

## UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of the **Finance Sub-committee** held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre on Wednesday 13th September 2017 at 6.30 pm.

**PRESENT:** Cllr. P. Sparks (Chairman) Cllr. D. Ward  
Cllr. C. Macve (6.45pm) Cllr. P. Meakin  
Cllr. J. Beesley

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Cllr. D French  
31 members of the public

1 member of the press

Christine Wheatley – Assistant Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Minutes taken by Christine Wheatley

The Chairman welcomed all those present and set out how the meeting would progress, details of how applicants would be invited to speak, the possibility that questions would be asked and also explained the subsequent decision making process.

The Chairman stated that as in previous years the amount of funding being requested was considerably more than could be accommodated from the budget. Accordingly, it was likely that a number of applicants would therefore be disappointed with their allocations.

He also added that an application had been received after the closing date.

### **1.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Members and officers were reminded to make any declarations of personal and/or pecuniary interests that they may have in relation to items on this agenda

The Chairman then read out the various declarations made by those Members on the sub-committee and also set out the dispensations that have been given for certain applications.

## 2.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

## 3.0. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Sub-committee held on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**FS.20.09.17** It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Sub-committee of the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 3.0 TO CONSIDER THE ALLOCATION OF GRANTS

**FS.21.09.17** The sub-committee then **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders to allow applicants to speak.

The various representatives attending the meeting were then asked to provide any additional information in support of their application.

Members then asked a number of questions to which the various representatives responded.

Following the presentations from those attending and questions from Members, the Chairman reminded the representatives of the subsequent format of the meeting.

**FS.22.09.17** The meeting then resumed and it was **RESOLVED** to reinstate Standing Orders.

Members then then went through the individual grant applications and following substantial discussion agreed preliminary grant allocations.

Following the preliminary allocation of grants, it was noted that not all funds had been allocated.

The Chairman then explained that although the Uckfield Community College's application had been received late, the sub-committee were prepared to listen to their representative supporting their application.

**FS.23.09.17** The sub-committee then **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders to allow a representative of the College to speak following which

**FS.24 09.17** it was **RESOLVED** to reinstate Standing Orders.

**FS.25.09.17** Before business could continue, members **RESOLVED** to extend the meeting for a further 30 minutes to 9.30pm.

**FS.26.09.17**

The members of the sub-committee then went through the final grant allocation figures and **RESOLVED** to recommend to the General Purposes Committee that the following grants be awarded.

Wealden Citizen Advice	£18,836
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<b>Total Section 142 Grants</b>	<b>£18,836</b>
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Horse Rescue Trust	250
Royal British Legion	210
The Heathfield Partnership Trust (Wealden Works)	0
Samaritans – Tunbridge Wells & District	160
Brighter Uckfield Campaign	1,165
The Housebound & Friendship Club	0
Uckfield Bonfire & Carnival Society	3,950
Uckfield FM	2,500
Now! Charity Group Ltd	0
4th Uckfield Manitoba Beavers	550
Age Concern Uckfield & District	500
Uckfield Allotment and Bee Club	0
Uckfield Festival Association	3,950
Riverside Friendship Group	300
First Field Responders	2,665
Uckfield Twin Club	250
Uckfield Food Bank	1,560
Uckfield Theatre Guild	500
The Conservators of the Ashdown Forest	0
ATC 2530 (Uckfield) Squadron	800
Uckfield & District Preservation Society	1,639
Manor Park and Hempstead Fields Residents' Association	0
Artytime	0
Student Counselling Service - Uckfield Community Technology College	1,500

<b>Total General Power of Competence Grants</b>	<b>£22,449</b>
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The Chairman thanked the representatives for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 9.07pm