

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL
GRANTS, REQUESTS & EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2017 AT 7.26 PM IN THE MOOT HALL**

Present: Cllr Digby took the Chair.

Cllr Bond Cllr Cox
Cllr Fellowes Cllr Harris
Cllr Jones Cllr Kiff
Cllr Osben Cllr Oxby
Cllr Palmer Cllr Walker

There were three members of the public present.

1.Apologies: Cllrs Fox, Partel and Worster.

2.Approval of Previous Minutes Grants, Requests & Events Committee meeting held on 23 October 2017 for **APPROVAL**. These were **APPROVED** by a show of hands. The Minutes were duly signed.

3. Grants & Requests

(i) The Committee considered a request for a donation from the Forget-Me-Not group, which meets monthly at the Fairfield Centre. The group provides support for dementia sufferers, their families and carers in Aldeburgh and a donation from ATC would help pay for the cost of hiring the hall and providing occasional speakers and entertainment. Cllr Digby said this was a well-attended group providing invaluable support and friendship.

PROPOSAL that ATC donates £500 to the Forget-Me-Not group in Aldeburgh to help provide support for dementia sufferers and their families was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Digby and **SECONDED** by Cllr Jones.

In favour 11

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(ii) Each week the Fairfield Centre provides lunch for up to 30 elderly people in Aldeburgh and Cllrs considered making a donation to cover the cost of providing a Christmas lunch on December 18 for attendees. Cllr Jones commended the idea, saying it was important to support the town's elderly population, particularly at Christmas.

PROPOSAL to donate £150 to the Fairfield Centre to fund a Christmas lunch on December 18 for elderly patrons was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Bond and **SECONDED** by Cllr Oxby.

In favour 11

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cllr Jones asked Cllrs to consider whether more could be done next year to help and support the town's elderly population at Christmas. The Town Clerk said that Sudbury was adopting a voucher scheme and Cllr Bond agreed to investigate this when she meets the Mayor of Sudbury

shortly. Cllr Harris pointed out that Aldeburgh United Charities would always consider requests from those in need.

(iii) A local artist asked the Committee for permission to erect a display stall in the Moot Green area to enable him to sell watercolours and prints in July and August 2018. He would operate one day a weekend or one day during the week if the weather was inclement at weekends. The Town Clerk pointed out that the artist had been granted permission to operate in August and September 2017 and he now wanted to change the dates for 2018.

APPROVED by a show of hands.

(iv) The organisers of the Aldeburgh Triathlon asked for permission to stage the event on September 16 2018 between 9am and 4pm in the Moot Green area. They also expressed a desire to contribute financially to the ATC's Sports Week next year.

APPROVED by a show of hands

4. Christmas Lights:

The Town Clerk asked the committee to consider a request from the Aldeburgh Business Association to fund two Christmas trees and lights, one in the High Street and one on Moot Green. She did point out to Cllrs that, earlier in the year, ATC had agreed to fund the cost of providing hanging baskets for the town, normally paid for by the ABA, on condition that the Association did not ask for a financial contribution to the Christmas lights. Already, she explained, ATC had funded the cost of children's presents and some printing expenses. She told Cllrs that the ABA were requesting a donation of £840 plus vat for two trees and lights.

Cllr Harris felt the Committee should support the request and Cllr Jones said it was not unreasonable to finance the trees in the High Street and Moot Green but all other lights should be the responsibility of the ABA, a view shared by Cllr Fellowes.

Cllr Digby failed to see why ATC should have to make a contribution when the Council had taken over responsibility for the hanging baskets from the ABA, who, in turn, had promised not to ask for funds for Christmas.

The Town Clerk said if the Committee approved the donation, notices should be attached to the two trees saying they had been sponsored by ATC.

PROPOSAL that ATC donates £840 to the ABA to fund the cost of Christmas trees and lights on the High Street and at Moot Green was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Bond and **SECONDED** by Cllr Harris.

In favour **8**

Against **1**

Abstentions **2**

CARRIED

The meeting ended at 7.42pm