

**TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
EXTERNAL COMMITTEE**

**Donations Sub-Committee**

Notes of a meeting held at the Town Hall at 5.00pm on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

<i>No</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	<b>Present:</b> Chris Cheesman of Tenterden Leisure Centre, Cllrs Mrs Curteis, Miss Gooch, Mulholland, Mrs Smith & Sugden	
2	<b>Apologies.</b> None.	
3	<b>Declarations of interest.</b> Cllrs Miss Gooch and Sugden declared an interest in the Zion Baptist application	
4	<b>Chairman.</b> Cllr Mulholland was elected as chair.	
5	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting.</b> The minutes of the final meeting of the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and donations sub-committee 4 <sup>th</sup> May were agreed. This meeting dealt solely with loans & donations issues which are now appropriate to this committee.	
6	<b>Matters arising.</b> None.	
7	<b>Terms of Reference.</b> New terms of reference for the committee were agreed.	
8	<p><b>Donation Requests:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Leisure Centre. The TLCT expansion plans will cost £2 million and they have requested matched funding from ABC for 75K (they are able to provide 75K from reserves) They are requesting a further 75K from TTC, the rest being funded by a loan from ABC. A 450k loan from TTC at 1% over a 15 year period would give them the same benefit as a £75k grant. Leader funding of £40,000 from KCC may be payable. No S106 money is available. The grant was agreed in principle if a loan is not allowable under capital expenditure regulations (the clerk is seeking clarification on this). In view of the time restrictions the External committee may decide to take this decision outside the participatory budgeting process.</li> <li>b) The annual grant for the Museum of £1000 was agreed</li> <li>c) St Michaels Church request for assistance with clock maintenance was agreed £300 in total for 16/17 and 17/18 as the council had made a similar two-year provision for St Mildred's last year.</li> <li>d) St Mildred's request for £150 for clock maintenance was agreed.</li> <li>e) RNLI request from Rye was refused as outside our grants policy.</li> <li>f) 1066 Archery club – matched funding request for mower agreed £800.</li> </ul>	

	<p>g) Cllrs Miss Gooch and Sugden left the room after declaring an interest. Zion funding application – unclear what the purpose of the loan is and still issues with the accounting. The committee were reluctant to penalise the youth by refusing the grant and proposals were made to give the funds directly to Highbury Hall or drip-feed the funding backed up by expenditure confirmation. The Clerk would check the feasibility of this.</p>	
9	<b>Any other business.</b> None.	
10	<b>Date of next meeting.</b> TBA	