs of website – subsequent document explains that the website has been delivered, but has yet to be paid for. The applicant also details that if the application is not successful, previously donated funds can be diverted to cover the cost.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>Decision: Application declined.</p> <p>Decision: That whilst the Town Council understands the importance of the Two Churches One Town project as a whole, on this occasion it declines the application on the basis the actual work for which funding is being sought has already taken place and is therefore retrospective, alongside the applicants own explanation that the project actually has the funds available to cover the cost of the website even if the Town Council declines the bid.</p> <p>Amount Allocated: Not applicable.</p> <p>Resolved: <i>That the application be declined.</i></p>	

The meeting finished at 7:00pm

Signed: _____



Date: _____

7/9/20