

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL
GRANTS, REQUESTS & EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY OCTOBER 22 2018 AT 7.37 PM IN THE MOOT HALL**

Present: Cllr Partel took the chair.

Cllr Bond	Cllr Cox
Cllr Digby	Cllr Fellowes
Cllr Fox	Cllr Harris
Cllr Jones	Cllr Kiff
Cllr Osben	Cllr Palmer
Cllr Walker	Cllr Worster

There was one member of the public present.

Apologies: Cllr Oxby.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Cllr Partel commended the draft Minutes of the Grants, Requests & Events Committee meeting held on Monday September 24 2018 which were **APPROVED** by a show of hands. The Minutes were duly signed.

Grants & Requests

Cllr Partel asked the Committee to consider a number of requests:

1. A request from the Leiston, Saxmundham and District Citizens Advice service for a funding commitment for 2019/20 was deferred until the next financial year.
2. Headway Suffolk asked for financial assistance to help fund their work supporting people in the wider community suffering from brain injuries, strokes, dementia and other neurological conditions. Headway has a specialised home care scheme helping people in their own houses and a unique initiative to train rescue dogs to become companions for clients.

A **PROPOSAL** to donate £400 to the Headway organisation to help with their work was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Partel and **SECONDED** by Cllr Bond.

In favour **13**

Against **0**

Abstentions **0**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Requests by two car clubs to hold rallies on the Moot Green in 2019 were approved unanimously by a show of hands.

Cllr Partel updated the Committee on arrangements for the annual Bonfire and Firework party at King's Field on Sunday November 4. More than £800 had already been raised by raffle ticket sales and she thanked Cllrs Fellowes, Oxby (and daughter Petronella), Digby (and wife Jenny) and Palmer (and wife Catherine) for their help. All other arrangements for the event were well in hand, she assured the committee.

The Town Clerk briefed the Committee on Remembrance commemorations in the town. Events started on November 8, she said, with children from the Primary School taking part in a joint initiative by the Royal British Legion and the War Graves Commission. Pupils from the school would be honouring local people who died in the Great War by placing poppies on their graves in the parish churchyard.

On Armistice Day, a piper would signal the start of the Remembrance Day events by playing *Battle's O'er* at 6am. The Service of Remembrance would start at 10.30am at the War Memorial when civic dignitaries, residents and visitors would join the town's voluntary emergency organisations and soldiers from 653 Squadron in the traditional laying-of wreaths ceremony. A helicopter fly-past by 653 Squadron was planned, subject to military clearance. She told the committee that the piper would then lead the procession to the Parish Church, where the names of Aldeburgh's Fallen would be recited during the church Service of Remembrance.

In the evening, she said, the beacon on Crag Path would be lit under the supervision of the Fire Service, following which the Mace Bearer would recite a specially-written tribute as part of a world-wide commemoration. The Last Post would then sound and church bells would ring a peal composed for the occasion.

As part of the There But Not There initiative, she said, a number of silhouettes would be mounted at the church and in the town, with a life-size Tommy to be installed by the War Memorial. The six-foot figure was funded out of District Councillor T.J. Haworth-Culf's Enabling Communities Budget and the Town Clerk thanked her.

The days' events would be well-publicised on the Town Council website and posters throughout the town, she added. Cllr Walker suggested using social media to inform younger members of the community, a point wholeheartedly agreed with by the Town Clerk.

There was nothing further to discuss and the meeting ended at 7.50pm.

