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Community Committee Wednesday 22 March 2023 Minutes

Present:

Cllr Neil Fawcett
Cllr Cheryl Briggs
Cllr Andy Foulsham

Chair
Mayor ex-officio

In attendance:

Andy Crick
Paula Lopez

Democratic Services Officer (clerk to the meeting)
Locum Deputy Town Clerk

C101/22 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Samantha Bowring

Cllr Andrew Coveney, Alex Greenaway and Cllr Rawda Jehanli did not attend the meeting.

C102/22 Declarations of interest

There were none.

C103/22 Statements and Questions from the Public

There were none.

C104/22 Minutes

It was **proposed** by Cllr Fawcett, **seconded** by Cllr Foulsham and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Community Committee of 7 February 2023 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

C105/22 Community grants

A grant application from Abingdon Joint Schools Carnegie Forum was considered and it was **proposed** by Cllr Fawcett, **seconded** by Cllr Briggs and **RESOLVED** that the grant of £550 be **APPROVED** as set out below.

Name of Applicant	Purpose of grant, as summarised in the grant application	Grant awarded
Abingdon Joint Schools Carnegie Forum (a)	Book quiz	A grant of £550 was awarded

The above grant was made in pursuance of the Council's powers, as noted in column one, as follows:

- (a) Local Government Act 1972, section 145: Provision of entertainments
- (b) Local Government Act 1972, section 137: Power of local authorities to incur expenditure for certain purposes not otherwise authorised.
- (c) Local Government and Rating Act 1997, part III, section 31: Crime prevention.
- (d) Local Government Act 1972, section 144: Power to encourage visitors and provide conference and other facilities.
- (e) Local Government Act 1972, section 142 (2A): Provision of information, etc., relating to matters affecting local government
- (f) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, section 19: Recreational facilities.
- (g) Local Government Act 1972, section 133: Provision of parish and community buildings.

C106/22 Major grants

The committee considered grant applications from the following organisations:

Abingdon Carousel

The application from Abingdon Carousel was for 2023-4 so it would be considered at the next meeting of the committee.

Abingdon Damascus Youth Project (Damascus)

It was **proposed** by Cllr Fawcett, **seconded** by Cllr Foulsham and **RESOLVED** that the grant of £5,404.75 for Abingdon Damascus Youth Project (Damascus) for the period between 1 October 2022 and 31 March 2023 be **APPROVED**.

The Abingdon Bridge

It was **proposed** by Cllr Fawcett, **seconded** by Cllr Foulsham and **RESOLVED** that the grant of £12,500 for The Abingdon Bridge for the period between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023 be **APPROVED**.

C107/22 **Update on Events from the Properties & Events Manager**

The committee considered a [report](#) on forthcoming town council events.

The date given for the Music in the Park event was incorrect: the event will be held on Saturday 2 September 2023.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Fawcett, **seconded** by Cllr Briggs and **AGREED** to receive the report. The committee thanked the Properties and Events Manager for her work on these projects.

C108/22 **Future Agenda items**

The following items were noted for future agendas:

- Summer and Christmas events 2023
- Plan for future editions of the Town Crier
- Update from the Communications Working Party
- Youth strategy
- Council events planning
- Event accessibility audit

C109/22 **Date of future meeting**

The committee noted the date of the next scheduled meeting: 23 May 2023

The Chair thanked the members of the committee for their work over the council year and then thanked officers for their work supporting the committee.

The meeting closed at 6.28pm