

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL
GRANTS, REQUESTS & EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 24 2018 AT 7.53 PM IN THE MOOT HALL**

Present: Cllr Partel took the chair.

Cllr Bond	Cllr Cox
Cllr Digby	Cllr Fox
Cllr Harris	Cllr Kiff
Cllr Osben	Cllr Oxby
Cllr Walker	Cllr Worster

There were two members of the public present.

Apologies: Cllrs Fellowes, Jones and Palmer.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Cllr Partel commended the draft Minutes of the Grants, Requests & Events Committee meeting held on Tuesday August 28 2018 which were **APPROVED** by a show of hands (Cllr Oxby abstained because she was absent from the previous meeting). The Minutes were duly signed.

Grants & Requests

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

A request from the Coastal Accessible Transport Service Ltd for a donation to help run their community-based bus service was reconsidered by the Committee. The request had been held over from the previous meeting to glean more information about the CATS running costs. Cllrs had been circulated with an email from the manager of CATS explaining in detail the reason for increased funding, which was due, largely, to changes in EU regulations. Cllr Worster commended the work of CATS, telling the Committee the service helped many people and organisations in the town.

A **RESOLUTION** to approve a donation of £1,000 to help fund the work of the CATS organisation was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Partel and **SECONDED** by Cllr Worster.

In favour 11

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cllr Worster declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following request because he is a Trustee of the Jubilee Opera Trust and, similarly, Cllr Bond declared a non-pecuniary interest because she is a Jubilee Hall Trustee.

Jubilee Opera asked for a financial contribution to help stage a production of The Happy Prince on two days in November. Children from a number of local schools, including Aldeburgh Primary School, would be involved in the opera which was aimed at providing performing opportunities for young people. Jubilee Opera believed that with the increasing lack of music

and arts in schools, they were fulfilling an important need. Cllr Walker questioned whether ATC should be supporting a highly specialised field of music and asked what benefit the performance might bring to local people. Cllr Oxby disagreed, saying that it was a fantastic opportunity for young people in Aldeburgh to be involved in an important piece of music. Our children get very few chances to shine musically, she declared. Cllr Worster concurred, saying he fully supported initiatives to introduce music to a much wider audience. Cllr Fox agreed and called for support for the request.

A **RESOLUTION** to approve a donation of £300 to Jubilee Opera to help stage a production of The Happy Prince was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Partel and **SECONDED** by Cllr Oxby.

In favour 11

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cllr Partel reminded Cllrs that at a previous meeting they had approved the use of the Moot Hall for the annual Fishing for the Blind event in October. She said the organisers of the event now sought to regularise the provision of hot food from a mobile catering unit, an issue which had caused some consternation last year. Cllrs approved the request by a show of hands.

Cllr Partel briefed the meeting on arrangements for the Bonfire Night and Firework Party at King's Field on November 4. She called for volunteers to help sell raffle tickets to raise funds for the event and revealed that the top prize was a £500 holiday voucher donated by Suffolk Secrets. She said that Cllr Fox would be providing food for the occasion and Cllr Worster promised to fund the purchase of a banner advertising the event. Councillors were also asked to assist with selling raffle tickets outside the Co-op on the weekends of the 13th and 20th of October.

In his absence, Cllr Palmer was volunteered to organise canes for the lantern procession.

There was nothing further to discuss and the meeting ended at 8.10 pm.

