

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the **COMMUNITY CHEST MEETING** held at **6.45p.m.** in the **Council Offices**, Advice & Information Centre, Sedgefield, on **Monday 13th April 2015.**

Present **Cllr. Vanessa Carmichael (Chairman)**
Cllr. Alf Walton (Vice-Chairman) and
Cllrs. Allan Blakemore, David Brown, Mark Cant, Mel Carr, Lynne Dentith, Ian Sutherland, Gloria Wills

Officer Jane Ayre (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllrs. Tim Jeanes, Rebecca Hagan, Chris Lines, John Robinson, Maxine Robinson and Dudley Waters

2. Matters of Information:

None

3. Community Chest: Financial Position:

In addition to the Financial Position circulated with the agenda for the financial year 2014/15, Cllr Vanessa Carmichael also circulated details of the income and expenditure for the Community Chest from 2013/14 to date.

Cllr Vanessa Carmichael reminded all that it had been agreed at the last Community Chest meeting to review the amount of money which could be allocated by the Committee. A discussion took place and it was agreed that the Committee should request, via P&R Committee, to increase their donations from £50 to £100 if felt appropriate.

RESOLVED:

- i) To approve the Community Chest Financial position.**
- ii) Cllr Vanessa Carmichael to prepare a proposal for presentation at the May 2015 P&R Committee requesting Community Chest donations be increased**

from £50 to £100.

CLlr Lynne Dentith joined the meeting at this point.

CLlr Ian Sutherland joined the meeting at this point and declared an interest in Item 4.3.

4. To consider requests for donations:

4.1 Sedgefield Bereavement Support Group request for donation towards funds to enable advertising and training

A request had been received from Ms Panny Pighills of the Sedgefield Bereavement Support Group requesting a donation towards funds to enable advertising and training.

RESOLVED:

To give a donation of £50.

4.2 County of Durham School Benevolent Fund request for donation towards charity to assist needy families in County Durham with purchase of shoes and winter coats for the children.

A request had been received from the County of Durham School Benevolent Fund requesting a donation towards charity to assist needy families in County Durham with the purchase of shoes and winter coats for children.

RESOLVED:

Not to give a donation at this time.

4.3 Sedgefield in Bloom request for donation towards cost of community hanging baskets

A request had been received from the Sedgefield In Bloom requesting a donation towards the cost of filling 8 community hanging baskets at several locations across the Town.

RESOLVED:

To give a donation of £50.

4.4 Sedgefield Sowers and Growers request for donation towards equipment repairs

A request had been received from Sedgefield Sowers and Growers requesting a donation towards equipment repairs.

RESOLVED:

To give a donation of £50.

4.5 Taste and See request for donation towards cookery course running costs

Cllr Allan Blakemore declared an interest in this item.

The Clerk circulated to all copies of a letter from Mrs Lamb requesting a grant of £200 in order to continue to run two cookery groups called "Taste and See" for young people which run from the Methodist Church Hall. The groups are aimed at 9-11 year olds and 11-13 year olds. The aim of the group is to encourage young people to enjoy cooking and eating healthily. It was agreed this was a very worthwhile cause, however, the Community Chest could not give the full amount requested, however, it was agreed this request should be forwarded to the Mayor for his consideration.

RESOLVED:

To give a donation of £50 and to forward Mrs Lamb's letter to the Mayor for consideration.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 6.55 p.m.