

# Hetton Town Council



## Minutes of the meeting of Finance & Resources Committee held on Wednesday 11 March 2020 at The Hetton Centre

### **Present**

Cllrs R Coulson, R Elvin, R Heron, M Hopper and K Pearson.

### **In attendance**

Cllr S Waterston  
G Keedy, Town Clerk (TC)

### **1) Election of Chairman**

Cllr R Elvin presided over this item and sought nominations for Chairman.

Cllr Elvin proposed Cllr K Pearson, seconded by Cllr R Coulson.

There were no other nominations. Committee resolve to elect Cllr K Pearson as Chairman for the municipal year 2019-2020.

### **2) Apologies for absence**

An apology for absence had been received from Cllr J Blackburn (other commitment). Committee resolved to approve the apology.

No apologies had been received from Cllr J Green or A Liversidge. Committee resolved to record their absences as unapproved.

### **3) Declarations of Interest**

Cllr R Heron declared a non pecuniary interest as member of Friends of Hetton Lyons Country Park.

### **4) Public participation**

Cllr Waterston indicated that she did not require to speak. Committee resolved to progress to Item 5.

### **5) Community Grant Award Scheme**

Town Clerk introduced the item and explained that he would comment on each application individually to confirm and / or comment on compliance with Town Councils requirements for supporting documentation.

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### **Item 5 Community Grant Award Scheme cont...**

TC added that all supporting information was available for inspection at the meeting.

TC confirmed that sufficient funding remained available from the allocated budget.

Committee resolved to recommend approval of the following applications:

1st Eppleton Scout Group - £500.00 to support an "adventure" day.

Hetton Lyons FC - £500.00 for kit, equipment and fees.

Friends of Hetton Lyons Country Park - £500.00 contribution to cost of new PC and software

Eppleton Cricket Club - £450.00 for new flooring for keep fit and dance activities.

Hetton Primary School - £500.00 for provision of waterproof clothing for pupils.

East Rainton Community Group - £500.00 to support initial activities and room hire costs.

During considerations, Committee discussed possible additional criteria, requiring future applicants to part /match fund their financial requirements and for a cap on organisation turnover to be set.

Committee resolved to recommend a policy review in due course.

### **6) Community Grant Award scheme surplus**

Committee resolved to recommend that any surplus from the budget allocation be carried over to mainstream budget 2020-2021 and ring-fenced for allocation to community project(s).