

**STROUD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting of**  
**THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

**27th January 2020 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs Sage (Chair), Cranston, Green and Hale

In attendance: Kate Montgomery (Deputy Town Clerk), Emily Osler (Community Development Officer)

**1. Apologies**

No apologies were received. Cllrs Andrews, Campbell and Price were absent.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Hale declared an interest in the grant application 'Golden Spire Project' under item 11 b.

**3. Requests for dispensations**

There were no requests for dispensations.

**4. Questions from the public**

None received.

**5. To note the terms of reference for the Community Committee**

The terms of reference were noted.

**6. To receive a report on the Community Development Project**

The Community Development Officer presented the report and answered questions from the committee.

Cllr Green suggested that a representative from the Community Committee be elected onto the Community Development Project Steering Group at the Annual Meeting of the Council. Cllr Green is the current representative.

Deputy Clerk

**7. To receive a report on an art exhibition organised by the Earth Protector group**

The committee noted the report and asked the deputy clerk to communicate to the Earth Protector group that the logo and name of the council should not be used without express permission of the council or relevant committee.

Deputy Clerk

The committee asked to be informed of the project as it progressed.

Deputy Clerk

**8. To approved the purchase of three BT telephone kiosks**

The committee received an update from the deputy clerk about this item. The Stroud In Bloom group had decided that they no longer wished to adopt the kiosk on Parliament Street. The agreement would be updated accordingly.

The committee **approved** the purchase of two BT telephone kiosks. The first on Thompson Road (to be adopted by SGS College) and the second on Bisley Road (to be adopted by the community with support from the Community Development Officer).

Deputy Clerk

**9. To receive reports from grants previously awarded**

The committee received the reports from the following organisations;  
Stroud Beresford Group  
Paganhill Community Group  
Periscope Project  
Stroud Scout Hut  
Stroud Theatre Festival

**10. To note the funds available for the remainder of 2019-20**

The remaining funds were noted by the committee

**11. To consider grant applications to the following funds;**

**a) Community Fund**

Stroud Country Show

The committee noted that the applicant had received two grants in the previous financial year (2018/19) and that the minutes from the second grant awarded reflect that a further application would not be considered. The committee asked the deputy clerk to liaise with the organisers to reconfirm the dates they should use to reapply in the future.

Stroud Nature CIC

The committee approved the application for £1,700.

Creative Sustainability CIC / Access Bike

The committee approved a partial award for £1,550 however the committee declined to fund the full amount as the scheme does not identify that Stroud residents are the sole beneficiaries of the project. The funding criteria state that funding for projects should be proportionate for residents of the parish.

Great Western Air Ambulance

The committee approved the application in this instance, however noted that healthcare and medical emergency response does not fall under a town council's primary function and it would therefore be unlikely that it would fund such an application in the future.

Stroud Film Festival

This application was decided under the Arts and Culture Fund.

**b) Arts and Culture Fund**

Stroud Film Festival

The application was approved. The committee noted that the festival has not yet become self-supporting and asked that the deputy clerk write to organisers to note that they would be unlikely to consider future requests for an underwrite. The deputy clerk was asked to refer the organisers to the Small Grant Fund for future applications.

Aurora Theatre CIC

The committee declined to fund the application on the grounds that the grant from the Council would be used to benefit members of the organisation. The committee also noted that despite the project travelling between four towns in Gloucestershire, only Stroud Town Council had been approached for funding.

Deputy Clerk

The committee also noted that despite the project's connection with the library service, Gloucestershire County Council did not appear to be funding any part of it.

Golden Spire Project

The application was deferred to the next meeting for a decision as Cllr Hale had declared an interest and the committee were not quorate without her vote.

**c) Small Grant Fund**

Stroud Folk Weekend

The committee approved the application

Five Valleys History Association

The committee approved the application

The meeting ended at 9.50pm.

Chair.....

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