

Minutes of the Meeting of Charities & Grants held in Rickards Hall on 1 December 2025 at 7:00 pm

Present: Cllrs. Jon Aldridge, Alan Layland, Margot McArthur, Angela Read, Michael Stockdale, Bob Todd
In attendance: Deputy Clerk/RFO
19.05 Meeting Opened

In view of the Chairman of Finance absent from the meeting, Cllr Todd proposed Cllr Aldridge to Chair the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Layland. Members unanimously **resolved to appoint Cllr Aldridge to Chair the meeting**

1 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Baker, Compton, Cummings, Gemmell Smith, Jaques, McGregor, Sumner.

2 Declaration of Interests or Predetermination

Cllr Stockdale declared an interest in the Eden Valley Museum.

3 Public Questions and Statements

19.07 Meeting Closed

2 members of Eden Twinning attended the meeting and spoke about why they had requested a grant for the French themed events programme they had planned for young children. To learn more about the French culture, through crafting, games, and activities. They wanted to continue the long existing links and friendships that have been made over the last 52 years and promote social and educational events.

19.12 Meeting Opened

4 To receive, adopt and sign the minutes of the meeting for the Charities and Grants held on 25 November 2024 2023-075/01-02

Members

Resolved: to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 25 November 2024-075/01-02 for the Charities no; 302732 The Public Recreation Ground, 302733 The Recreation Ground and 307544 The Norman Foundation and the Grants 2024; The Chairman will sign 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 was managed through Council's I&E accounts, therefore 'nil' return. All activity was reported through the Open Spaces Committee as managed by the Council (sole managing trustee) and registered land owner.

Members

Resolved: to confirm the charity 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 was managed through Council's I&E accounts, therefore 'nil' return. All activity was reported through the Open Spaces Committee as managed by the Council (sole managing trustee) and registered land owner.

Members

Resolved: to confirm the charity 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)

The CCLA/COIF shares value had decreased and been accounted for. The closing Balance as of the 31 March 2025 was £52,958.07. The Chairman of the Council, on behalf of the trustees, would sign the accounts as a true record of the Charity's financial position before submitting to the Charities Commissions.

Members

Resolved: to confirm the charity annual return for charity no 307544 The Norman Trust as £52,958.07 as of year end.

8 EDENBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS FUND

Members considered all the applications and requests for £14486.40 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 totalling £7986.40, allocated as follows

1st Edenbridge Brownies, £1,046.40

1st Edenbridge Girl Guides, £1,040.00

Eden Twinning, £200.00

Edenbridge & Westerham Citizens Advice, £2,000.00

Edenbridge Community Christmas Association, £1,000.00

Edenbridge Voluntary Transport Service, £1,000.00

Hi Kent (Local Registered Deaf Charity), £600.00

NEDRA, £600.00

The Eden Christian Trust, £500.00

TOTAL, £7986.40

9 Date of Next Meeting - 30 November 2026

19.31 Meeting Closed