

# NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Southern Rural Committee held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices.  
Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City on Thursday, 7th March, 2019 at 7.30 pm

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Barnard and Harry Spencer-Smith.

### 2 MINUTES - 6 DECEMBER 2018

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 6 December 2018 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

### 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. Members that declared a Declarable Interest, who wished to exercise a 'Councillor Speaking Right' must declare at the time of the interest;
- (4) In addition to the members of public listed on the agenda, there were the following speakers:

Sergeant Guy Westwood, John and Vicky Wyr.

### 5 GRANTS & COMMUNITY UPDATE

Sergeant Guy Westwood delivered a presentation on behalf of Hertfordshire Constabulary of criminal statistics and the challenges facing the force within the Southern Rural Committee area.

Mrs Vicky Wyr of Churchgate Resurgence PB delivered a verbal presentation on ideas for Hitchin's Churchgate area as two bids were being prepared by officers for submission as Expressions of Interest to the Future High Streets Fund.

A representative from Home-Start Hertfordshire was not in attendance at the meeting at the public participation stage of the meeting.

Mr Edison Jefferies, Breachwood Green Cricket Club, gave a verbal presentation in support of the grant application for £780 towards the cost of maintenance of the supporting two families in need in the South Rural area.

A representative from Breachwood Green Village Hall was not in attendance at the meeting.

Mr Chris White, FC Comets, gave a verbal presentation in support of the grant application of £998 towards the cost of purchasing additional goal posts.

Mr John Rolands, Kimpton Folk Festival, gave a verbal presentation in support of the grant application for £2500 towards the cost of putting on a community event.

Mrs Julie Targett and Mrs Renata Crome, Knebworth town twinning, gave a verbal presentation in support of the grant application for £1,125 towards the cost of the incoming visit from guests of the twinning town of Chatelaillon-Plage.

**RESOLVED:**

1. The following grant funding to the organisations outlined below:
  - a) £920 to Home-Start Herts towards the cost supporting two families in need in the Southern Rural Area as outlined in 8.1.1 of the submitted report;
  - b) £1,248 to Breachwood Green Village Hall, of which £390 was from Councillor Claire Strong's Ward Member Budget, towards the purchasing of a defibrillator and training to use the machine as outlined in 8.1.2 of the submitted report;
  - c) £1,125 to Knebworth town twinning, of which £390 was from Councillor Lisa Nash's and £390 was from Councillor Steve Deakin-Davies' Ward Member Budget, for support for the incoming visit from guests of the twinned town of Chatelaillon-Plage as outlined in 8.1.3 of the submitted report;
  - d) £998 to FC Comets Football towards the cost of purchasing additional goals posts as outlined in 8.1.4 of the submitted report;
  - f) £390 from Councillor John Bishop's Ward Member Budget to Kimpton Folk Festival towards the cost putting on a community event as outlined in 8.1.5 of the submitted report;
  - g) £780 to Breachwood Green Cricket Club towards the cost of maintenance of the Cricket Club Facilities to be split as follows: £265 from Councillor David Barnard's Ward Member Budget, £265 from Councillor Faye Frost's Ward Member Budget and £250 from the main development budget, as outlined in 8.1.6 of the submitted report.
2. That the actions taken by the Community Officer to promote greater community capacity and well-being for the Southern Rural Area be endorsed
3. The Committee support the grant application of £350 to Offley Tennis Club for a leaf blowing machine, not included within the agenda, which could be determined under officer delegation.

**6 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Members gave verbal reports regarding the following:

- East and North Herts NHS Trust
- Arts Council North Herts
- Knebworth Parish Council