

Minutes of the Meeting of Charities & Grants Committees held in Rickards Hall on 25 November 2024 at 7:00 pm

Present: Cllrs. Jon Aldridge, Angela Baker, Bill Cummings, Michael Gemmell Smith, Carey Jacques, Alan Layland, Margot McArthur, Stuart McGregor, Vince Parker, Angela Read, Michael Stockdale, Stephen Sumner, Bob Todd

In attendance: Lorraine Ganney Deputy Clerk/RFO
The Meeting started at 19:00

1 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Cllr Sumner chaired the meeting as Chairman of the Finance Committee, and under the Charities and Grants Terms of Reference.

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Compton and Streets

2 Declaration of Interests or Predetermination

Item 8:

Cllrs Aldridge and Layland declared an interest in NEDRA.

Cllr Aldridge declared an interest in 1st Edenbridge Guides.

Cllrs Baker, Layland and Todd declared an interest in Citizens Advise.

Cllr Layland declared and interests in Edenbridge Volunteer Transport.

19.02 Cllr Read joined the meeting.

3 Public Questions and Statements

None

4 To receive, adopt and sign the minutes of the meeting for the Charities and Grants held on 13 November 2023 027-01-03

Resolved: to receive and adopt the minutes of the meeting 13 November 2023 for the Charities no; 302732 The Public Recreation Ground, 302733 The Recreation Ground and 307544 The Norman Foundation and the Grants 2023; (minutes 027/1-3) and the Chairman signed as a true and accurate record.

5 THE PUBLIC RECREATION GROUND CHARITY - BLOSSOMS PARK (302732)

5.1 To approve the accounts for Charity no 302732; Public Recreation Ground - Blossoms Park

Members noted the accounts recorded 'nil' return as all expenditure is managed through Council's I&E accounts, therefore 'nil' return. All activity is reported through the Open Spaces Committee as managed by the Council (sole managing trustee) and registered land owner.

Resolved: to confirm the annual return for charity no 302732 as 'nil'.

6 THE RECREATION GROUND CHARITY-LINGFIELD ROAD (302733)

6.1 To approve the accounts for Charity no 302733; Recreation Ground - Lingfield Road

Members noted the accounts recorded 'nil' return as all expenditure is managed through Council's I&E accounts, therefore 'nil' return. All activity is reported through the Open Spaces Committee as managed by the Council (sole managing trustee) and registered land owner.

Resolved: to confirm the annual return for charity no 302733 as 'nil'.

7 **NORMAN FOUNDATION (307544) - TRUSTEES**

7.1 **To approve the accounts for Charity no 307544; The Norman Foundation (as Trustees)**

Members noted an award had previously been approved by the trustees to HOUSE in July 2023, of £2,137.98. The award was paid out on 1 December 2023, and had been included in the accounts. The accounts also included the interest earned from the CCLA/COIF accounts and the Scottish Widows account. The CCLA/COIF shares value had increased and been accounted for.

The Chairman of the Council, on behalf of the trustees, signed the accounts as a true record of the Charity's financial position to be submitted to the Charities Commissions.

Resolved: to confirm the annual return for charity no 307544 with a balance of £52,167.33 as of the year end.

Members noted Edenbridge Primary School had not made any further applications since January 2021, and recommended Council to nominate a councillor representative who could re-establish contact with the school.

8 **EDENBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS FUND**

Members considered all the applications, and requests for £12.880 against the available funds of £8,000. Each application was discussed in turn, with members able to make comments on which applications to support and the potential benefits to the Edenbridge community. After some consideration and discussion, Members

Resolved: to make awards of the total £8,000 funding available, allocated as follows .

1st Edenbridge Brownies, £500.00

1st Edenbridge Girl Guides, £500.00

Baby Umbrella, £400.00

Eden Twinning, £50.00

Edenbridge & Westerham Citizens Advice, £2,000.00

Edenbridge Amateur Dramatics Society, £250.00

Edenbridge Community Christmas Association, £1,000.00

Edenbridge Voluntary Transport Service, £1,000.00

Hi Kent (Local Registered Deaf Charity), £400.00

Marsh Green Pre School, £250.00

The Eden Christian Trust , £500.00

The Hygiene Bank, £250.00

West Kent Mediation, £900.00

TOTAL £8,000.00

9 **Press releases**

A press release for the grants awarded to be published.

10 **Date of next meeting - 01 December 2025**

The Meeting ended at 19:29