

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26th APRIL 2023 AT 7.00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GREENACRE CENTRE, STOTFOLD.

Committee Members present:

S Buck (Chairman), B Collier, A Cooper, Mrs M Cooper, Mrs J Hyde, D Matthews, B Saunders, J Smith

Also present:

Assistant Clerk – Ms Caroline Jenkins

27/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor S Hayes.

28/23 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS INTERESTS ON MATTERS CONTAINED IN THE AGENDA

There were none. Members were reminded that if at any time during the meeting they feel they have an interest in an item being discussed, they should declare it at that point.

29/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS, COMMENTS & RESPONSES

There were none in attendance.

30/23 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Establishment Committee meeting held on 29TH March 2023 are confirmed as a correct record.

31/23 CLERK'S REPORT, CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION

Nothing to report.

32/23 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, RELEVANT TO THIS COMMITTEE ONLY

There were none

33/23 QUOTE FROM DAN GAZE SUPPORT SERVICES LTD FOR STOTFOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Members were asked to consider a quote of £1660.00 from Dan Gaze for youth support service for the Town Council from 29.05.2023 – 02.06.2023. To work separately from Grand Union Housing during the half term week.

RESOLVED that the quote of £1660.00 from Dan Gaze for youth support service is agreed.

34/23 GRANT APPLICATIONS

Members considered new applications for funding (budget available £15,000).

Grants are awarded where the money is to be used for the direct benefit of the area, or part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants, and benefit obtained must be commensurate with the expenditure incurred. The decision of whether benefit would be in the interest of the area, or its inhabitants, and whether it would be commensurate with the

expenditure incurred is made by the Council. Grants are awarded at the Council's discretion.

Members were reminded that as the Council has adopted the General Power of Wellbeing, no consideration into available powers is required. However, we may not go against any existing power which specifically prohibits something.

RECOMMENDED that the following grants are approved:

Organisation	Purpose of Grant	Amount Awarded
Pix Gymnastics Club	Qualification fees for coaches	£600.00
Magpas Air Ambulance	Funding for Doctor and Paramedics	£1500.00
Stotfold Bowls Club	Lighting improvements to clubhouse	£500.00
Respite at Home	Funding for grants officer	£900.00
Stotfold Conservative Club	Purchase of defibrillator	£720.00
St Marys Church of England Academy	Purchase of Binoculars	£750.00
The Barn, Stotfold	Upkeep of defibrillator, housing unit, Batteries, Pads etc	£162.00
Just Out	Improve facilities at the Roecroft Centre – recommended installation of full concrete slab for entire bike shelter	£1000.00
Stotfold Parish Church	Funding for Coronation celebrations	£225.00
Stotfold Salvation Army	Purchase of defibrillator	£750.00

It was noted that due to her interests, Councillor Hyde left the room during discussions for Just Out and Stotfold Parish Church applications.

The application for £900.00 for the Stotfold Football Clubs purchase of a defibrillator was removed as funds have already been sourced from Central Bedfordshire Council.

34/23 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Under section 3d of Standing Orders, the Chairman proposed that the press and public are temporarily excluded whilst matters pertaining to confidential issues and staffing matters are discussed and that they be instructed to withdraw from the meeting for the following agenda items. Non-committee members are also required to leave the meeting during the following confidential agenda items.

35/23 STAFFING MATTERS

Members continued to discuss staffing matters with press and public not present.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.51pm

MINUTES APPROVED (date):

SIGNED BY CHAIRMAN: