

MINUTES of the **CIVIC & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE** meeting held at **Town Hall, Felixstowe** on **Wednesday 14 December 2022** at **7.30pm**

PRESENT: Cllr S Wiles (Chairman)
Cllr D Aitchison
Cllr M Morris
Cllr M Richardson

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

IN ATTENDANCE: One member of the public (via Zoom)

330. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were none.

331. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from **Cllr S Gallant, Cllr S Harkin, Cllr G Newman, Cllr D Savage** and **Cllr K Williams**.

332. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Member(s)	Minute No.	Nature of Interest
Cllr M Richardson Cllr S Wiles	All	Other registerable interest (as Members of East Suffolk Council)
Cllr S Wiles	All	Other registerable interest (as a Members of Suffolk County Council)
Cllr S Wiles	335	Other registerable interest (as Trustee to Landguard Trust)
Cllr D Aitchison	335	Other non-registerable interest (as Vice Chair to Felixstowe School Governors)
Cllr M Morrison Cllr D Aitchison	336	Other non-registerable interest (as Trustees to Felixstowe Relief Charity)

333. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the **Minutes of the Civic & Community Committee meeting held on 19 October 2022** be signed as a true record.

334. CIVIC & COMMUNITY BUDGET REPORT

The Committee considered a summary and detailed report showing income and expenditure against budget to 7 December 2022.

RESOLVED that the **Budget Report to 7 December 2022** be received and noted as presented with no other action required at this time.

335. OCCASIONAL GRANTS 2022/23

Committee considered completed applications for funding received prior to the 30 November 2022 deadline, for the second round of Occasional Grants. The total of grant funding requested in this second round being £20,364.08.

The Town Clerk advised that there was £13,790 available in the budget 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:

Disability Advice Service

£1,236 towards equipment for expansion of the service specifically three laptops and three telephones (including loudspeakers and headsets)

Felixstowe Area Community Transport (FACTS)

£2,000 to replace office equipment and improve volunteer and staff facilities.

Felixstowe Creative Arts Trust/Two Sisters Arts Centre

£250 towards a five year anniversary art installation, subject to match funding from Trimley St Mary Parish Council.

Felixstowe Radio CIC

£1,335 towards their new studios project.

Headway Suffolk

£500 towards To support people living in Felixstowe who have neurological conditions.

Landguard Conservation Trust (Landguard Bird Observatory)

£1500 towards LBO Ringing and Data Collection.

Manna

£1,000 towards a shipping container for pop up shop storage.

Music in Felixstowe

£1,000 towards Music for All project to include school children, care homes and other special groups.

Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club

£1250 towards Water safety equipment – life jackets for free taster sessions.

Save the Childre Fund

£1,893.08 towards Major refit/refurbishment of the Rudolph trailer 2022.

TS Landguard – Felixstowe Sea Cadets

£1,800 towards Replacement Rigid Inflatable Rescue Boat (RIB) - Associated Safety Costs and Modifications.

It was RESOLVED that:

- i. for the second round of Occasional Grants for 2022/23 a total of £13,764.08 be awarded and approved for payment on the basis of the schedule above; and,**
- ii. FACTS be approached to consider applying for an Annual Grant in future.**

336. COST OF LIVING SUPPORT FUND

Members received an update from the Cost of Living fund panel and the Town Clerk who had been given delegated authority to commit expenditure from Council's Cost of Living fund (*Minute #222ii 2022/23 refers*).

It was RESOLVED that:

- i. the payments totalling £9,226 allocated to local organisations/ charities to help with the cost of living as approved by the Town Clerk under his Delegated Authority as set out in the report were noted; and,**
- ii. payments to be taken from the Community Fund and Community Support Fund Earmarked Reserve.**

337. BLUE FLAG 2023

Members received the report outlining the increased cost of the 2023 Blue Flag and Seaside Award.

It was RESOLVED that the funding for the 2023 Blue Flag and Seaside Awards at a cost of £879 +VAT from the 2023/24 Advertising and Promotion budget be approved.

338. MAYOR'S CIVIC AND CHARITY EVENTS

Members received the report detailing the planned Mayor's Charity Events and the Mayor's Civic Christmas Carol Service.

It was RESOLVED that the report on the Mayor's Civic Christmas Carol Service and Mayors Charity Events be noted.

339. HARWICH HARBOUR FOOT FERRY UPDATE

The Deputy Town Clerk presented the report and gave a verbal update on the meeting of the partners held yesterday.

All partners expected to keep the level of funding the same, three were confirmed at the meeting as staying the same.

Plans are being made to turn the ferry into an electric boat, and discussions have been started with the Harwich Haven Authority. The project expected to take at least a couple of years will investigate funding possibilities to reduce the carbon footprint of the ferry.

It was RESOLVED that the report on the Harwich Harbour Foot Ferry be noted.

340. 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FELIXSTOWE FLOODS

Members received an update on plans to mark the 70th Anniversary of the Felixstowe Floods.

Further promotion will be made on social media and Council's website throughout January.

Members gave thanks to the grounds team for their work in refurbishing the flood memorial.

RESOLVED that the report on the 70th anniversary of the Felixstowe Floods be noted.

341. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 8.32pm. The next meeting was noted as being scheduled for Wednesday 15 February 2023 at 7.30pm.

Date: _____

Chairman: _____