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Minutes of Grants Committee Meeting of Morecambe Town Council held at Morecambe Town Hall at 16:00 hours on 12th September 2024

Record of Attendance: Cllrs J Slater (Chair), M Bottoms, D Knight, J Goodrich, J Livermore, K Gee, W Dixon

Officers: Luke Trevaskis, Joel Turner, Peter Fisher

GC24/25 - 008 - Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance received from Cllr C Ainscough.

GC24/25 - 009 - Declarations of Interest

Cllrs J Livermore and M Bottoms declared an interest as Councillor of Lancaster City Council. Cllr J Slater declared a pecuniary interest in Grant Application 008.

GC24/25 - 010 - Minutes

The minutes of the Grant Committee meeting held on 18 July 2024 were approved.

GC24/25 - 011 - Public Participation

None.

GC24/25 - 012 - Finance

A financial update was provided for the Committee which was accepted by Members.

GC24/25 - 013 - Exclusion of the Press and Public

The meeting is recommended to pass the following recommendation in relation to the following items: 'That in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following business, on the ground that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons arising from the nature of that business of the proceedings'.

GC24/25 - 014 - Community Grant Award Application - 003

Committee resolved not to award a grant.

GC24/25 - 015 - Community Grant Award Application - 004

Committee resolved not to award a grant.

GC24/25 - 016 - Community Grant Award Application - 005

Committee resolved to award £1660.00 to Transgressing Film Ltd. The grant award will be used to fund a training programme called 'Teen Media', aimed at students and young people aged 16-18 living in the Morecambe area. The programme will provide hands-on training experience for up to 20 young people to learn more about video production, photo-journalism and public relations. The programme is free to the students.

GC24/25 - 017 - Community Grant Award Application - 006

Committee resolved to award £2240.00 to Bay Veteran's Association. The organisation runs a drop-in centre in the West End of Morecambe for veterans, providing a hot drink and a snack, together with tackling the social isolation many veterans experience. The money will be used to help fund the daily drop-in service for local veterans.

GC24/25 - 018 - Community Grant Award Application - 007

Application refused.

GC24/25 - 019 - Community Grant Award Application - 008

Committee resolved to award £9000.00 to the Morecambe Business Improvement District, representing businesses operating in the Town Centre. The grant awarded will be used to fund improvements and maintenance to the winter lights (multi-coloured cones) which are prominently displayed on Marine Road (November - February) and welcomed by traders and residents alike.

Cllr J Slater withdrew from the meeting for this item; committee resolved to appoint Cllr M Bottoms as Chair of the meeting for this item.

GC24/25 - 020 - Community Grant Award Application - 009

Application refused.

GC24/25 - 021 - Grants Process / Criteria

Members were asked to consider the grant application process and criteria and agreed suggested amendments to the Terms of Reference which will be sent to Full Council in September for approval.