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Minutes

Meeting of : Events, Markets and Grants Sub-Committee
Date : 27 January 2025
Meeting held in : The Guildhall
Commencing at : 6.30pm

Present:

Chair: S Charleston

Cllrs: J Broom, J King, I Tomes, and P Sample

Officers: Asa Thorpe, Sarah Gregson, Matthew Hine, Beth George, Lol Wilde, Luke Harris, and Charlotte Eardley

1. Apologies:

Cllr I Tomes substituted for Cllr J Bolwell.
Cllr J King substituted for Cllr J Nettle.
Cllr E Rimmer was not in attendance.

2. Public Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions or statements submitted by the public.

3. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

None.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting of the Events, Markets & Grants Sub-Committee held on 7 October 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr P Sample declared a prejudicial interest in Item 11 because he is a Life Vice President of Salisbury Rugby Football Club.

6. Dispensations:

No dispensations were requested.

7. Chairman's Announcements:

The Chairman made no announcements.

8. Summary of Community Development Grants 2024/25:

Sarah Gregson gave a [report](#) providing the committee with an overview of all grants for the period of 2025/26. It was,

Resolved that:

8.1 The committee note the report, and officers publish this information on the Salisbury City Council Website before the end of the financial year.

9. New Lottery Good Causes Report:

Sarah Gregson presented the [new good cause applicants](#) for the Salisbury City Lottery.

She noted that FearFree have paused their application until they have created a mechanism to ringfence funds for Salisbury, with the intention to bring their application to another committee in May once they meet eligibility criteria.

There was a short discussion on the important work of all applicants, including FearFree, and a motion was proposed to agree their application in principle, until such time that they meet eligibility criteria. It was,

Resolved that:

9.1 The committee approve all applications, including FearFree in principle, until such time that they meet eligibility criteria.

Proposed by: Cllr P Sample

Seconded by: Cllr I Tomes

There was a vote, and it was **Agreed**.

10. Community Development Grant Monitoring:

Irene Kohler from Silver Salisbury spoke about the important work currently

being done and future plans. More information on this work can be found in their [Directory](#). The committee thanked Irene for her work and time. It was,

Resolved that:

10.1 The committee note the monitoring report from the Silver Salisbury Community Development Grant.

Proposed by: Cllr S Charleston

Seconded by: Cllr J Broom

There was a vote, and it was **Agreed**.

11. Rent Reduction Policy Review Update:

The committee received an update on the tenant consultation on the [Draft Rent Reduction Policy](#).

It was noted that the RFO has provided feedback on point 4.1 on the report to clarify the definition of Net Value.

Proposed by: Cllr S Charleston

Seconded by: Cllr J Broom

There was a vote, and it was **Agreed**. Cllr P Sample abstained from this vote.

12. Business Team: 2024 in Review:

The committee received a [presentation](#) and short video from the Business Team.

Matthew Hine thanked each individual member of his team for their hard work, passion, and progress.

The Chief Executive, Asa Thorpe, praised the excellent progress of the team in a short period of time, especially considering their staff changes. He thanked them all and is looking forward to the future.

The committee echoed the words of Matthew Hine and Asa Thorpe.

13. Budget Monitoring Committee Report to the end of November 2024:

The committee received a [report](#) on Month 8 budget monitoring. Matthew Hine explained some of the figures and what attributed to the over/underspends. It was,

Resolved that:

14.1 The committee note the report.

- 14. Matters, if any, which by reason of special circumstances the Chairman decides should be discussed as a matter of urgency for information only. Please note that the Council cannot lawfully consider or determine any matter which is not specified on the Agenda of this summons.**

No matters were raised.

There was 1 member of the public and no press present.

The meeting closed at 20:15.

Cllr J King left at 19:20.