

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Letchworth Committee held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City on Wednesday, 6th March, 2019 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gary Grindal, Terry Hone, Paul Marmont and Deepak Sangha.

2 MINUTES - 5 DECEMBER 2018

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 5 December 2018 that were distributed to Members be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman at the next Letchworth Committee Meeting.

3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chairman welcomed those present at the meeting, especially those who had attended to give a presentation;
- (2) The Chairman advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded;
- (3) The Chairman drew attention to the item on the agenda front pages regarding Declarations of Interest and reminded Members that, in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question.

5 LETCHWORTH TOWN CENTRE BID MANAGER

Unfortunately, Patricia Saunders was unable to attend the meeting to make a presentation.

6 GRANTS & COMMUNITY UPDATE

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the actions taken by the Community Officer to promote greater community capacity and well-being for Letchworth be noted;
- (2) That any unspent funds from the 2018/19 financial year be allocated to Community Initiatives

REASON FOR DECISIONS:

- (1) To ensure the Committee is kept informed of the work of the Community Officer;
- (2) To inform Members of the financial resources available to the Committee. It draws attention to the current budgetary situation by assisting in the effective financial management of the Area Committee's budget. This ensures that all actions are performed in line with the Authority's Financial Regulations, the Council's Constitution, and the guidance of the existing Grants policy as agreed by Cabinet in June 2016.

7 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

No Ward matters were raised by Members.

8 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - FUTURE HIGH STREET FUND AND DRAFT BID

Graham Fisher – CEO of the Heritage Foundation, Pam Burn – Trustee Board Member of the Heritage Foundation and Doctor Tim Ramsbottom gave a verbal presentation regarding the future high street fund and draft bid for Letchworth.

9 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - HOME-START HERTFORDSHIRE

Pauline Kellet gave a verbal presentation regarding the grant funding application for Home-Start Hertfordshire.

10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - KHALSA FOOTBALL ACADEMY

Bal Singh gave a verbal presentation regarding the grant funding application for the Khalsa Football Academy.

11 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NORTH HERTS 50+ FORUM

Sweenie Gunasekera gave a verbal presentation regarding the grant funding for the North Herts 50 + Forum.

12 GRANT APPLICATION - KHALSA FOOTBALL ACADEMY

RESOLVED: That Khasla Football Academy be requested provide more information in order for the Committee to make an informed decision about the allocation of funds.

REASON FOR DECISION: To support the work of the local community and clubs.

13 GRANT APPLICATION - NORTH HERTS 50+ FORUM

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £1200 be awarded to the North Herts 50+ Forum to cover the costs of their advertising and website set up.

REASON FOR DECISION: To improve services provided by local organisations and groups which are accessed by the community.

14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - CHURCHGATE RESURGENCE GROUP

John Wyer gave a verbal presentation regarding the redevelopment of Churchgate and of the market of Hitchin.

15 GRANT APPLICATION - HOMESTART HERTFORDSHIRE

RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed that grant funding of £5000 be awarded to Home-Start Hertfordshire, to cover the six months of care for Letchworth Families.

REASON FOR DECISION: To improve services provided by local organisations and groups which are accessed by the community.