

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.15PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GREENACRE CENTRE, STOTFOLD

Committee Members present: A Cooper (Chairman)

B Collier	Mrs S Bundock
Mrs M Cooper	S Hayes
Mrs J Hyde	

Also present: Councillors Mrs A Clarey, S Dhaliwal, C Phelps and the Town Clerk – Mrs K Elliott-Turner

30/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Saunders.

31/19 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS INTERESTS ON MATTERS CONTAINED IN THE AGENDA

Councillors Mrs Bundock and Collier declared an interest in the grant application from the Roecroft Centre Charitable Trust, as they are both Trustees. Councillor Collier declared an interest in the grant application from Stotfold Mill Preservation Trust as he is a member of one of their committee, although this doesn't relate to this application. 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.

32/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS, COMMENTS & RESPONSES

None present.

33/19 CLERK'S REPORT, CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION

Clerk's Report – for information, a heavy-duty office shredder has been purchased at £239.99 plus vat to replace the broken office shredder.

34/19 GRANT APPLICATIONS & FEEDBACK FORMS RECEIVED

Members noted grant feedback forms from:

- Stotfold Guide Association (Rainbows), £1,300 for flags for official occasions and parades
- Friends of Roecroft Lower School, £1,500 for school stage curtains
- First Stotfold Scouts, £450 for x2 Cadac gas cooking appliances
- Magpas, £1,000 for emergency helicopter fuel
- Autism Bedfordshire, £200 for social activities for Loads of Autistic Fun Group

Members considered new applications for funding (budget available £9,703).

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.

Councillors Collier and Mrs Bundock left the room whilst the application from the Roecroft Centre Charitable Trust was considered. Councillor Mrs Hyde declared an interest in the grant application from Stotfold Mill Preservation Trust, as their application refers to potential grant funding from the Eleemosynary Charity of William Field, of which she is a (non-Council appointed) Trustee.

RECOMMENDED that the following grants are approved:

Organisation	Purpose of Grant	Amount Awarded
Keech Hospice Care	Music and art therapy sessions	£500
Stotfold Bowls Club	New water heater	£150
Stotfold Mill Preservation Trust	To provide an educational and interactive bee trail at the Mill Nature Reserve	£1,000
Stotfold Football Club	Set of goal posts and nets	£1,900
Poppy Appeal	Poppy wreath to lay on behalf of the community	£200
Roecroft Centre Charitable Trust	Purchase chairs	£619.20

Councillor Cooper voted against the sum recommended to be awarded to the Mill Preservation Trust.

35/19 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, RELEVANT TO THIS COMMITTEE ONLY

Nothing to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.37pm

CHAIRMAN

DATED