

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2018, AT 7.15PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GREENACRE CENTRE, STOTFOLD

Committee Members present: A Cooper (Chairman)

Mrs A Clarey
S Hayes
B Saunders

Mrs M Cooper
Mrs J Hyde

Also present: the Town Clerk – Mrs K Elliott-Turner

23/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Collier.

24/18 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.

25/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS, COMMENTS & RESPONSES

None present.

26/18 CLERK'S REPORT, CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION

Nothing to report.

27/18 GRANT APPLICATIONS & FEEDBACK FORMS RECEIVED

Members considered new applications for funding (budget available £9,032).

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 now 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
Friends of Roecroft Lower School	Purchase of stage curtains for school	£1,500
Magpas Air Ambulance	Purchase of fuel for Air Ambulance helicopter	£1,000

Stotfold Scout Group	Purchase of two CADAC gas barbecues	£450
Keech Hospice Care	Towards costs to provide 24-hour children's advice line	£500
RBL - Poppy Appeal	Poppy wreaths for Remembrance Sunday	£175

As Members wished to grant a higher sum to the Royal British Legion, being the 100th anniversary of the First World War, it was:

RESOLVED that a 'Silent Silhouette' is purchased at a cost of £250 from the Royal British Legion, as a further Council grant contribution to the Royal British Legion. This is to be purchased as soon as possible, to ensure delivery before the 11th November Remembrance Sunday ceremony.

A future Council meeting will consider its final position, following the November Remembrance Sunday ceremony.

Members noted the grant feedback forms received:

- Revitalise, £1,000 to provide respite breaks for disabled people from Stotfold at one of their centres
- Autism Bedfordshire, £200 towards costs of providing services to children and young people with autism
- Whitbread Wanderbus, £4,000 towards purchase costs for a replacement 16-seater community bus

28/18 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, RELEVANT TO THIS COMMITTEE ONLY

Nothing to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.40pm

CHAIRMAN

DATED