
EXTRAORDINARY SITTINGBOURNE AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT on Tuesday, 1 February 2022 from 7.00 pm - 7.23 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Derek Carnell (Vice-Chairman), Steve Davey (Chairman), Mike Dendor, Tim Gibson, James Hall, Ann Hampshire, Roger Truelove, Ghlin Whelan and Tony Winckless.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Janet Dart, Charlotte Hudson and Kellie MacKenzie (remotely).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors Cameron Beart and Denise Knights (all remotely).

Kent County Councillor John Wright, Divisional Member for Sittingbourne South (remotely).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Simon Clark and Ken Rowles.

559 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chairman read out the emergency evacuation procedure.

560 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Derek Carnell, Steve Davey, Mike Dendor and Tony Winckless declared a non-pecuniary interest in Milton Creek Country Park of which they were Trustees.

Councillors Steve Davey and Tim Gibson declared a non-pecuniary interest in Sittingbourne in Bloom.

561 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FOR 2021-22

The Chairman explained that as the Committee had not previously allocated any of the 2021-22 funding, there was £44,000.00 available to allocate. A total of £34,361.33 worth of bids had been received.

In line with the procedure agreed by the Area Committees Review Working Group, officers assessed the applications for eligibility and carried out a scoring process, based on the criteria set-out in the application guidance notes. This was to ensure that the process was impartial and as objective as practicable. Officers produced a report summarising the process and recommended all applications receive full funding.

Councillor Derek Carnell proposed, and Councillor Ghlin Whelan seconded a proposal that the following funding be allocated to each project:

New Leaf Support, continue with healing together programme - £3,080.00
Sittingbourne in Bloom, improvements to Milton Regis High Street - £9,649.25

Raybel Charters, Milton Creek navigation feasibility study - £12,000.00
Sittingbourne & Kemsley Light Railway, replacement firebox - £8,170.00
Sittingbourne in Bloom, installation of signs - £568.80
Sittingbourne in Bloom, replace rail and bollard at Milton High Street - £893.28

On being put to the vote the proposal was agreed.

Resolved:

- 1) That the £34,361.33 funding be awarded to projects in the following proportions:**
 - a) New Leaf Support, continue with healing together programme - £3,080.00**
 - b) Sittingbourne in Bloom, improvements to Milton Regis High Street - £9,649.25**
 - c) Raybel Charters, Milton Creek navigation feasibility study - £12,000.00**
 - d) Sittingbourne & Kemsley Light Railway, replacement firebox - £8,170.00**
 - e) Sittingbourne in Bloom, installation of signs - £568.80**
 - f) Sittingbourne in Bloom, replace rail and bollard at Milton High Street - £893.28**

The Committee were asked to consider how they would like the remaining £9,638.67 to be allocated.

Councillor Steve Davey proposed and Councillor Tim Gibson seconded that Committee Members should go away to consider ideas for allocations for the unspent funding of £9,638.67 and bids should be submitted to the Area Committees Coordinator by 17 February 2022.

On being put to the vote the proposal was agreed.

Resolved:

- 1) That Committee Members should go away to consider ideas for allocations for the unspent funding of £9,638.67 and bids should be submitted to the Area Committees Coordinator by 17 February 2022.**

After going through an assessment process by officers, the proposals would come back to the March 2022 meeting for consideration.

The Chairman thanked officers for their hard work assessing the applications and preparing the Funding Report.

562 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman advised the Committee that he would like to thank David Gawler for submitting a thorough report which explained how the funds Kemsley Community Centre were allocated by Sittingbourne Area Committee in 2020/21 were spent. If

any Committee Member would like to view the report, the Chairman would be happy to share it.

The venue for the March 2022 meeting was discussed. It was agreed to hold the meeting in a community hall. If any Committee Member had a suggestion for a suitable venue in their Ward, could they please advise the Interim Area Committees Coordinator.

Chairman

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