

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL SPECIAL COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 2020 AT 3.00PM**

PRESENT: Councillors Apel, Carter, Gershater, Sharp

EX-OFFICIO: The Mayor (Councillor Plowman)
Councillor Scicluna

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Gaskin

APOLOGIES: The Deputy Mayor (Councillor J Hughes), Councillors Joy, C Hughes and Lishman

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk, Member Services Support Officer

24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

As recorded above

25. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT) 1960

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the public and press be excluded from this meeting because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, namely financial and business affairs of third parties.

26. DISCRETIONARY GRANTS 2020/2021

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| Discretionary Grant Budget 2020/2021 | £40,285 |
| Discretionary Grants awarded in June 2020 | £34,685.88 |
| Remaining Discretionary Grant Budget for 2019/2020 | £5,599.12 |

Members of the Committee discussed the current Discretionary Grants budget and how its importance has been emphasised further during the difficult times presented by the current Covid-19 pandemic.

(a) Chichester Forest Schools

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £2,599 be awarded to Chichester Forest Schools for the continuation of their Wild Play Forest School parenting schemes.

(b) Chichester Nightingales Army Community Interest Company

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £3,000 be awarded to the Chichester Nightingales Army Community Interest Company for their work in promoting the role of health care assistants through training, education and improving working conditions.

(c) Parklands Residents Association

The Committee discussed the application from the Parklands Residents Association for funds for a speed indicator device (SID). Members discussed their support for the project but questioned whether the Discretionary Grants were the best source of funding for this project.

Following this discussion it was RESOLVED, bearing in mind the City wide aspect of SIDs, that no grant would be awarded to Parklands Residents Association. However, it was further RESOLVED that the application would be passed to the next Finance Committee meeting on 20 October 2020 for possible funding from an alternative budget.

The Town Clerk was asked by the Committee to contact the Parklands Residents Association to advise them of the Committee's firm support for the project and to inform them that the application would be further discussed at the Finance Committee meeting on 20 October 2020.

(d) St Wilfrid's Hospice

It was RESOLVED that no grant be awarded to St Wilfrid's Hospice on this occasion.

All organisations would be informed of the outcome of their application and further informed that the City Council request all funding is publicly acknowledged in any literature that they may produce and that a report is submitted to the City Council within 6 months of receiving the Discretionary Grant explaining how the grant was expended.

One representative from each of the successful applications would be invited to attend the Council Meeting on Wednesday 2 December 2020 to explain how the money will be expended.

At the meeting a total of £5,599 was further expended from the 2020/2021 Discretionary Grant Budget and therefore there would be no funds carried forward to the 2021/2022 Discretionary Grants budget.

The first meeting of the Community Affairs Committee that would consider the 2021/2022 Discretionary Grants applications would be Monday 12th April 2021.

The meeting ended at 3.39pm