



Kington Town Council

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Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting on 12th July 2021 at the Old Police Station, Kington

PRESENT

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. R. Banks - Chairman
Cllr. E. Banks
Cllr. M. Fitton
Cllr. F. Hawkins
Cllr. D. Redmayne
Cllr. I. Spencer
Cllr. R. Widdowson

Liz Kelso - Clerk

Actions

Agenda Item

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| F&GP 031-21 | 1. Apologies, declarations of interest and requests for dispensation
Apologies were noted from Cllr. E. Banks. Cllr. D. Redmayne declared an interest in agenda item 6 as an allotment holder and Cllr. Hawkins declared an interest in agenda item 6 as a member of the Chamber of Trade. There were no requests for dispensation. |
| F&GP 032-21 | 2. Minutes of the previous meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on 12 th July 2021 were adopted and the Chairman authorised to sign the minutes as a true record of proceedings at that meeting. |
| F&GP 033-21 | 3. Quarterly budget report
Members reviewed the reporting showing expenditure against budget for the quarter ended 30 th September 2021 indicating expenditure broadly in line with expectations. There were no matters that the committee felt should be brought to the attention of full council. |
| F&GP 034-21 | 4. Covid Recovery Funding
It was noted that applications for funding for projects as identified and agreed at Full Council have now been submitted and await further comment or clarification from Herefordshire Council. If granted in full, the Clerk reported that funds received would require a more detailed audit for the current financial year and incur additional costs from those budgeted as a result. |

- F&GP 035-21** 5 **Funding for Municipal Gym**
The Clerk reported that as agreed an application for a £10,000 grant through the Green Spaces Grant scheme has been submitted to Herefordshire Community Foundation. HCF has raised some further requirements relating to a referee for the town council and requested copies of quotes before submitting this for consideration at their panel next week. The Fund was stated to be oversubscribed.
- F&GP 036-21** 6 **Kington Community Grants**
Members considered requests from four organisations for grants under the Town Council's community grant scheme and agreed that recommendations be made to Full Council as attached to these Minutes.
- Members noted that the request from Help Kingtons Pollinators indicated that the group do not have their own bank account so it was suggested that if approved, the grant could be made in the form of items purchased on behalf of the group.
- It was further agreed to consider alternative ways of funding festivals in the future to reduce the requirement for annual grant requests.
- Finally it was noted that an additional request for funding has been received after the close of applications. This will be put to full council at the meeting on 1st November as a separate item, having arrived too late to be considered by this group.
- F&GP 037-21** 7 **Budget Timetable**
It was agreed that a preliminary budget would be considered by this Committee at a meeting to be held in November for presentation to Full Council initially in December for comment and for finalising at the Full Council meeting in January.
- F&GP 038-21** 8 **Items for the next agenda**
The following items were raised for the next agenda:
- Preliminary budget
 - Status of grant funding bids
 - Core funding for festivals
- F&GP 039-21** 9 **Date of the next meeting**
It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on 22nd November 2021 at 4.00pm.
- There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.

Chairman

Date: _____

Kington Town Council
Grant Applications 2021-22
First Round – Autumn 2021
Recommendation by the Finance & General Purposes Committee at their meeting on 11th October 2021

Organisation	Amount requested	Activity to be funded	Recommended Offer	Comments by Grant panel
Kington Chamber of Trade	£1,000	Support for Kington Food & Drink Festival	£1,000.00	Note that this is an exceptional item that exceeds the usual amount offered as a community grant
Help Kingtons Pollinators	Not specified	Support for materials for Kington's Pollinators	£500.00	To be offered as goods purchased on behalf of the group which does not have its own bank account
Kington Art Society	£381.00	Purchase of tables - 15 x £25.41 each	£381.00	
Kington Allotments Association	£500.00	Towards improvements to the site entrance to provide safe vehicle entrance	£500.00	

Total funds available this financial year (2021-22)	£5,000.00
Total paid to date:	£0
Remaining budget this financial year	£5,000.00
Recommendation as above:	£2,381.00
Total commitment this financial year (as above)	£2,381.00