**Market Drayton Town Council**

**Minutes of an Extraordinary Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 30 June 2022 at 7.00pm.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: R. Aldcroft, A. Allen, B. Chapman, M. Erwin, R. Hughes (chairman), T. Manton, I. Nellins, N. Roberts, and M. Whittle.

**ABSENT:** Councillors: Mrs. J. Beckett, T. Beckett, and G. Chevins.

1 member of the public were present and 3 members of the public listening to the meeting via Teams.

 **In Attendance:** Sue Thomas, Town Clerk andKate Harvey, Assistant Clerk.

**1.FG APOLOGIES**

Members **NOTED t**he following apologies:

Councillor Mrs J. Beckett - Poorly

Councillor T. Beckett - Poorly

Councillor G. Chevins - Working

**2.FG DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

 There were no declarations of interest.

**3.FG LARGE GRANTS**

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

There is £14,000 in budget and £4,112.09 in Earmarked Reserves for Community Grant Funding.

Members considered the ten applications received totalling £38,235 and discussed the suggested recommended funding to each applicant made by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Councillor Manton proposed, Councillor Aldcroft seconded and it was **RESOLVED** with 1 vote against:

**To consider each Large Grant Application individually.**

1. **Market Drayton Arts Festival (MDCE)**

Councillor N. Roberts entered the Chamber and joined the meeting.

Members **NOTED:**

The policy states ‘Organisations can normally only make one application per year’; MDCE has submitted three applications, two large grants and a small grant application.

‘Copies of audited or independently examined accounts for the last year’ should be submitted with the application; MDCE accounts are on a spreadsheet.

After a discussion:

Councillor Aldcroft proposed, Councillor Whittle seconded and it was **RESOLVED** with 1 vote against:

**To award Market Drayton Arts Festival (MDCE) a Large Grant of £1,200 to help with the costs of room and site hire and advertising the event.**

1. **Walkmill Meadows and Marsh Working Group (MDCE)**

 Councillor A. Allen entered the Chamber and joined the meeting.

Members **NOTED:**

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‘Copies of audited or independently examined accounts for the last year’ should be submitted with the application; MDCE accounts are on a spreadsheet.

 After a discussion:

Councillor Aldcroft proposed, Councillor Whittle seconded and it was **RESOLVED** with 2 abstentions and 1 vote against:

**To award Walkmill Meadows and Marsh Working Group (MDCE) a Large Grant of £1,200 to help purchase spring bulbs, bird boxes, easels, paints, paper to allow artistic events to be arranged in the area.**

1. **Market Drayton Town Football Club**

 After a discussion:

Councillor Nellins proposed, Councillor Chapman seconded and it was **RESOLVED** with 2 abstentions:

**To award Market Drayton Town Football Club, a Large Grant of £4,112** **to be taken from the Community Grant Funding in Earmarked Reserves to help with purchasing new lighting bulbs for the existing floodlights to transfer them from metal halide systems to LED.**

1. **Ashley and Loggerheads First Responders**

 After a discussion:

Councillor Chapman proposed, Councillor Aldcroft seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

**To award Ashley and Loggerheads First Responders with a Large Grant of £1,000 towards purchasing and fitting out a new response vehicle.**

1. **Market Drayton Carnival (Market Drayton Traders CIC)**

 After a discussion:

Councillor Whittle proposed, Councillor Chapman seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

**To award Market Drayton Carnival (Market Drayton Traders CIC) with a Large Grant of £1,200 to help towards putting on a Carnival within the town.**

**Funds will not be released until confirmation and proof the Carnival is going ahead this year is received.**

1. **Market Drayton Mencap Club**

After a discussion:

Councillor Aldcroft proposed, Councillor Chapman seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

**To refuse the Large Grant Application from Market Drayton Mencap Club to purchase lightweight tables due to them having a large amount of contained funds available.**

1. **Ginger and Spice Festival**

After a discussion:

Councillor Whittle proposed, Councillor Nellins seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

**To award Ginger and Spice Festival with a Large Grant of £1,200 to help towards the cost of holding the event within the town.**

1. **Citizen Advice Shropshire**

After a discussion:

Councillor Chapman proposed, Councillor Allen seconded and it was **RESOLVED** with 1 abstention:

**To award Citizen Advice Shropshire with a Large Grant of £4,464 to help towards the cost of running the weekly advice service.**

1. **Market Drayton Foodbank**

Councillor Aldcroft declared an interest in this item and left the Chamber.

After a discussion:

Members **NOTED** the accounts submitted are on a spreadsheet and not audited accounts.

Councillor Whittle proposed, Councillor Allen seconded and it was **RESOLVED** with 2 abstentions and 1 vote against:

**To award Market Drayton Foodbank with a Large Grant of £3,000 to help towards rental costs for The Parish Rooms and a storage container.**

Councillor Aldcroft entered the Chamber and re-joined the meeting.

1. **Market Drayton Good Neighbourhood Scheme**

After a discussion:

Councillor Chapman proposed, Councillor Allen seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

**To award Market Drayton Good Neighbourhood Scheme a large Grant of £500 to help towards running a Dementia Friendly Film screening at The Festival Drayton Centre.**

1. **Market Drayton Methodist Church**

Councillor Aldcroft declared an interest in this item and left the Chamber.

After a discussion:

Councillor Manton proposed, Councillor Hughes seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

**To award Market Drayton Methodist Church £200 from the Small Grant budget to help towards the cost of two performances by The Extreme Tour Organisation in September.**

Councillor Aldcroft entered the Chamber and re-joined the meeting.

 The meeting concluded at 7.14 p.m.

 Signed: …………………………….. Date: ……………………………..