

HOUGHTON REGIS TOWN COUNCIL
Community Services Committee
Minutes of the meeting held on
15th November 2022 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors: K Wattingham Chairman
C Copleston
Y Farrell
S Goodchild
T McMahan

Officers: Clare Evans Town Clerk

Public: 0

Apologies: P Burgess
A Slough

12245 APOLOGIES & SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were received from Cllr A Slough and Cllr P Burgess.

12246 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

12247 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Goodchild declared a non-pecuniary interest in the grant for SORTED as she was the Town Council's representative, accordingly, she did not participate in discussion relating this grant application.

Cllr Wattingham declared a non-pecuniary interest in the grant for the Memorial Hall as his role as Chair of the Memorial Hall Committee, accordingly, Cllr Wattingham requested Cllr McMahan chair the meeting for the duration of this discussion.

Cllr Farrell declared a non-pecuniary interest in the grant for the Memorial Hall as a trustee on the Memorial Hall Committee.

Cllr McMahan declared a non-pecuniary interest in the grant for the Houghton Regis Heritage Society as she was a trustee on the Houghton Regis Heritage Society Committee.

12248 KEY PARTNERS - ANNUAL REVIEW OF EXISTING

Consideration process

Representatives from these organisations were invited to the meeting to present their annual review / update.

Members were reminded that Key Partner status had been awarded to these organisations for the financial years 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.

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Members were able to inspect supporting information provided by the applicants upon request from the Head of Democratic Services.

Gary from Dial-a-Ride, Harriet Hardie from Full House Theatre and David Hill from Houghton Regis Heritage Society were in attendance at the meeting to present their annual review / update.

David Hill was also in attendance to represent Houghton Regis Memorial Hall, Cllr McMahon Chaired the meeting during this presentation.

The following summarises the amount of the Key partner grant awarded:

Dunstable & District CA	£2,000
SORTED	£2,000
Keech Hospice Care	£2,500
South Beds Dial a Ride	£1,125.50
Houghton Regis Memorial Hall	£2,000
Full House Theatre	£1,500
Houghton Regis Heritage Society	£500

Due to Interests being declared by 2 councillors in relation to the Houghton Regis Memorial Hall the meeting was not quorate to consider this renewal. The Clerk would consider the most appropriate way forward for this renewal to be considered.

Resolved: To approve the release of funding as detailed for the financial year 2022/23 for the following organisations:

Dunstable & District CA	£2,000
SORTED	£2,000
Keech Hospice Care	£2,500
South Beds Dial a Ride	£1,125.50
Full House Theatre	£1,500
Houghton Regis Heritage Society	£500

Members were advised that no Large Capital Grant or Small Capital Grant applications had been received.

Availability of the grants scheme was publicised through the Town Crier, the council's website and through social media. Direct contact was also made with previous applicants.

Members were advised that grants of £200 for Jubilee events had been issued.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.48pm

Dated this 6th day of February 2023

Chairman

