**MORLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON THURSDAY, 8th JULY 2021**

# **To Record Attendance**

Present: Cllrs S Kimberley (Chairman), I Stone, J Senior, D Harrison, D McKenna, C Bell and

N Bullock (late arrival).

Cllr A Hutchison, R Kennedy (Directory Morley Arts Festival), Cllr W Kidger (RSSG) and

W Maynard-Light (Deputy Town Clerk) also attended.

1. **To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting**

There were no apologies received.

1. **To consider the approval of reasons given for absence**

There were no reasons for absence.

**4. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary** **and Other Interests**

 Cllrs S Kimberley, D Harrison and C Bell declared an ‘other’ interest in item 8 (ii) as members of the RSSG.

Cllr J Senior declared an ‘other’ interest as a member of Leeds City Council.

**5. To approve Minutes of the meeting held on 13/5/21**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13/5/21 were agreed as a true and correct record.

The Chairman brought forward items 8 (i) and (ii). and item 7.

**8. To consider release of funding (included in 2021/22 budget):-**

 **(i) £10,000 to Morley Arts Festival**

The Director of the festival, Rachael Kennedy attended to give an overview of the Arts Festival. During the Covid lockdown the Festival endeavoured to hold events digitally, encouraged people to write and submit poems, which have been published and to submit their ‘lockdown photographs’, which were published and displayed around the town centre. The Arts Festival has now obtain charitable status.

Cllr N Bullock arrive at this point.

R Kennedy outlined the proposal for this year’s Festival, with increased usage of social media streams, additional staffing and investigation other streams of funding.

**(ii) £10,000 to the Royal Society of St George (RSSG)**

Cllr W Kidger gave an overview of the RSSG annual event, which was not held in 2020 due to the Covid lockdown and the restriction in place in April 2021. It is proposed to hold their next event in April 2021 with a larger living camp and fun fair, local bands performing and a new design of the programme. The cricket and rugby clubs would be responsible for stalls in their grounds and putting on their own entertainment.

Cllr Hutchison, R Kennedy and Cllr Kidger left the meeting at this point.

It was proposed and agreed to bring forward item 7 at this point and to discuss and agree decisions after hearing all three applications for funding.

**7. To consider Grant Applications:-**

 **(i) Grants awarded to date in 2021/22**

 The grants awarded was noted.

 (**ii) Grant Application(s):-**

 **(a) Morley Camping Venture**

Two representatives attended to present this application for a grant of £750 towards taking a group of socially disadvantaged Morley schoolchildren to High Legh camp in Cheshire for a week’s holiday. Various trips have been planned but

due to the current social distancing restrictions of the Covid, these may have to be cancelled but the organisers would endeavour to find alternative social activities for the group.

The representatives left the meeting at this point.

**8. To consider release of funding (included in 2021/22 budget)**

 **(i) £10,000 to Morley Arts Festival**

Following a discussion, it was proposed and agreed in principle to release the funds of £10,000 subject to the group submitting the figures for the 2018 and 2019 events and a breakdown of the proposal spending of the 2021/22 grant.

**(ii) £10,000 to the Royal Society of St George (RSSG)**

Following a discussion, it was proposed and agreed in principle to release the funds of £10,000 subject to the group submitting the figures for the 2018 and 2019 events and a breakdown of the proposal spending of the 2021/22 grant.

**7. (ii) Grant Application(s):-**

 **(a) Morley Camping Venture**

 Following a discussion, it was proposed and agreed to award a grant of £750.

**6. To receive report on Policing matters**

There was no member of the Police in attendance.

**9. To approve PCSO Agreement for Financial Year 2021/22 from West Yorkshire Combined Authority**

 Following a short discussion, it was proposed and agreed the contract for 2021/22 be signed and returned to West Yorkshire Combined Authority.

**10. To approve item(s) of expenditure, as follows:-**

(i) Invoice dated 21/682021 from West Yorkshire Combined Authority – West Yorkshire Police for £17,904.00 (no VAT) re. PCSO’s for Q1 2021/22

This item of expenditure was approved for payment.

**11. To discuss arrangements for:-**

 (i) Christmas Lights Switch-on event and to agree associated expenditure 4/12/12

DTC advised members provisional bookings had been made for the following:-

(a) Stage - £1,000

(b) Firework display - £2,500.00.

**12. To consider future grant funding to/for organisations**

Following a discussion, it was proposed and agreed Cllr Kimberley and Deputy Town Clerk look at the grant application form currently used for community grant applications with a view to adapt this for groups already allocated grant funding within the Town Council budgets.

Cllr Bell left the meeting at this point.

**13. To discuss Heritage Open Days – 10th to 19th September 2021**

Following a short discussion, it was agreed the Community Archives should arrange the programme of tours for the Town Hall and Morley Town Council would provide the refreshments.

**14. To receive items of correspondence (for information only)**

 There were no items of correspondence.

 **15. Date and time of next meeting**

 The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, 2nd September at 7.00 pm.