

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Baldock and District Committee held in the Greyslates Court, Weston Way,
Baldock
on Monday, 14th March, 2022 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received from Members for this meeting.

2 MINUTES - 6 DECEMBER 2021

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 6 December 2021 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair.

3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no Other Business notified.

4 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chair reminded Members to make Declarations of Interest before an item, the full reminder about this was set out under Chair's Announcements on the agenda.
- (2) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, that this meeting would be audio recorded and available to listen to on Mod.Gov.
- (3) The Chair gave advice to public participants regarding the meeting procedure and giving presentations.

5 HERTFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY

Sergeant Lisa Perks, from Herts Police Safer Neighbourhood Team, gave a verbal update to Members on the work being done in the Baldock and district area.

6 AFFINITY WATER UPDATE

Melissa Ahmet, Allesandro Marsili and Lina Nieto, from Affinity Water, gave a verbal update to Members.

7 ENVIRONMENT AGENCY UPDATE

Rob Bakewell and Iain Page, from the Environment Agency, gave a verbal update to Members.

8 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A verbal presentation was given by Merry Smith from Ashwell Playgroup regarding their grant application.

9 GRANT APPLICATION - ASHWELL PLAYGROUP

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £850 be awarded to Ashwell Playgroup to assist with venue hire costs for 1 academic term. (Summer) as outlined in 8.1.1.

10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A verbal presentation was given by Annie Taplin-Paine from Nightingale Residents Association regarding their grant application.

11 GRANT APPLICATION - NIGHTINGALE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £1000 be awarded to Nightingale Residents Association to assist with costs for repair and maintenance works at Nightingale Park as outlined in 8.1.4.

12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A verbal presentation was given by Melinda Fleming from Ashwell Tennis & Sports Club regarding their grant application.

13 GRANT APPLICATION - ASHWELL TENNIS & SPORTS CLUB

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £980 be awarded to Ashwell Tennis & Sports Club to assist with costs for the purchase of a new clubhouse at the venue as outlined in 8.1.2.

14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A verbal presentation was given by Sarah Hammond-Ward from Knights Templar School regarding their grant application.

15 GRANT APPLICATION - KNIGHTS TEMPLAR SCHOOL

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £862 be awarded to Knights Templar School for the purchase of gardening equipment and litter picking equipment that will be used by two extra-curricular groups at the school as outlined in 8.1.3.

16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A verbal presentation was given by Agata Kisicka and Ethel Morrell from Nova Wellness CIC regarding their grant application.

17 GRANT APPLICATION - NOVA WELLNESS CIC

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £1000 be awarded to Nova Wellness CIC to assist with costs for running two, one-hour sessions for 20 carers based in Baldock as outlined in 8.1.5

18 GRANTS & COMMUNITY UPDATE

RESOLVED:

- (1) That any unspent funds from the 2021/22 financial year be allocated to Community & Environmental Initiatives for the 2022/23 period.
- (2) That the Committee endorsed the actions taken by the Community Engagement Officer to promote greater community capacity and well-being for Baldock

REASONS FOR DECISIONS:

- (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

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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.

19 BALDOCK COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Chair advised that the Baldock Big Lunch would be taking place on the 5 June 2022.

20 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

The Chair requested that Members from outside Baldock report back to the Committee at the next meeting, if they experience any increase in graffiti in their wards.