

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL
GRANTS, REQUESTS & EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.17 PM IN THE MOOT HALL**

Present: Cllr Digby took the chair.

Cllr Bond	Cllr Cox
Cllr Fox	Cllr Harris
Cllr Jones	Cllr Kiff
Cllr Osben	Cllr Oxby
Cllr Palmer	Cllr Partel
Cllr Walker	Cllr Worster

There was one member of the public present.

1.Apologies: Cllr Fellowes

2.Approval of Previous Minutes

Cllr Digby commended the draft Minutes of the Grants, Requests & Events Committee meeting held on Monday 27 November 2017 and Monday 22 January 2018 which were **APPROVED** by a show of hands. The Minutes were duly signed.

3. Grants & Requests

(i) The Committee considered a request from a prosecco vendor who wanted to purvey alcohol from a tuk-tuk parked in a car park space adjacent to the Bandstand on the Beach during the Aldeburgh Festival in June. The Town Clerk pointed out that the sponsor of this Festival event was a hotel in the town and that the bandstand was close to café premises. Cllr Kiff observed that the Committee had traditionally turned down applications from street vendors and he saw no reason to support this application. The Town Clerk suggested the applicant discuss his idea with Snape Music. **There was no support for this request.**

(ii) Aldeburgh Pre-School Playgroup is due to re-open as a Montessori Nursery at the beginning of the Summer Term from April 16 2018. Lucy Smith, who will run the nursery, reported that 12 Aldeburgh children have provisionally registered with a total capacity of 16. Ms Smith will fund a two-phased refurbishment of the building but asked the Committee for a contribution towards the cost of providing new ‘learning through play equipment.’ Cllrs Worster and Jones both asked what had happened to the original assets – including toys - of the playgroup when it was under previous management. Cllrs Oxby and Osben questioned whether a commercial enterprise should receive ATC funds. Cllrs Fox and Bond urged committee members to approve a donation, saying the playgroup was a valuable asset to the town.

RESOLUTION to donate £500 towards the cost of new play equipment for the Pre-School Playgroup was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Jones and **SECONDED** by Cllr Kiff.

In favour 11

Against 1

Abstentions 1

CARRIED

(iii) Suffolk EU Alliance asked for permission to hold a street stall in the High Street to raise awareness of Brexit issues. Cllr Digby pointed out that the Committee should not have a view on this matter because ATC was a non-political council. **The correspondence was noted.**

(iv) The Sensory Garden Project Manager at Aldeburgh Hospital requested a donation to help fund the construction of a garden dedicated to promoting the physical and mental welfare of all hospital users. A donation of £500 would be used to part-fund a dementia-friendly Listening Bench.

RESOLUTION to donate £500 to the Aldeburgh Hospital Sensory Garden Project was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Walker and **SECONDED** by Cllr Jones.

In favour 13

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cllr Jones expressed disappointment at the extensive pre-publicity for the Music by the Sea event at King's Field and would be discussing this and other matters of concern with the organisers.

There was nothing further to discuss and the meeting ended at 7.40 pm.