

Minutes of a meeting of the **SMALL GRANTS COMMITTEE**  
held in the Parlour at the Guild Hall at 11 am on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

Present: Councillors Town Mayor, R. S. Jones (Chairman), V.M Dawson, I.D. Dimmock, Mrs Jean Jones and E.H. Last.

Town Clerk, Angela Alexander.  
Finance Assistant, Belinda Cripps

In attendance: F. Wood-Brignall MBE

The Town Mayor, Cllr R.S. Jones thank Fred Wood-Brignall MBE for joining the meeting.

### 103 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Cllr Ms Dawson and seconded by Cllr Dimmock that the Town Mayor, Cllr R.S. Jones be elected as Chairman.

**RESOLVED: Unanimous**

### 104 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Ms. Dawson declared an interest in the Dementia Café (as an attendee) and Lydd Club Day. Cllr Last declared an interest in Lydd Twinning and said that he would leave the room for this item. Cllr R.S. Jones declared an interest in Twinning as the President.

### 105 MINUTES

**RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 were approved as a true record.**

**Proposed Cllr Ms Dawson and seconded by Cllr Last**

**For: 3, Abstentions 2 (Cllrs Mrs Jones and Cllr Dimmock who were not committee members at the last meeting).**

### 106 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

The Town Clerk advised that the budgeted amount for small grants for the forthcoming financial year 2018-19 was £4,000 and the following applications had been circulated to the Committee for consideration. The grants awarded to the organisations would be payable after 1<sup>st</sup> April. The Town Clerk asked Committee Members if they wished to wait until the May meeting before sending out cheques and it was agreed that the payments be made to the organisations as soon after the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 as practical and not to wait for the May meeting.

#### a) 1<sup>st</sup> Lydd Brownies

Request for £420 for a sleep over for age 7 to 10 year old girls.

It was discussed that the participants should contribute towards the cost – this being suggested as £2 per person which would be the amount required to fund their badge.

**RESOLVED: £370 be awarded, proposed by Cllr Last and seconded by Cllr Ms Dawson. Unanimous**

#### b) Friends of Lydd

Request for £395 for the renewing of the board and bell and a full check of the security alarm system in the Lydd Museum.

**RESOLVED: £395 be awarded, proposed by Cllr Ms Dawson and seconded by Cllr Last. Unanimous**

## 106 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING (Continued)

**c) 1<sup>st</sup> Lydd Cub Scout Troop**

Request for £100 as a start-up fund for cub scouts at the 1st Lydd Scout Group

**RESOLVED: £100 be awarded, proposed by Cllr Mrs Jones and seconded by Cllr Ms Dawson. Unanimous**

**d) Lydd Twinning Association**

*Cllr Last declared an interest in this and the following item on the agenda and left the room.*  
Request for £350 for subsidising travel costs to Etrechy France for children, students and the elderly.

**RESOLVED: £350 be awarded proposed by Cllr Mrs Jones and seconded by Cllr Dimmock.**

**For: 4 (Cllr Last not present for the voting)**

**e) Lydd Twinning Association**

*Cllr Last was asked to return to the Council Chamber to answer questions that the Committee members raised on this application. Following this he left the room again whilst further discussions took place.*

Request for £1,000 to cover the cost of young people in education to attend a Twinning visit to Etrechy in May 2018

**RESOLVED: funding declined as at the time of consideration no young people had booked to attend the trip. Proposed by Cllr Ms Dawson and seconded by Cllr Dimmock**

**For: 4 (Cllr Last not present for the voting)**

*Cllr Last re-joined the meeting.*

**f) Lydd Club Day**

Request for £400 for 3 x hand held radio microphones to use as part of the public address system for Lydd Club Day event.

**RESOLVED: £400 on the understanding that Lydd Club Day Committee make the microphones available for use by Lydd Town Council and other organisations in Lydd upon request. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Jones and seconded by Cllr Last. Unanimous**

**g) Lydd Dementia Café**

Request for £63.95 to enhance the music library and participation experience – to purchase a percussion set and Beatles karaoke DVD for the Music Memories project.

**RESOLVED: £65 be awarded. Proposed by Cllr Dimmock and seconded by Cllr Mrs Jones. Unanimous**

**h) Action for Happiness**

Request for £572 to pay for room hire for one year to hold sessions for a support group for people who suffer mentally, emotionally or physically.

It was discussed that a letter be sent saying that more information had been required such as copy of bank accounts, more than one signatory should be required on cheques and professional evidence be submitted.

**RESOLVED: funding declined. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Jones and seconded by Cllr Ms Dawson. Unanimous.**

## 106 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING (Continued)

**i) New Romney Counselling Service**

Request for £500 towards the renovation of the Charity Shop.

**RESOLVED: funding declined as not directly operational in the Parish of Lydd.**

**Proposed by Cllr Mrs Jones and seconded by Cllr Ms Dawson. Unanimous**

**j) Hi Kent**

Request for £500 to run free Hearing Aid support clinics in Lydd.

Cllr Last raised questions regarding the information contained in the accounts. Town Clerk to write to Hi Kent to invite them to give a report to the Annual Town Meeting about their work.

**RESOLVED: £500 be awarded. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Jones and seconded by Cllr Ms Dawson. Unanimous.**

**k) Lydd School Association**

Request for £1,000 to buy and install wooden play trail equipment supplied by Playdale in the school playing field.

It was discussed that a precedent may be set by awarding funding to a school and that Kent County Council should be asked for help by them. It was noted that the equipment recently installed by Lydd Town Council on the Rype was provided by Playdale and of a similar type to that being requested to be funded.

**RESOLVED: £500 be awarded. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Jones and seconded by Cllr Ms Dawson.**

**For: 4, Against 1 (Cllr Last)**

**l) Orchard House PPG**

Request for funding towards the cost of new flooring for £2,300 in the reception area of the Orchard House Doctors surgery.

**RESOLVED: funding declined. It was raised that the surgery is owned by a Partnership who should provide suitable flooring and not Lydd Town Council pay towards the upkeep of the surgery.**

**Proposed by Cllr Last and seconded by Cllr Mrs Jones. Unanimous**

**m) Orchard House PPG**

Request for funding for a patients newsletter at the cost of £57 per quarter

**RESOLVED: £250 be awarded for the patient's newsletter. Proposed by Cllr R.S. Jones and seconded by Cllr Ms Dawson. Unanimous.**

Name of Organisation	Project	£ Requested	£ Approved
1st Lydd Brownies	Sleepover	420	370
Friends of Lydd	Renew Plus full check Alarm system for museum	395	395
1st Lydd Cub Scout Troop	Re start up fund for cub scouts	100	100
Lydd Twinning Association	Young people in education, twinning visit to Etrechy	1,000	-
Lydd Twinning Association	Subsidising Travel cost to Etrechy, France	350	350
Lydd Club Day	3 x Radio microphones	400	400
Lydd Dementia Café	Enhance Music library	64	65
Action for Happiness	Cost of weekly hire hall 2 hours per week	572	-
New Romney Counselling Services	Renovate Charity Shop	500	-
Hi Kent	Free Hearing Aid support Clinics	500	500
Lydd School Association	Wooden play trail in school playing field	1,000	500
Orchard House PPG	New floor in reception area.	2,300	-
Orchard House PPG	Quarterly newsletter, £57.00 per quarter		250
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7,601</b>	<b>2,930</b>

**106 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING (Continued)**

***FURTHER RESOLVED: that the sum of small grants approved is £2,930 to be paid in April 2018 and that the sum of £1070 be held in the budget for further applications received during the financial year.***

**107 FUTURE BUDGET SETTING FOR SMALL GRANTS PANEL**

The Committee considered the amount to be included in the 2019-20 budget for small grants panel to award to assist local organisations.

***RESOLVED: that £4,000 be included in the 2019-20 budget for small grant applications in that financial year.***

**108 TO CONSIDER ALLOCATION OF FUNDING LYDD MUNICIPAL CHARITIES**

It was noted that a £4,000 Lydd Municipal and other Charities donation has been received in this financial year and the Committee were to consider appropriate projects or causes which this money may be used for. Fred Wood-Brignall MBE as Chairman of the Lydd Municipal Charities had been invited to offer advice to the Committee.

F. Wood-Brignall MBE explained that the sale of Harts Farm had resulted in a substantial amount of money being invested with a company in London. The Charity cannot touch the money but the interest is split on an annual basis between Lydd Town Council, All Saints' Church and to the people of Lydd. Last year £4,000 was given to the Church and the Town Council and 103 people were given £70 each. He went on to say that having attended Council meetings he felt that the public are asking for a sound system in the Chamber and he felt it appropriate that the money could be used towards providing that.

It was discussed that as the room was used for multiple purposes a fixed system of table microphones was not practical as this would need to be moved out of the way for functions. Cllr Ms Dawson referred to the visit from Haf Morris of Magnox and it was agreed that Cllr Last as one of the appointed representatives to the SSG be given authority to discuss the feasibility of funding from Magnox for this and the potential for match funding with the £4,000 and to come back to the Amenities Committee with proposals for a suitable sound system and funding opportunity.

***RESOLVED: to hold the £4,000 in earmarked reserve for a suitable and flexible sound system for the Council Chamber and that Cllr Last as SSG representative take forward an application for match funding from Magnox.***

***The meeting closed at 12.06pm***

**Chairman** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_