

ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

GENERAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting held under the powers contained within the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 (“the 2020 Regulations”) which came in to force on 4 April 2020. The regulations enable local councils to hold remote meetings (including by video and telephone conferencing) for a specified period until May 2021. The 2020 Regulations apply to local council meetings, committee and sub-committee meetings in England.

The meeting was held remotely on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86169051117>

Meeting ID: 861 6905 1117

on Thursday 23 July 2020 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Mrs S Parnell (Chairman) – in the Chair
Cllr Mrs P Strack (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Richard Butler
Cllr C Butchins
Cllr J Newmark

In Attendance: Cllr S Rubner (Town Mayor) (Minutes 16 - 24)
Cllr P Kaza (Minutes 16 - 24)
T Malton – Deputy Clerk
H Jones – Town Clerk

6 Members of the Public (including representatives from EBRA)

16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

There were none.

17. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

There were none.

18. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Committee received representations in support of the request by EBRA for the Town Council to make an application to Hertsmere Borough Council to register Aldenham Reservoir as an Asset of Community Value (ACV).

19. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that:

the Minutes of the meeting of the General Management Committee held on 6 February 2019 be approved and authorised for signing by the Committee Chairman.

20. COMMUNITY AND BUDGETED GRANT APPLICATIONS

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- (i) **the Community Grants before the meeting be approved/recommended to Full Council in line with the delegated powers for the General Management Committee as follows:**

Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Sought	Amount Approved / Recommended by General Management Committee of 23 July 2020
(i) Aldenham Renaissance CIC	Costs of Covid-19 and new “touchless” car park system	£5,000	£2,500 Full Council
(ii) Penniwells Riding for Disabled Centre	Costs of Covid-19	£500	£500 approved by GMC Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19

(iii) Boreham Wood Football Club	Stadium Board (previously a Budgeted Grant)	£1,600	£1,600 to Full Council with 2021/22 onwards as a Budgeted Grant
(iv) Borehamwood 2000 FC	Towards the cost of goal posts	£768	£768 to Full Council

- (ii) the Budgeted Grants before the meeting be approved in line with the delegated powers for the General Management Committee as follows:

BETTA - Award Agreed: £1,000 (with £500 being available for additional application by BETTA in 2020/21 to the Committee on providing grounds/business case).

Purpose of Grant: Running Costs

Power of Expenditure: Local Government Act 1972 s.144

Additional Conditions: use of Grant Monies not to be used for Salary purposes and evidence to be supplied of use as per procedure requirements.

Budget Code: 4190/401

Cheque made payable to: "Borehamwood & Elstree Twin Town Association"

21. FINANCIAL REPORT

It was RESOLVED that:

- (i) the Detailed Income and Expenditure Report to 15 July 2020 before Members be received;
- (ii) the following amendments to the Budget in view of Covid-19 be approved:
 - (a) **NEW NOMINAL CODE: Covid-19 Costs (for direct costs e.g. screening 1416/104); and**
 - (b) **Transfer of £20,000 from School Swimming Budget to Community Grants Budget (to be ring fenced for young people – e.g. laptop/tablet**

applications from PTAs with Audit Sub-Committee to “monitor” grant awards).

- (iii) following a Best Value Review, Ironwood Flooring Services Ltd be appointed to install a new solid Maple floor to Fairway Hall to be completed before 15 September 2020 (cost £14,700 to be coded to Fairway Hall Rejuvenation project – A/C 313 Capital Projects).

22. CLIMATE EMERGENCY SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

It was RESOLVED that:

at its meeting on 2 September 2020, Full Council be asked to consider terms of reference and membership details of a possible working group (Sub-Committee) to report to the General Management Committee on issues surrounding the Climate Emergency adopted by Hertsmere Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council (to include potential interventions that the Town Council might consider in relation to a cycle scheme and possible shared car club).

23. ALDENHAM RESERVOIR

It was RESOLVED that:

- (i) a request by EBRA (Residents’ Association) that Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council request Hertsmere Borough Council to nominate Aldenham Reservoir for listing as an Asset of Community Value be approved;
- (ii) notification be sent to the Chief Executive and Head of Legal Services at Hertsmere Borough Council in relation to (i) above with clarification sought as to what was entailed in such an application for both Authorities; and
- (iii) further consideration be given to (i) and (ii) above by Full Council at an appropriate time when legal issues surrounding the issue had been clarified.

24. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was RESOLVED that:

under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 S1 (2) the press and public be excluded from the meeting whilst legal cases / staffing matters were discussed.

25. CLERK'S REPORT

Members received a report from the Town Clerk on matters relating to outstanding cases/insurance claims and staffing issues not covered under remit of Staffing Committee.

26. CLOSE OF MEETING

The next meeting would be set by the Committee Chairman in consultation with the Town Clerk. It was noted that the Meeting Schedule would be considered by Full Council on 2 September 2020.

The Meeting closed at 8.33pm.

Date:..... CHAIRMAN.....