NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Letchworth Committee held in the Council Chamber, District Council Offices,
Gernon Road, Letchworth
on Wednesday, 9th March, 2022 at 7.30 pm

1 WELCOME

The Chair welcomed Members, Officers and public participants to the Committee meeting.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kate Aspinwall, Gary Grindal, David Levett and Adem Ruggiero-Cakir.

3 MINUTES - 8 DECEMBER 2021

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 8 December 2021 be approved as a true record and be signed by the Chair.

4 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

5 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chair advised that, in line with Council policy, this meeting would be audio recorded.
- (2) The Chair 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.

6 HERTFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY

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

7 LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY BID MANAGER

The Chair advised that the Letchworth Garden City BID Manager was unavailable to attend this meeting.

8 LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Graham Fisher, CEO of the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation, gave a verbal update to Members

9 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A verbal presentation was given by Nicky Young and Joy Holmes from Garden City Samba regarding their grant application.

10 GRANT APPLICATION – GARDEN CITY SAMBA

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £1,285 be awarded to Garden City Samba to provide online training resources for new members, as outlined in 8.1.3.

11 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A verbal presentation was given by Bal Singh, Nav Djhaliwal and Gavin Hart from KHALSA Youth Football Academy regarding their grant application.

12 GRANT APPLICATION – KHALSA YOUTH FOOTBALL ACADEMY

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £2,000 be awarded to KHALSA Youth Football Academy towards a young leader's project aimed at 14 to 18-year-olds, as outlined in 8.1.3.

13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A verbal presentation was given by Tony Sinclair and Peter Bailey from Letchworth Garden City Bowls Club regarding their grant application.

14 GRANT APPLICATION - LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY BOWLS CLUB

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £1,000 be awarded to Letchworth Garden City Bowls Club towards purchase of broken ditch units, as outlined in 8.1.3.

15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A verbal presentation was given by Shelagh Mackey from Made with Clay CIC regarding their grant application.

16 GRANT APPLICATION - MADE WITH CLAY CIC

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £2,169 be awarded to Made with Clay CIC towards the purchase of shelves, as outlined in 8.1.4.

17 GRANTS & COMMUNITY UPDATE

RESOLVED: That the Committee be recommended to endorse the actions taken by the Community Engagement team to promote greater community capacity and well-being for Letchworth.

REASONS FOR DECISION:

- (1) To ensure the Members are kept informed of the work of the Community Engagement Team.
- (2) This report is intended to inform Members of the financial resources available. It draws attention to the current budgetary situation by assisting in the effective financial management of budgets. 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.

18 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

Councillor Amy Allen provided an update on the Wilbury and Icknield School Parents Association (WISPA), who had previously been allocated grant funds from the Committee.

Councillor Daniel Allen highlighted that the next Wilbury Community Café would be on the 12 March 2022 and invited all to attend.

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