

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL  
GRANTS, REQUESTS & EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY JULY 22nd, 2019 AT 7.55 PM IN THE CHURCH HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Webster, the Deputy Mayor, took the chair.

**Committee members present:**

Cllr Cox	Cllr Digby
Cllr Fellowes	Cllr Fox
Cllr Harris	Cllr Howard-Dobson
Cllr Jones	Cllr Lewis
Cllr Osben	Cllr Smith

There were two members of the public present.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Blackburn and Palmer.  
Cllr Piers-Hall was absent without apology

**2. Approval of Previous Minutes**

The draft Minutes of the Services Committee meetings held on Tuesday May 28th and Monday June 24th, 2019 were approved by a show of hands and duly signed.

**3. Grants & Requests**

Cllr Webster invited the Committee to consider the following requests:

1. Aldeburgh Cinema asked for a donation of £1,000 to help fund a number of projects during its centenary year. The Cinema, now a registered charity, says it intends to work with Primary Schools in the Avocet Academy to produce short films; to fund the installation of a second screen at the front of the building on the ground floor; to modify the size of the existing screen and to establish an endowment fund for lean times in the future.

Cllr Digby supported the request, saying that ATC traditionally assisted other organisations in the town. This was the Cinema's centenary year and the occasion merited a one-off donation.

Cllr Fellowes suggested that the donation should be used for a specific project which could then attract match-funding. It was unclear where the money would be spent, she believed.

Cllrs Smith and Jones fully supported the donation. They felt the Cinema was a world-famous asset to the town and an excellent all-year-round facility, a view endorsed by Cllrs Harris and Lewis.

Cllr Fox agreed with Cllr Fellowes and said the donation should be used for a specific project for which ATC could then be credited.

The Town Clerk suggested that funds donated by ATC could, perhaps, be allocated towards the installation of the second screen.

**RESOLUTION** to **APPROVE** a donation of £1000 to Aldeburgh Cinema to help fund projects during the cinema's centenary year was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Digby and **SECONDED** by Cllr Harris.

**In favour** 11

**Against** 0

**Abstentions** 0

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. Aldeburgh Parish Nursing Service, together with volunteers from churches in the town, asked for a donation towards the cost of the Holiday at Home event this year. Now in its seventh year, the successful event helps combat loneliness among the elderly. Funds would be used to cover overheads - entertainment, hall hire and transport.

**RESOLUTION** to **APPROVE** a donation of £300 to the Aldeburgh Parish Nursing Service to help fund the annual Holiday at Home event for local residents was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Jones and **SECONDED** by Cllr Digby.

**In favour** 11

**Against** 0

**Abstentions** 0

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Town Clerk had earlier circulated a letter of thanks from Ali Cherry, Aldeburgh Parish Nurse, in respect of a donation made by ATC to the Family Friendship Group. The group meets in the Library every Friday, when attendees can enjoy refreshments and play specially adapted games.

The following requests were approved by a show of hands:

- Suffolk Wildlife Trust asked for permission to erect a small display unit on Moot Green on August 12th to promote their work.
- Aldeburgh RNLI requested approval for a number of dates - the annual street collection on August 10th, a beach collection on the morning of the Carnival and on August 24th, the annual Lifeboat Street Fair and Open Day.

**There was nothing further to discuss and the meeting ended at 8.10 pm.**