

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL
GRANTS, REQUESTS & EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 25 2018 AT 7.06 PM IN THE MOOT HALL**

Present: Cllr Partel took the chair.

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| Cllr Cox | Cllr Digby |
| Cllr Fellowes | Cllr Fox |
| Cllr Harris | Cllr Kiff |
| Cllr Osben | Cllr Palmer |
| Cllr Partel | Cllr Worster |

There were two members of the public present.

1. Apologies: Cllrs Bond, Jones and Walker

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Cllr Partel commended the draft Minutes of the Grants, Requests & Events Committee meeting held on Tuesday May 29 2018 which were **APPROVED** by a show of hands. The Minutes were duly signed.

3. Grants & Requests

Before Cllr Partel invited the Committee to consider the following requests, Cllr Worster declared a pecuniary interest in Item (i) and Cllrs Oxby and Partel declared a non-pecuniary interest in the same item.

(i) Residents of Park Lane West and Crescent Road asked the Committee for a financial contribution towards the cost of resurfacing the road. They believed the repairs would be of benefit to the whole community, many of whom use the thoroughfare to gain access to the town. Work had already started on the £30,000 project but funds were still needed.

Cllr Worster pointed that, in the past, ATC had made a number of one-off donations to maintain the road which was extensively used by townspeople. It was important to improve what was now a very poor surface, he said.

Rejecting the request for funds, Cllr Digby thought a donation would set a dangerous precedent because anybody who lived on a private, unmade road could ask ATC for funds to improve the surface. The people who live on Park Lane, one of the town's most prestigious roads, should be able to afford their own repairs, he declared. Cllrs Fellowes, Kiff and Harris also voiced opposition to the request. Cllr Cox thought there might be some merit in a donation if the road was used by members of the public.

Councillors did not support this request.

(ii) A representative of the Kinetic Science Foundation asked for permission to stage an event on the beach in late-August, early-September aimed at local children. The activities would be designed to spark an interest in science and would have strong links to the beach and the marine environment. This would be an extension of successful events held throughout Suffolk and Norfolk. The Foundation also requested a donation towards the £500-a-day cost of the Science by the Seaside initiative. Cllrs Oxby applauded the idea, saying that there were very few events

in the town for young people. However, she suggested that it should be held during term time to maximise interest. Cllr Fox said that any initiative that got young people outdoors and engaged in science was an excellent idea. She, too, felt the event should not be staged during school holidays. Cllr Fellowes pointed out that other funding sources were available for educational science projects and asked whether a donation by ATC represented the best use of funds. Cllr Kiff suggested a donation should be made, but only if the event took place.

A **PROPOSAL** to donate £200 to the Kinetic Science Foundation for staging a Science by the Seaside event in Aldeburgh in September or October 2018 was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Kiff and **SECONDED** by Cllr Fox.

In favour 9

Against 0

Abstentions 2

CARRIED

Cllr Worster declared an interest in the following request:

(iii) The Aldeburgh Good Neighbours Scheme (AGNES) asked for a contribution to help carry out its work in the town. The scheme is purely for the benefit of Aldeburgh residents who need short-term practical help, principally with transport to the surgery, the hospital, dentists, opticians and Ipswich Hospital. AGNES currently has 26 volunteers, including four duty co-ordinators. All Cllrs agreed the scheme was a very valuable asset to the town and its volunteers were doing an excellent job.

A **PROPOSAL** to donate £300 to AGNES to enable it to continue its charitable work in the town was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Fox and **SECONDED** by Cllr Cox.

In favour 11

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cllr Harris suggested that AGNES might also seek financial contributions from the Aldeburgh United Charities.

Cllr Fellowes declared a pecuniary interest and Cllr Worster a non-pecuniary interest in the following request:

(iv) Suffolk Summer Theatres visit the Jubilee Hall in Aldeburgh every year and have asked for a financial contribution to help fund the cost of their four productions. In previous years, explained Cllr Partel, the theatre group had received support from ATC. Cllrs agreed this was a worthwhile cause which brought pleasure to residents and holidaymakers alike.

A **PROPOSAL** to donate £300 to Suffolk Summer Theatres was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Harris and **SECONDED** by Cllr Digby.

In favour 9

Against 0

Abstentions 2

CARRIED

Cllrs noted correspondence from Aldeburgh Rugby Club asking for permission to install a container to store kit and equipment. At the moment, some equipment is locked in a compound in the corner of the field and has been the target of anti-social behaviour. Discussion on this was deferred, pending the return of Cllr Jones. Cllr Fellowes asked if advertising hoardings

around the pitch could be erected on match days only. She believed they represented an eyesore if they were permanently in place.

In response to questions from Cllrs about the Music by the Sea event, Cllr Osben said that all online tickets had been allocated and that another 1,000 would be available on the gate. Social media and local radio would be used to advise visitors to stay away when all the tickets had been distributed. She assured the meeting that car parking arrangements were in place.

Cllr Worster complained that posters advertising the event had been erected over a wide area and were misleading. The posters should have made clear it was a ticket-only event, he said.

Cllr Oxby suggested the organisers take down all the posters now to avoid unpleasantness on the day. The Town Clerk advised Cllrs that it was a bit late in the day to start questioning the organisation of the event and that the issues raised had been addressed at previous Council meetings.

There was nothing further to discuss and the meeting ended at 7.38pm.

