# MINUTES of the CIVIC & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE meeting held at Felixstowe Town Hall on Thursday 19 December 2019 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr D Savage (Chairman) Cllr G Newman

Cllr D Aitchison (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr M Morris
Cllr S Bennett
Cllr M Richardson

Cllr S Harkin Cllr K Williams (from item 371)

**OFFICERS:** Mr A Tadjrishi (Town Clerk)

Mrs D Frost (Deputy Town Clerk)

The Chairman thanked everyone for agreeing to the change of date due to the clash of dates with members wishing to attend the Felixstowe Academy Christmas Concert.

# 369. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none.

# 370. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Clir S Gallant.

Apologies for later attendance were received from **Cllr K Williams**.

# 371. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

Member(s)	Minute No.	Nature of Interest
Cllr G Newman	All	Local Non-Pecuniary (as Member of Suffolk County Council)
Cllr S Bennett	374	Local Non-Pecuniary (as Member of the Dellwood Lawn Tennis Club and Felixstowe Waves Swimming Club)
Cllr M Morris	374	Local Non-Pecuniary (as Chairman to Laydens Community Café)
Cllr G Newman	374	Local Non-Pecuniary (as Suffolk County Council representative on Trustee Board of Citizens' Advice Bureau)
Cllr D Savage	374	Local Non-Pecuniary (as Chairman of Trustees to Citizens' Advice Bureau)
Cllr K Williams	374	Local Non-Pecuniary (as a member of the Save the Children Committee)
Cllr D Aitchison	376	Local Non-Pecuniary (as Chairman of the Felixstowe Branch of the Royal British Legion)

# 372. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Civic & Community Committee meeting held on 16 October 2019 be signed as a true record.

# 373. CIVIC & COMMUNITY BUDGET REPORT

The Committee considered a summary and detailed report showing income and expenditure against budget to 12 December 2019.

RESOLVED that the Budget Report to 12 December 2019 be received and noted as presented with no other action required at this time.

At this point, 7.47pm, Cllr K Williams joined the meeting.

## 374. OCCASIONAL GRANTS: ROUND 2 – 2019/20

Committee considered completed applications for funding received prior to the 30 November 2019 deadline, for the second round of Occasional Grants. The total of grant funding requested in this second round being £38,333.37.

The Town Clerk advised that there was £15,055 available in the funding pot for this second round of grant applications.

Following consideration of all the eligible applications which had been received, Committee proposed that grants be awarded on the following basis:

#### **Black & White Productions**

£1200 towards a new drama production commemorating Felixstowe's role in the Battle of Britain

#### **Citizens Advice Bureau**

£900 towards display equipment replacement.

# **Felixstowe & Corinthians Cricket Club**

£1,000 towards replacement netting for the practice facilities.

#### **Dellwood Lawn Tennis Club**

£750 towards renovation and development of club facilities which house tennis equipment.

## Felixstowe Area Community Transport Ltd (FACTS)

£2,000 towards accessibility modifications for a new minibus.

## **Felixstowe Book Festival**

£335 towards a book writer event "How to be Autistic"

## **Felixstowe Prom Junior Parkrun**

£200 towards weighted cones and table.

# **Felixstowe Sea Angling Society**

£1,750 towards the replacement of entrance doors, fascia boards, soffits, guttering, downpipe installation of bird guards.

# **Felixstowe Swimming club**

£700 towards professional swimming courses & advertising.

#### **Felixstowe Twins Club**

£1,000 towards venue hire and general promotion of group.

# Hamilton MAS Micro Arts Space by the Sea

£1,000 ringfenced grant towards establishing a young people's creative arts club – artYsPaceS – subject to completion of funding.

# **Happy Globe CIC**

£1,000 towards Cowpasture Meadow Wildlife Reserve: compost, seeds, timber, beehives, etc.

# **Laydens Community Cafe**

£409.75 towards replacement of cash register, chiller, and improved marketing,

# **Memory Lane (Felixstowe Dementia Alliance)**

£1,000 towards arts and crafts activities.

#### Save the Children

£ 373.82 towards battery/electric operated Santa Sleigh and speakers.

#### St John Ambulance

£800 towards a gazebo

#### **Suffolk Wildlife Trust**

£360 for the purchase of a projector for talks.

## Timebanking

£275 towards local initiatives being supported by the Felixstowe Timebank.

Members were also pleased to receive an application from Felixstowe Library seeking support with their proposed refurbishment of the children's section. Given that the project had the potential to provide a benefit for the whole community, Members were keen to understand how the Town Council might be able to support this project in a significant way. Following a discussion it was agreed that a representative from the Friends of Felixstowe Library be invited to the next Civic & Community meeting in February to give further details of the project, timescales and funding requirements.

#### It was RESOLVED that:

- for the second round of Occasional Grants for 2019/20 a total of £15,053.57 be awarded and approved for payment on the basis of the schedule above; and,
- ii. A representative from the Friends of Felixstowe Library be invited to attend the Civic & Community Committee on 19 February 2019 to give further details of their project to refurbish the children's section of Felixstowe Library.

# 375. ARMED FORCES WEEKEND LEGACY GRANT FINAL REPORT

Members noted the final report which detailed the complete expenditure of the Suffolk Armed Forces Legacy fund of £10,796 created with the surplus from the Armed Forces Weekend in June 2017. Members were pleased to note that all funds and been used towards projects which had a connection with Armed Forces personnel, their families, veterans and cadet organisations.

RESOLVED that the Armed Forces Weekend Legacy Grant final report be noted.

## **376. REMEMBRANCE 2019**

Committee received the report on the Centenary of Remembrance 2019 and it was agreed that the events had been successful. Members were pleased to note that £235.83 had been raised for the Poppy Appeal by the Town Hall collection boxes. The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that the district total of £18,791.35, was the total counted locally as at 30 November. The RBL are waiting for written confirmation of direct payments. That include any BACS payments, Cheques sent direct and contactless payments and this should exceed at least another £13,000. Figures are updated every 3 months.

Early arrangements for Remembrance 2020 were considered and it was agreed that a singer to lead the hymns at the War Memorial could be an appropriate addition, as well as a marching band, if possible. It was also suggested that the Poppy Appeal should look into biodegradable wreaths in order to reduce the amount of plastic used.

It was RESOLVED that the Remembrance 2019 update report be noted.

## 377. CHRISTMAS EVENTS – ICE RINK

Committee considered the report on the Ice Rink running from 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

It was RESOLVED that the Christmas Events – Ice Rink update report be noted.

# 378. MAYOR'S CIVIC SERVICE

Committee noted the change of date for the Mayor's Civic Service 2020 to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June at St John's Church. Members discussed the scheduling protocol, since the third Sunday is usually Father's Day, and agreed that in future years the Mayor's Civic Service should be scheduled for the fourth Sunday in June.

## It was RESOLVED that

- i. the change of date for the Mayor's Civic Service 2020 be changed to 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at St John's Church; and
- ii. future annual Civic Services be scheduled for the fourth Sunday in June.

# 379. CLOSURE

The	meeting	was	closed	at	9.40pm.	The	next	meeting	was	noted	as	being
sche	duled for	Wed	Inesday	19	February	/ 202	0 at 7	.30pm.				

Date:	Chairman: