



Kington Town Council

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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 27th March 2023 at the Old Police Station, Market Hall Street, Kington

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr. D. Redmayne – Chair
Cllr. J. Cooke
Cllr. M. Fitton – Agenda 3 onwards
Cllr. F. Hawkins
Cllr. E. Rolls
Cllr. P. Sell
Cllr. R. Warne – agenda 3 onwards
Cllr. R. Widdowson

IN ATTENDANCE

Liz Kelso – Town Clerk
Ruth Robinson – Assistant Clerk

Agenda

Item	Minute
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1	056-23	To note apologies, declarations of interest and requests for dispensation Apologies were noted from Cllrs. E. Banks, R Banks, T. Bounds, J. Gardner, I. Spencer and B. Macleod-Needs. Cllr. P. Sell declared an interest in agenda item 3, Community Grants, as a member of St. Mary's PCC, and Cllr. D. Redmayne declared in an interest in the same agenda item with a connection to the Kington Walks grant.
2	057-23	Payments Payments, as attached to these Minutes, were approved.
3	058-23	Community Grant Applications The Clerk reported that a Grant Review Panel, being formed from the members of the Finance Committee had met and resolved to recommend grant awards as noted below. Each application was considered separately: a) Kington Walks: application to support cost of a Mortimer Trail sign board. The review panel noted this is the second application from Kington Walks during the current financial year which is contrary to the Town Council agreed grant policy.

The recommendation from the panel is that the application be refused but the group encouraged to resubmit the application, if they so wish, during the next financial year. On a vote, the recommendation was supported. Cllr. Redmayne abstained from voting.

- b) Kington Chamber of Trade: application to support the costs associated with a celebration of the King's Coronation in May. The grant review panel noted that this is the second application from the Chamber of Trade during the current financial year but in view of the unique nature and timing of the coronation, recommended an offer of the full amount of £500 in this instance. Upon a vote, the recommendation was supported unanimously.
- c) Kington Festival Association: application to support the costs of staging the Wheelbarrow Race in Kington. The recommendation of the grant panel was to accept the application and offer the requested grant of £500.00. On a vote, the recommendation was supported unanimously.
- d) Kington Tourist Group: application to support the establishment of a social media platform to support Kington. The grant review panel noted that the original application was for an amount in excess of the maximum grant under the policy and recommended an offer be made for £500.00. On a vote, the recommendation was supported unanimously.
- e) Kington Youth Hub: application for funds to purchase equipment for the Kington Youth Hub. The grant panel noted that the Youth Hub has now set up a separate bank account and recommended that the application for £500 be supported. On a vote, the recommendation was supported unanimously.
- f) St. Mary's PCC: application for funds towards a project to restore the Church Organ. Noting advice from the Clerk that the award of a grant to the Church would be contrary to the Local Government Act 1894, section 8, the grant review panel recommended refusal of the application but that the application could be resubmitted if a planned change in legislation takes place. A named vote was requested for this item. After due consideration, the proposal to refuse the application in accordance with the recommendation of the grant review panel received the following votes:
 - Voting to refuse the grant application:
 - Cllr. F. Hawkins
 - Cllr. R. Widdowson
 - Cllr. J. Cooke
 - Cllr. D. Redmayne
 - Voting to agree the grant application:
 - Cllr. E. Rolls
 - Cllr. R. Warne

- Abstaining from voting:
 - Cllr. M. Fitton
 - Cllr. P. Sell, having declared an interest in this agenda item.

The Chair declared that the resolution to refuse the grant application was carried.

4 059-23 Next meeting

The next meeting of the Town Council will take place on Monday 3rd April at 6.00pm in the Old Police Station, being the last meeting of the Council before the elections in May.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.

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Schedule of payments approved on 27th March 2023

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INFORMATION

made through grants received:

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payments made as a grant								
Rec Grant						£ 1,882.67	£ 24.80	£ 1,907.47
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								£ -
Salaries (net) - March 2023						£ 2,917.53		£ 2,917.53

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Grant Applications 2022-23
Second round – spring 2023
Schedule of grant Applications – Agreed Awards as at 27.3.2027

Organisation	Amount requested	Activity to be funded	Recommended Offer	Comments
Kington Walks	£487.00	Mortimer Trail sign board	Defer to 2023-4 Deferred	Second application from this group during this financial year, contrary to grant policy
Kington Chamber of Trade	£500.00	To support free Coronation Event in May for Town residents	£500 AGREED	Second application from this group during this financial year but for one off Coronation event so recommend payment
Kington Festival Association	£500.00	Support for Wheelbarrow Race in Kington	£500 AGREED	
Kington Tourist Group	£1,200.00	To fund costs of establishing a social media platform for tourism in Kington	£500.00 AGREED	Request exceeds grant limit of £500.00
Kington Youth Hub	£500.00	Purchases of equipment and resources to develop a youth club in Kington. Specifically the purchase of a fridge freezer and craft resources	£500 AGREED	Application received for Autumn round but awaiting bank details. Additional information requested and received
St. Mary's PCC	£500.00	Towards project to restore the Church Organ	0 AGREED	Application is contrary to Local Government Act 1894 section 8 so unable to pay but will reconsider if planned change in legislation takes place

Total budget available this year:
Total committed to date:
Total recommended, as above:
Total for year
Budget remaining (if awarded)

£5,000.00 + £1,000 transfer from Mayor's allowance = total £6,000.00
£1,581.00
£2,000.00
£3,581.00
£2,419.00