

Grants Board
6 December 2023

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the GRANTS BOARD held on Wednesday 6 December 2023 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE

PRESENT: Councillors M.Siewniak (Chairman)
R.Lass, D.Jones, B.Sarson, J.Skoczylas and
F.Wachuku

OFFICIALS Chris Barnes, Executive Director (Place)
PRESENT: Joyce Guthrie, Assistant Director (Leisure, Community and Cultural
Services)
Clare Cade, Governance Services Manager

13. SUBSTITUTION OF MEMBERS

No substitutions were received.

14. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chesterman, Birleson and McNamara.

15. MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting on the 26th July 2023 were approved as a correct record.

16. NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER ITEM 7

There was no notification for urgent business.

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

There were no declarations of interest.

18. 2024/25 ANNUAL COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Board received the report of the Executive Director (Place) on the 2024/25 Annual Community Grants.

The Board agreed:

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1. To consider the Annual Community Grant applications set out in the Part 2 report and make recommendations to Cabinet; and
2. To ensure that the fund is available widely, the maximum amount that will be supported through this fund will be £20,000 per organisation.

19. SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIRMAN, IS OF SUFFICIENT URGENCY TO WARRANT IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION:

There were no items of urgent business.

20. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Board resolved:

That under Section 100(A)(2) and (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be now excluded from the meeting for Item 9 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100(A)(3) and Paragraph 3 (private financial or business information) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act (as amended).

In resolving to exclude the public in respect of the exempt information, it was considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

21. ANNUAL COMMUNITY GRANTS 2024-25

Under Part 2, the Board received a presentation on the grant applications which had be received and discussed.

Following discussions, the Board agreed to recommend to Cabinet the following amounts for the Annual Grants Board to the following organisations:

- 17th WGC Rangers - £500
- H'arts in Mind - £2,000
- Hatfield Food Bank - £5,000
- Red Kite - £7,500
- Resolve - £15,000
- Sowing Seeds - £3,500
- Sporting aid CIC - £3,500
- Sporting inspirations CIC - £6,000
- WHCVS - £10,000
- Womens Refuge -£20,000

22. ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF A CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT NATURE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN

None.