

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

**Meeting of the Baldock and District Committee held in the Baldock Arts and Heritage Centre, Old Town Hall, High Street, Baldock, SG7 6AR
on Monday, 21st June, 2021 at 7.30 pm**

1 ELECTION OF A CHAIR FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2021/2022

RESOLVED: That Councillor Jim McNally be elected as Chair of the Baldock and District Committee for the Civic Year 2021/2022.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tom Tyson and Michael Weeks.

3 ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIR FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2021/2022

RESOLVED: That Councillor Michael Muir be elected Vice-Chair of the Baldock and District Committee for the Civic Year 2021/2022.

4 MINUTES - 15 MARCH 2021

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 15 March 2021 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair.

5 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

6 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chair welcomed those present at the meeting, especially those who had attended to give a presentation;
- (2) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded;
- (3) Members were reminded to make declarations of interest before an item, the longer reminder about this and speaking rights was set out under Chair's Announcements on the agenda; and
- (4) The Chair welcomed Councillor Juan Cowell, the newly elected Councillor for Baldock East, to the Committee.

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - ASHWELL PLAYGROUP

A verbal presentation was given by Ashwell Play Group regarding their grant application.

8 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - MAGIC MOMENTS

A verbal presentation was given by Magic Moments regarding their grant application.

9 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - GREENING ASHWELL

A verbal presentation was given by Greening Ashwell regarding their grant application.

10 GRANTS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

RESOLVED: That actions taken by the Community Engagement Officer to promote greater community capacity and well-being for Baldock be endorsed.

REASONS FOR DECISION:

- (1) To ensure the Committee is kept informed of the work of the Community Engagement Officer.
- (2) This report is intended 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 January 2020.
- (3) The awarding of financial assistance to voluntary organisations and the use of discretionary spending allows the Committee to further the aims of the Council Plan.

11 GRANT APPLICATION - ASHWELL PLAYGROUP

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £570 be awarded to Ashwell Playgroup to assist towards the cost of room hire costs.

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

12 GRANT APPLICATION - MAGIC MOMENTS

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £500 be awarded to Magic Moments to assist towards the cost of purchasing a new laptop and furniture for indoor role play.

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

13 GRANT APPLICATION - GREENING ASHWELL

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £250 be awarded to Greening Ashwell to assist with publicity, venue hire and tree planting costs.

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

14 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

The Chair requested that the Chief Inspector attends the next Baldock and District Committee in order to allow Members to raise concerns around crime and policing in Baldock.