

BurgessHill Town Council

MINUTES of the **GRANTS PANEL MEETING** held in the Council Chamber on **THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER 2022** at 19.00 hours.

Present: Simon Hicks Chairman

Andrew Barrett-Miles*
Peter Chapman
Matthew Cornish
Sylvia Neumann

Also Present:

Janice Henwood
Tofojjul Hussain

* *Denotes non-attendance*

(19.00)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

20. OPEN FORUM

There were representatives from Mid Downs Radio, Weald Classic Car Club, Mid Sussex Amateur Radio, The King's Church and Kangaroos.

The representative from the Kangaroos stated the funding would help fund their Breakaway group and although they didn't have great numbers that they helped but these young people were the peak of need and these people would be unable to have these experiences otherwise. They aimed their service at secondary school ages children and were always happy to engage with local schools, and stated they were running a Christmas event with Woodlands Meeds this year.

The representative from Mid Sussex Amateur Radio informed the panel that the new sets they were looking to purchase were advanced and would use internet connectivity, which would enable them to lead online courses and two sets could be used simultaneously.

The representative from Mid Downs Hospital Radio informed the panel that the radio provided a valuable service to many people with the service being on air 24 hours a day. They also supporting young people to get into journalism, and provided Covid information during the pandemic. They had suffered funding issues due to Covid and that finding sponsors in the current climate was difficult. They also informed the panel that they had no paid employees and the

service was solely run by volunteers.

The representative from Weald Classic Car Club informed the panel that the event would be permanently moved to Fairfield Recreational Ground and hoped the event would promote an area of Burgess Hill seldom used. The previous event held for the Jubilee celebrations supported local businesses with many of them reporting a massive increase in visitors that day. They stated that they were looking at sponsorship for future events and had secured some businesses already.

The representative from The King's Church informed the panel that they opened doors 10 years ago and were seeing 1500-2000 people through the doors every week. They stated that they rented rooms out for business hire as well as to groups such as the brownies. They also offered the entire building to Kangaroos for free hire 3-4 times a year. They stated that the building was starting to suffer with wear and tear, and the water leaking issues had made some rooms unsafe resulting in some organisations such as the blood donors cancelling their booking.

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none

22. SUBSTITUTES

There were none

23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

24. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes of the previous meeting were agreed.

25. MINOR GRANTS PHASE 2 2022 AND MAJOR GRANTS 2022

The Panel resolved to award the following amounts:

| Organisation | Requested | Awarded |
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| Burgess Hill Artists | £600 | £600 |
| Burgess Hill Heritage and History Association | £609 | £300 |
| Burgess Hill Theatre Club | £600 | £600 |
| Central Sussex Rotary | £271.25 | £271.25 |
| Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity | £1,000 | £400 |
| Kangaroos Mid Sussex | £1,000 | £1000 |
| Mid Downs Hospital Radio. Reg Charity No: 279077 | £1,000 | £800 |
| Mid Sussex Amateur Radio Society | £999 | £800 |
| Mid Sussex Radio CIC (previously BH community radio) | £1,000 | £350 |

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| Royal British Legion Women's Section | £815.00 | £815 |
| Sheddingdean Baptist Church | £696.43 | £696.43 |
| Sussex Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus | £1,000 | £300 |
| Weald Classic Vehicle Club | £1,000 | £1000 |
| | £10,590.68 | £7935.68 |

The Panel also stated they would actively encourage the Burgess Hill Artists to hold their exhibition in a town centre location. They advised in line with the name change Mid Sussex Radio CIC should look to apply for grants funding from other towns within Mid Sussex.

| Organisation | Requested | Awarded |
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| 7th Burgess Hill Scout Group | £2,020.00 | £1500 |
| Burgess Hill Theatre Club | £1,300 | £1300 |
| The King's Church | 4,294.50 | £3500 |
| | £7,614.50 | 6300 |

RESOLUTION

The grants will be awarded as agreed by the panel above. A total of £7935.68 was allocated from the Minor Grants fund and £6300 from the Major Grants Fund.

26. GRANT EVALUATION FORM

The Panel were asked to consider the proposed evaluation form (Appendix 3) which would be shared with all successful recipients of a Town Council Grant.

The Panel agreed that they were happy with the evaluation form and they should be added as an appendix for Grant Key Area Group meetings in the future. They also resolved that the Community Team would send completed evaluation forms, as and when they were received, to the Chairman, and where possible completed projects would be publicised.

RESOLUTION

The grants evaluation form will be put into action with immediate effect.

Meeting terminated at 20.16 hours