



Minutes of Credition Town Council's Grants Sub-Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 22 February 2022 at 13.00, at The Bungalow, 8A North Street, Credition

Present: Cllrs E Brookes-Hocking, J Harris and G Cochran

Apologies: Cllrs Huxtable and Chenore

In Attendance: Emily Armitage, Administrative Officer
Vicki Rowe CEO, Citizens Advice Torridge, North, Mid and West Devon (part meeting)

12. To receive and accept apologies

The meeting was opened at 13.02.

It was **resolved** to receive and accept apologies from Cllr Huxtable and Chenore (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

13. Declarations of Interest

None.

14. Order of Business

It was **resolved** to change the order of business to discuss agenda item 6 at a later point in the meeting as Vicki Rowe was not present. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

15. Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

There were no announcements.

16. Grants Committee Minutes - To approve and sign the minutes of the Grants Sub-Committee Meeting held on 23 November 2021, as a correct record.

It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Grants Sub-Committee meeting held on 23 November 2021, as a correct record (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking).

17. To receive a presentation from Vicki Rowe, CEO of Torridge, North, Mid and West Devon Citizens Advice following the request of further information (discussed after agenda item 9)

18. To consider an application for funding from Hospiscare. Further information had been issued with the agenda.

It was **resolved** to approve the full amount of £1,000 to Hospiscare following ratification at a future meeting of the Full Council (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking).

19. To note the withdrawal of the 2022-23 grant application from the following groups/organisations:

- **Credition Food and Drink Festival**
- **Poetic Licence**

This was noted.

20. To receive further information as requested from the following groups/organisations:

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| • Crediton Youth FC | £1,800 |
| • The Music Makers | £400 |

Vicki Rowe joined the meeting at 13.15

The Administrative Officer advised the following:

- Crediton Youth FC have not received formal written permission from Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) to site the containers, but they have been contacted via telephone and advised this could be done provided the structure is not permanent. The Administrative Officer has asked Crediton Youth FC for this information in writing.
It was **resolved** for the Administrative Officer to contact Crediton Youth FC again to enquire about the period that the containers are intended to be sited if formal permission is received (Proposed by Cllr Cochran).
- The Music Makers do not have any accounts to show as they have not been a constituted organisation prior to now.
It was **resolved** for the Administrative Officer to contact Music Makers to obtain a budget sheet, to enquire what the money would be used for and to advise if any support in kind is given from the Congregational Church (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking).

Agenda Item 6

Torrige, North, Mid and West Devon Citizens Advice **£3,000**

Vicki Rowe advised that Citizens Advice had suffered financially since the pandemic and had lost a significant number of volunteers (two thirds). Crediton is now benefitting from a face-to-face session once a week at the Foodbank with plans to increase to 2 days in the future subject to funding and successful recruitment of volunteers. Redlands GP surgery is being investigated as a potential location. Cllr Brookes-Hocking asked why the telephone service had been so poor in the last 2 years as members of the public have been reporting not getting through. She commented that this was due to a lack of volunteers to answer calls but that 60% of problems are resolved over the phone. A recruitment drive will be started but she estimated with training it would be 2 years before the service would be back to pre-Covid levels. It was agreed for Vicki to pass on details of the current session in Crediton and information on recruitment to the Administrative Officer for her to promote in town and on social media.

Vicki Rowe left the meeting at 13.51

It was **resolved** to approve the full amount of £3,000 to Torrige, North, Mid and West Devon Citizens Advice following ratification at a future meeting of the Full Council (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

21. To agree the date of the next meeting – Tuesday 26 April 2022.

The date of the next meeting was noted. The meeting was closed at 14.01

Signed:.....

(Chairman)

Date:.....