



Minutes of Extraordinary Full Council Meeting of Hednesford Town Council

Tuesday 23rd January 2024 at 10am

Meeting held at Pye Green Community Centre, Bradbury Lane, Hednesford, WS12 4EP

Present:

Cllr Alan Pearson (Chair)
Cllr Ronald Turville
Cllr Ann Turville
Cllr Sheila Cartwright
Cllr Arthur Roden
Cllr Paul Jones

In attendance from Hednesford Town Council:

Chief Officer – Lindsey Smith
Community Officer – Matthew Johnson

Members of the Public:

The meeting was closed to members of the public

1. Apologies:

Cllr Debbie Cartwright
Cllr Laura Harrison

2. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Paul Jones – has previously provided donations to The Lighthouse Community Café

Cllr Paul Jones – partner is a teacher

Cllr Arthur Roden – was a previous school governor at West Hill Primary School and a volunteer at The Lighthouse Community Cafe

Cllr A Pearson noted interests for Friends of Hednesford Park, Cannock Ex-Servicemen's Male Voice Choir and Hednesford Centennial Lions

5. Public Participation

The meeting was closed to the members of the public

6. Business of Meeting

Following recommendations from Officers, Full Council are to approve allocation of the Hednesford Town Council Community Support Grants for 2024

Cllr A Roden enquired why was an extraordinary meeting called when Officers had already reviewed the Community Grant Applications

Cllr A Pearson advised that Officers can advise but cannot allocate and that final decision needs to lie with full council

Cllr A Roden informed that this had not been the case previously

Cllr A Pearson stated that he could not comment on what had taken place previously and that all awards needed to be proposed and seconded by full council

Cllrs reviewed and discussed all 21 grant applications in turn and allocated amount of grants to be awarded

Pye Green Academy Primary School

Breakfast Club support
£500.00 bid

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson

Second: Cllr R Turville

Agreed: Cllr A Pearson, Cllr R Turville, Cllr A Roden, Cllr P Jones, Cllr S Cartwright, Cllr A Turville

Action; £500.00 awarded

Station Adoption Group

Heritage signage on railway platforms
£500 bid

Cllr A Pearson informed that he had been supporting the Station Adoption Group via a planning issue

Proposed: Cllr A Turville

Second: Cllr R Turville

Agreed: Cllr A Pearson, Cllr R Turville, Cllr A Roden, Cllr P Jones, Cllr S Cartwright, Cllr A Turville

Action: £300.00 awarded

West Hill Primary School

Equipment for extension of school clothing bank
£497.53 bid

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson

Second: Cllr R Turville

Agreed: Cllr A Pearson, Cllr R Turville, Cllr P Jones, Cllr S Cartwright, Cllr A Turville

Abstain: Cllr A Roden

Action: £250.00 awarded

Crystal Academy of Dance

Provision of free circus and dance sessions for young people with a focus on families who are currently unable to access extracurricular activities
£500.00 bid

Proposed: Cllr P Jones

Second: Cllr S Cartwright

Agreed: Cllr A Pearson, Cllr R Turville, Cllr A Roden, Cllr P Jones, Cllr S Cartwright, Cllr A Turville

Action: £500.00 awarded

Friends of Hednesford Nursery School

Purchase of equipment to support development of forest school
£500.00 bid

As Hednesford Nursery School are already being supported via the CIL fund for the restoration of the outdoor play area it was decided not to award this grant

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson

Second: Cllr A Turville

Agreed: Cllr A Pearson, Cllr R Turville, Cllr A Roden, Cllr P Jones, Cllr S Cartwright, Cllr A Turville

Action: £0.00 awarded

Cannock Ex-Servicemen's Male Voice Choir

Support printing, purchase of music and uniform costs
£500.00 bid

Cllr A Pearson declared an interest as a member of the Staffordshire Regiment

Proposed: Cllr R Turville

Second: Cllr S Cartwright

Agreed: Cllr R Turville, Cllr A Roden, Cllr P Jones, Cllr S Cartwright, Cllr A Turville

Abstain: Cllr A Pearson

Action: £500.00 awarded

SNAP – Special Needs Adventure Playground

To cover costs of annual playground inspection and annual fire inspection
£390.00 bid

Propose: Cllr A Pearson

Second: Cllr R Turville

Agreed: Cllr A Pearson, Cllr R Turville, Cllr A Roden, Cllr P Jones, Cllr S Cartwright, Cllr A Turville

Action: £390.00 awarded

Friends of Hednesford Library

Support ongoing costs of providing free sessions within the library
£500.00 bid

Discussions were held about the potential CIL fund support for Hednesford Library which already being investigated. It was re-iterated that Friends of Hednesford are a separate group to the County Council and NHS who hold responsibility for the building

Propose: Cllr A Pearson

Second: Cllr A Turville

Agreed: Cllr A Pearson, Cllr R Turville, Cllr P Jones, Cllr S Cartwright, Cllr A Turville

Abstain: Cllr A Roden

Action: £250.00 awarded

Hednesford in Partnership

For racking equipment and solar lights for the storage container that HIP have secured to hold all the equipment used by community and voluntary groups
£500.00 bid

Propose: Cllr R Turville

Second: Cllr P Jones

Agreed: Cllr A Pearson, Cllr R Turville, Cllr A Roden, Cllr P Jones, Cllr S Cartwright, Cllr A Turville

Action: £300.00 awarded

Chase Parkinsons Group

For purchase of chairs with arms to support users during physiotherapy sessions
£500.00 bid

Propose: Cllr A Roden

Second: Cllr P Jones

Agreed: Cllr A Pearson, Cllr R Turville, Cllr A Roden, Cllr P Jones, Cllr S Cartwright, Cllr A Turville

Action: £500.00 awarded

Friends of Hednesford Park

Support the development of an interactive map across Hednesford
£500 bid

Cllr A Pearson declared an interest

As Friends of Hednesford Park are already being supported via the Prosperity fund for dressing the town with decorations for Chase Pride it was decided not to award this grant

Propose: Cllr A Turville

Second: Cllr P Jones

Agreed: Cllr R Turville, Cllr A Roden, Cllr P Jones, Cllr S Cartwright, Cllr A Turville

Abstain: Cllr A Pearson

Action: £0.00 awarded

Miners Memorial Group

For equipment, shingle and organic weedkiller
£500.00 bid

As Miners Memorial Group are already being supported via the Prosperity fund in the it was decided not to award this grant

Action: £0.00 awarded

Friends of Hednesford

Books for heritage collection, logo design, material and patterns for crochet poppies
£500.00 bid

As Friends of Hednesford are already being supported via the Prosperity fund it was decided not to award this grant

Action: £0.00 awarded

Fireworks

Develop project to support teachers wellbeing
£500.00

Cllr P Jones declared an interest due to partner being a teacher

A discussion was held that both the unions and the school have the responsibility to support its staff and their wellbeing and that this should not be the responsibility of a local charity

Proposed: Cllr R Turville

Second: Cllr A Turville

Agreed: Cllr A Pearson, Cllr R Turville, Cllr A Roden, Cllr S Cartwright, Cllr A Turville

Abstain: Cllr P Jones

Action: £0.00 awarded

Hednesford Town Supporters Association

Provide an annual football community day for all matchday experience junior clubs
£500.00 bid

Council felt that the only football club in the area should be supported

Proposed: Cllr A Roden

Second: Cllr S Cartwright

Agreed: Cllr A Pearson, Cllr R Turville, Cllr A Roden, Cllr P Jones, Cllr S Cartwright, Cllr A Turville

Action: £250.00 awarded

Cannock Chase Shed

For one months rent on the new premises
£500.00 bid

A discussion concluded with that it was not felt that this is what the community grant was intended for

Proposed: Cllr A Turville

Second: Cllr S Cartwright

Agreed: Cllr A Pearson, Cllr R Turville, Cllr A Roden, Cllr P Jones, Cllr S Cartwright, Cllr A Turville

Action: £0.00 awarded

Seasons Theatre Company

For contribution towards the cost of hire at Pye Green Community Centre so fees to users attending the group do not need to increase
£500.00 bid

Chief Officer raised a query about potential conflict of interest. Council felt that it should be supporting groups that use the centre

Proposed: Cllr A Turville

Second: Cllr P Jones

Agreed: Cllr A Pearson, Cllr R Turville, Cllr A Roden, Cllr P Jones, Cllr S Cartwright, Cllr A Turville

Action: £200.00 awarded

Hednesford Parochial Church Council

Purchase and installation of a dishwasher to the kitchen facilities to support service users who are unable to stand in the kitchen
£500.00 bid

It was felt that this is the responsibility of the Church to action

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson

Second: Cllr R Turville

Agreed: Cllr A Pearson, Cllr R Turville, Cllr A Roden, Cllr P Jones, Cllr S Cartwright, Cllr A Turville

Action: £0.00 awarded

Hednesford Centennial Lions

Support the completion of the war memorial sound system
£500.00 bid

Cllr A Pearson declared an interest due to being a member of the Staffordshire Regiment

Although very worthy a discussion was held about how the Remembrance event is just once a year and would it bring lasting impact and sustainability. It was felt that completion of the sound system would be of benefit for years to come

Proposed: Cllr R Turville

Second: Cllr S Cartwright

Agreed: Cllr R Turville, Cllr A Roden, Cllr P Jones, Cllr S Cartwright, Cllr A Turville

Abstain: Cllr A Pearson

Action: £300.00 awarded

Forget Me Not

To contribute towards the cost of upgrading the gas supply to the venue – Mount Lourdes, OLOL Catholic Church

It was felt that this is the responsibility of the Church to action capital work

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson

Second: Cllr R Turville

Agreed: Cllr A Pearson, Cllr R Turville, Cllr A Roden, Cllr P Jones, Cllr S Cartwright, Cllr A Turville

Action: £0.00 awarded

The Lighthouse Community Café

To provide food for the community café. To be split between butchers and Aldi
£500.00 bid

A discussion informed that The Lighthouse Community café are currently commissioned to provide a service at The Hub @Pye Green via The Prosperity Fund until March 2024 and whether any other support to obtain longer term funding would be beneficial

Proposed: Cllr R Turville

Second: Cllr A Pearson

Agreed: Cllr A Pearson, Cllr R Turville, Cllr S Cartwright, Cllr A Turville

Abstain: Cllr P Jones, Cllr A Roden

Action: £500.00 awarded

Community Officer to advise grant holders of the outcome of the funding applications and will seek feedback from which grant holders would like some publicity. Community Officer will liaise with Cllrs regarding this and arrange where applicable.

Total of £4,740.00 awarded from £5,000 available

Date of next full council meeting

Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 7pm at Pye Green Community Centre

The meeting closed at 11.36am