

**MINUTES of the CIVIC & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE meeting held Online on
Wednesday 16 December 2020 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Cllr S Wiles (Chairman) Cllr S Harkin
Cllr D Savage (Vice-Chairman) Cllr M Morris
Cllr S Bennett Cllr G Newman
Cllr S Gallant Cllr M Richardson

OFFICERS: Mr A Tadjrishi (Town Clerk)
Mrs D Frost (Deputy Town Clerk)

392. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were none.

393. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from **Cllr K Williams**.

394. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Member(s)	Minute No.	Nature of Interest
Cllr S Gallant Cllr S Wiles	All	Local Non-Pecuniary (as Members of East Suffolk Council)
Cllr G Newman Cllr S Wiles	All	Local Non-Pecuniary (as Members of Suffolk County Council)
Cllr D Savage	397	Local Non-Pecuniary (as a Trustee to Music in Felixstowe)

395. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Civic & Community Committee meeting held on 9 December 2020 be signed as a true record.

396. CORONAVIRUS GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Committee noted the following application which had been approved via email and that the remaining grant fund currently now stood at £9,738.64. This would now be made available for the Occasional Grant scheme, as discussed in the next item:

356 (Felixstowe) Squadron Air Training Corps

Amount requested: £1,680

Project: IT Equipment for virtual training and events

RESOLVED that the Coronavirus Grant application update report be noted as approved, with no other action required at this time.

397. OCCASIONAL GRANTS 2020/21

Committee considered completed applications for funding received prior to the 30 November 2020 deadline, for the sole round of Occasional Grants for the year 2020/21 due to the requirement of Coronavirus grants throughout the year. The total of grant funding requested in this second round being £18,800.

The Town Clerk advised that there was £9,738.64 available in the funding pot for this 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:

Felixstowe and Corinthians Cricket Club

£1000 towards new floorboards and cladding as part of the refurbishment of the Grounds Hut at Deben High School.

Felixstowe Area Community Transport (FACTS)

£2,000 towards transporting elderly and those with medical conditions to and from Ipswich Hospital.

Felixstowe Creative Arts Trust (F-CAT)

£350 ring-fenced once match funding is in place, towards exhibition display boards and exhibition tables.

Landguard Fort

£1,500 towards project DRIVE which aims to enhance the visitor experience for all persons with physical disabilities, and for volunteers also facing mobility challenges.

Majestic Voices

£500 towards technical recording software and Perspex screens to enable the group to continue through COVID restrictions.

Music in Felixstowe

£500 towards the cost of live-streamed performances during the pandemic.

Rural Coffee Caravan

£238 towards the cost of purchasing slow cookers for distribution to homes in need in Felixstowe.

Suffolk Mind

£1,050 towards the cost of a telephone support service for those struggling with mental health in Felixstowe.

WAM Fest

£1,000 ring-fenced towards a community arts festival to celebrate International Women's Day on 6 March 2021 subject to COVID restrictions nearer the time.

RESOLVED that for the round of Occasional Grants for 2020/21 a total of £8,138 be awarded and approved for payment on the basis of the schedule above; and the remaining £1,600.64 be kept for any urgent Coronavirus applications that may come in before 31 March 2021.

398. BLUE FLAG 2021

Committee noted the report detailing the application process for the renewal application for the 2021 Blue Flag and Seaside Award.

RESOLVED that approval be given for funding the 2021 Blue Flag and Seaside Award at a cost of £799 +VAT from the New Community Projects budget.

399. FELIXSTOWE FORWARD

Members received a verbal update on the arrangements for Felixstowe Forward, following the Sponsor Group meeting that took place earlier that week.

It was RESOLVED that the Felixstowe Forward update be noted.

400. SEAFRONT LIGHTING

Members noted a letter received from East Suffolk Council in respect of the festoon lighting on the prom which was anticipated to reaching the end of serviceable life in approximately 5 years. Committee was pleased to be approached before the project is initiated and agreed that it was great opportunity to consider something spectacular but also energy efficient and resilient for the seafront.

Members suggested it would be useful for a representative of East Suffolk Council to attend a future Civic & Community Committee meeting to discuss options and possible funding sources, for example, the potential for commercial sponsorship.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk responds to thank East Suffolk Council for the opportunity to be part of the discussions around the seafront lighting and to invite a representative from East Suffolk Council to attend the Civic & Community Committee once further information on the project is available.

401. MEMORIAL WALL

Members noted a letter from East Suffolk Council giving information about the new policy for Commemorative Benches and the suggestion of an option to create a memorial wall in a suitable sea front location to meet demand, such as the wall space near to The Hut in the Seafront Gardens. Committee discussed an alternative option of having plaques in the Shelters but had concerns that wherever the memorial plaques were, flowers and memorial ornaments could be

left in those areas which could cause problems. Some Members felt that a memorial wall was more suited to a Cemetery than the seaside but Committee accepted that there was clear interest in having plaques to commemorate a favourite place such as 'by the sea.' Members were keen to ensure that any money raised from a memorial wall be used to maintain the area.

Members requested that this item be brought back to Committee for further discussion.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will respond to East Suffolk Council with Members initial thoughts and a formal response will be sent upon further discussion at the next meeting.

402. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 9.49pm. The next meeting was noted as being scheduled for Wednesday 17 February 2021 at 7.30pm.

Date: _____

Chairman: _____