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Minutes of a meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee on Monday 30th October 2023 at 6pm in the Jubilee Room, Pump House, Faringdon

Cllrs present: Cllrs: Finn (Chair)
Boulton
Castle
Leniec
Webb
Wild (from Item 6/4/23 (b))
Wise

In attendance: Sally Thurston, Town Clerk
Margaret Nairne, Town Clerk's Assistant
Representative from Faringdon Games Club
Representatives from Faringdon Artistic Skaters
Representative from YoCO
Representative from Citizen's Advice (online)
Representative from Clean Slate (online)
One member of the public (online)

1/4/23 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Morgan, Cllr. Norris, Faringdon Twinning Association

2/4/23 Minutes

The minutes of a meeting held on Monday 17th July 2023 were APPROVED.

3/4/23 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Wise is a member of the Faringdon Twinning Association. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to grant dispensation for him to take part in any decision made at Item 8/4/23 (a) as he would not directly benefit from the grant.

4/4/23 Public Speaking and Question Time

None

5/4/23 Items for information

Members NOTED the Action List

6/4/23 Financial

- a) Members considered and NOTED the budget request for 2023.24
- b) Members received and considered the following reports:
 - 1) General Grants
 - 2) Youth Grants
 - 3) Planting and Painting Bursary

Grants spreadsheet will be updated and allocation of funds to specific areas will be considered as part of the budget process.

78/4/23 General grant applications

Members considered applications for financial assistance from the general grant budget including:

- a) Clean Slate – Members received an online presentation from a representative of Clean Slate who are currently supporting 15 clients from this area. Cllr. Leniec PROPOSED, Cllr. Wise SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to give a grant of £750 towards their running costs.

- b) Citizens Advice Bureau - £3,500
Members received an online presentation from a representative of South and Vale Citizens Advice who have helped over 300 local clients with increasingly complex issues. Cllr. Wise PROPOSED, Cllr. Finn SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to give a grant of £3500 towards running costs.

- c) Faringdon Games Club - £1,500
Members received a presentation from a representative of Faringdon Games Club. It was agreed that Faringdon Games Club need to create a Constitution and to open a community bank account before they can be given grant money. Members discussed how they could help and Cllr. Castle PROPOSED, Cllr. Boulton SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to give the Faringdon Games Club free use of the Corn Exchange, subject to satisfactory application, from 4.30pm – 9.30pm on Sundays for 6 months, to be reviewed prior to the end of this period.

8/4/23 Youth Grant applications

Members considered applications for financial assistance from the youth grant budget including:

- a) Youth Twinning
Cllr. Castle PROPOSED, Cllr. Boulton SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to give a grant of £1,000 subject to sight of satisfactory accounts.

- b) Artistic Skaters
Members received a presentation from a representative of Faringdon Artistic Skaters. Cllr. Leniec PROPOSED, Cllr. Wise SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to give a grant of £1,500 towards running costs.

- c) Be Free Young Carers
Cllr. Castle PROPOSED, Cllr. Leniec SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to give a grant of £3,000 towards running costs from the vulnerable local residents fund.

- d) YoCO
Members received a presentation from a representative of Youth Challenge Oxfordshire (YoCO). Cllr. Wise PROPOSED, Cllr. Leniec SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to give a grant of £2,000 towards running costs.

9/4/23 Publicity

Members agreed to defer discussion about developing a strategy for publicising grants to the next meeting.

10/4/23 Grant reports

- a) Members received and NOTED a financial report from the Folly Trust

Meeting closed at: 6.56pm