



**MINUTES OF RYDE TOWN COUNCIL'S GRANTS SUBCOMMITTEE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 30 JUNE 2021 AT 10.00AM AT THE METHODIST CHURCH,
GARFIELD ROAD, RYDE**

Present: Cllr Michael Lilley (Chair), Jenna Sabine, Georgie Carter

In Attendance: Liz Dutton, Jon Baker

Also Present: 8 Members of the Public

1/21 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Lilley was proposed and seconded. There being no other nominations it was

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Lilley be elected as Chairman

2/21 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Lisa Carter and Les Kirkby.

3/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Lilley declared a non-pecuniary interest as he hired space in St Johns Church Hall on occasions.

4/21 MEMBERS QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

5/21 TERMS OF REFERENCE AND GRANT POLICY

The Terms of Reference for this Committee together with the Grants Policy were noted.

6/21 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

(a) The Wave Trust

A representative from the Wave Trust addressed the meeting to give details of the purpose of the organisation and how a grant would help them achieve their objectives. The Committee felt that the outcomes were not sufficiently clear enough and felt that further work was needed to be undertaken with other

organisations to avoid duplication and allow for a specific proposal with clearly defined and tangible outcomes be developed.

RESOLVED:

That a community grant would not be awarded on this occasion.

(b) The Methodist Church Ryde

Application was made for a grant of £450 to purchase a new laptop to stream services, meetings and events.

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council would investigate if it had a spare laptop that it could pass to the Methodist Church and if no such suitable laptop could be located then a community grant of £450 be awarded

NOTE: A Laptop from RTC was passed to the Methodist Church for the above use in October 2021

(c) IW Venue Campaign

An application for a grant of £1,000 had made for Project Geranium who had supported those at higher risk of isolation due to disability or age by sending postcards and geraniums (a symbol of friendship). Members were already familiar with the project and supported its aims. The Committee offered a reduced grant to be specifically used in the Ryde area and suggested that the organisation's details be passed to the Town Council's Business Development Manager to investigate the possibility of working together with event that the Town Council are planning over the summer.

RESOLVED:

That a community grant of £300 be awarded

(d) Vernon Square Conservation Society

Consideration was given to an application for a grant of £1,715 for necessary tree felling. It was hoped that the tree stump be retained and be used as a sculpture. A representative from VQCS addressed the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That a community grant of £1,715 be awarded.

(e) Musiccraft CIC

An application had been received for a grant of £2340 for the provision of a number of different music workshops. Members considered the application and felt that the grant resembled a start-up grant especially as members of the group were required to pay a monthly fee and felt that other applications more closely met the criteria for a community grant.

RESOLVED:

That a community grant would not be awarded on this occasion.

(f) St. John the Baptist Church

A representative from St John's attended and addressed the Committee. An application had been received for £2,500 for the repair of lintels to the retaining wall of the Church Hall which was used by the community for a variety of groups. Members felt that the church hall was a community asset and that Covid had reduced income for the Church to use in maintenance projects.

RESOLVED:

That a community grant for £2,500 be awarded.

(g) Shademakers UK

A grant for £3000 had been requested for a window installation and creative workshops. Consideration was given to the application (both for the community and marketing elements) but felt there were other avenues for funding including HAZ and that details be passed to the HAZ project to see if they could assist.

RESOLVED:

That neither a community or marketing grant would be awarded on this occasion

(h) Men Only

A representative from Men Only attended and addressed the Committee. An application was received from Men Only for the purpose of providing a peer support initiative. The Committee recognised the importance of improving mental health and supported the initiative.

RESOLVED:

That a community grant for £3,000 be awarded.

(i) Ryde Cricket Club

A representative from IW Cricket Board attended and addressed the Committee. Consideration was given to an application to develop a women's and girls' cricket section. The Committee agreed not to fund parts of the application that related to buying equipment that could be used by the whole club but agreed to fund courses and equipment to be used by the proposed female cricket section.

RESOLVED:

That a community grant for £2,000 be awarded for the providing cricket equipment and the provision of free coaching courses.

(j) Citizens Advice

An application was considered for the purpose of the provision of a mental health first aid trained adviser in Ryde for one day a week for a year. The Committee recognised that Covid had placed an extra strain on people's mental health and resources.

RESOLVED:

That a community grant for £4,124 be awarded to provide a Mental Health First Aid trained advisor in Ryde for once day a week for a year

7/21 MARKETING GRANT APPLICATIONS

Marketing Days CIC

A marketing grant for £6,000 had been received to arrange and promote a market in Ryde. The Committee liked the concept but felt it was more of a business model and therefore fell outside the criteria of the grant process. It was suggested by the Committee that the information be passed to the Town Council's Business Development Manager to help identify other funding opportunities.

RESOLVED:

That a marketing grant not be awarded on this occasion.

8/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed.