

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL
GRANTS, REQUESTS & EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 8.52 PM IN THE MOOT HALL**

Present: Cllr Partel took the chair.

Cllr Bond Cllr Cox
Cllr Fellowes Cllr Fox
Cllr Harris Cllr Jones
Cllr Kiff Cllr Osben
Cllr Palmer Cllr Worster

There was one member of the public present.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Digby, Oxby and Walker.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Cllr Partel commended the draft Minutes of the Grants, Requests & Events Committee meeting held on Monday 28 January 2019 which were **APPROVED** by a show of hands. The Minutes were duly signed.

3. Grants & Requests

Cllr Partel asked the Committee to consider a number of requests:

3.1 A request from a local artist to sell watercolours from a stall on Moot Green in July and August was considered by the Committee. The artist had a long-standing arrangement with ATC to sell paintings at weekends in July and August, or on a weekday if the weekend weather was inclement. Cllr Partel asked if Cllrs would consider revoking this arrangement to allow other artists the same facility but following some discussion, the committee felt it should be allowed to continue. **Approved by a show of hands.**

At 9pm, Cllr Partel suspended Standing Orders

3.2. Parish Nurse Ali Cherry asked the Committee to consider a donation to the Friday Group at the library, a valuable meeting point for people who live alone. Some of the group have mental health issues, others have dementia. Nurse Cherry said the funds would be used to purchase new games and puzzles specifically designed for people with a wide range of abilities.

RESOLUTION to donate £100 to the Friday Group at Aldeburgh Library was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Partel and **SECONDED** by Cllr Jones.

In favour 11

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.3. Aldeburgh Youth Club are taking a total of 28 young people and some adults on two tobogganing trips to the dry ski slope in Ipswich and asked the Committee for a donation to cover the cost of travel and entrance.

RESOLUTION to donate £364 to Aldeburgh Youth Club for two trips to Ipswich Dry Ski Slope was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Partel and **SECONDED** by Cllr Worster.

In favour 11

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.4 A request from a car club to bring their own catering van to accompany a rally of Minis at Moot Green was dismissed by members of the Committee, who reiterated their support for established businesses in the town.

3.5 Plans for a beach clean on 18 May organised by Joules were **approved unanimously by a show of hands.**

3.6 The Town Clerk asked the Committee to consider a donation to the CAB. She reminded Cllrs that the CAB had approached ATC in October 2018, requesting a funding commitment in the financial year beginning April 2019. At the time, a decision was deferred but she now felt it was appropriate to review that situation, particularly in the light of CAB budget cuts. Cllrs spoke highly of the work of the CAB and endorsed a substantial donation.

RESOLUTION to make a donation of £1000 to the vital work of Leiston, Saxmundham & District

Citizens Advice Bureau was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Worster and **SECONDED** by Cllr Harris.

In favour 11

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cllr Partel said that, together with Cllr Jones she was looking at an initiative to help combat loneliness among the town's residents. They had met with representatives from Aldeburgh Good Neighbours Scheme (AGNES) and would be contacting the Community Nurse for her input. An action plan would be formulated once she and Cllr Jones had identified all the issues.

There was nothing further to discuss and the meeting ended at 9.12pm.