

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the
Grants Sub-Committee
held on Thursday 16th July 2020 at 7pm
remotely via video conferencing¹

Present: Councillors Mike Cole, Jeremy Cottam, Richard Crumly, Paul Field and Jennifer Walker

In attendance: Mel Taylor (Town Clerk)
 Councillor John Boyd
 1 member of the press (Newbury Weekly News)

G/2020/01 **ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN**
RESOLVED that Councillor Cole be elected Chairman of the Grants Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

G/2020/02 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
 An apology for lateness was received from Councillor Cottam.

G/2020/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
 Councillor Crumly declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item number 5(iii) (G/2020/05(iii)), application reference 18175, as a Member of the Council at the time that Response Organisation was awarded tenancy of Carramar House (aka The Priory).

Councillor Cole, on behalf of all Members present, declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item number 5(iii) (G/2020/05(iii)), application reference 18175, as Thatcham Town Council owns Carramar House (aka The Priory).

Councillor Cole declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item number 5(iii) (G/2020/05(iii)), application reference 18225, as the applicant is one of the Mayor's nominated charities.

G/2020/04 **TERMS OF REFERENCE**
Councillor Cottam joined the meeting during this item

Members were advised that the Terms of Reference of this Sub-Committee, confirmed by the Finance and General Purposes Committee at its meeting on 22nd June (FGP/2020/32(ii)), were:

Membership: 5 Members
 Quorum: The quorum shall be 3 Members

To have delegated powers to exercise the functions of the Council in considering and assessing applications for financial grant aid and allocating awards as deemed appropriate within the total predetermined budget for that purpose, and in line with financial procedures as set out in the Financial Regulations.

The Sub-Committee shall provide the Finance and General Purposes Committee with details of all awards, at the next meeting following any grant award.

RESOLVED to note this information.

¹ The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

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Councillor Boyd left the meeting

G/2020/05 GRANTS – CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RECOVERY FUND

At a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 22nd June 2020 (FGP/2020/32(i)), the Committee allocated an initial budget of £5,000, from the existing Community Grants budget, to provide funding for organisations to support their recovery from the effects of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) crisis.

i. It was noted that Greenham Trust had agreed to provide matched funding of grants awarded from this fund.

RESOLVED ii. The criteria for issuing grants from this fund was reviewed. to confirm the criteria for issuing grants from this fund as set out in appendix I to these Minutes.

RESOLVED iii. Applications uploaded to The Good Exchange were reviewed. to award grants as follows:

Application Ref	Organisation	Grant Awarded
18033	Swings & Smiles	£500
18043	Home-Start West Berkshire	£500
18142	Dingley's Promise	£500
18174	Greenham Control Tower	£250
18175	Response Organisation	£500
18210	Berkshire Women's Aid	£1,000
18216	Spotlight UK	£250

It was noted that, with criteria agreed, availability of the fund would be promoted and subsequent applications considered at the next meeting.

G/2020/06 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed upon receipt of subsequent applications.

Councillor Cole requested that an application from West Berkshire Foodbank, that was awarded funding in January 2020, be considered for additional funding at the next meeting of the Sub-Committee [application reference number 17442].

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.33pm.

Signed _____ Date _____