

KENNINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

PROJECT ASSESSMENT PANEL

15th January 2020

MINUTES OF THE ABOVE MEETING, HELD IN ST MARY'S COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON WEDNESDAY 15th JANUARY, STARTING AT 6.30PM.

1/20PAP To note those present and record any apologies

Members: Cllr Alan Cooper (Chair), Cllr Chris Morley, Ms Wendy Pole
Clerk – Deborah Prior, Locum Clerk – Linda Hedley

Cllr Nathan Iliffe and three members of the Rylands Road, Playground Project were also present.

Apologies: received from Cllr Paul Goodwin and Cllr Brian Varney.

2/20PAP To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI's) or a Voluntary Interest relating to items on the agenda.

There were none declared.

3/20PAP To adopt and sign minutes from last meeting held 30th October 2019

The minutes were agreed, signed and dated By Councillor Alan Cooper (Chair).

4/20PAP Rylands Road Park Renovation (001/20)


A revised request was considered for £6230 to bring the group total to £10,000 to purchase an outdoor open sided shelter for local residents, groups, keep fit classes, teens to socialise, or for families to have picnics under.

The group has not been able to obtain quotes for the work due partly due to the fact that this would be executed by Ashford Borough Council (ABC) but also as is part of a planned public consultation. The application exceeds Kennington Community Councils max grant of £5,000.

The Panel was sympathetic to the aims of the group but concluded it would fall at the first hurdle of the assessment criteria, namely the "extent to which the project is realistic and practical as currently described, including cost estimates." The Council has therefore asked the group to withdraw the application but voted unanimously:

- to pursue discussions with ABC on behalf of the group; and
- to recommend Council to allocate £5,000 of budget to a Phase 1 project, preferably with matched funding from ABC.

The Panel considered this approach would allow the Rylands Road Park Renovation plan to gain momentum.

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5/20PAP Conningbrook Lakes Sailing (002/20)

Application received from Conningbrook Lakes Sailing; a community sports provision started by the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club in 2015 for a grant of £500 towards the purchase of 10 young person sized wet suits.

The proposal was viewed very positively (see attached assessment sheet) but asked the Clerk to clarify

- that the grant would be paid to, and the wetsuits owned by, Conningbrook Lakes Sailing and not the commercial company which manages operations.
- Payment would be subject to an undertaking that the wetsuits will remain in Kennington and not be hired out at Dover where the parent group operates.

6/20PAP Ball Lane, Church Yard

There has previously been correspondence with St Mary's Church concerning the burial ground near to Ashford Hockey Club. Discussions are continuing and it is possible that the initial application could be for a small community grant towards the cost of accurately scoping the work necessary on the site. At this point in time, they are not in a position to approach the Council for a grant.

Councillor Chris Morley has been invited and accepted to join their Working Group to assist.

7/20PAP Matters of Interest - Ashford Hockey Club (AHC)

An application received post cut-off date for a grant towards materials to build a permanent structure to replace a wooden dug-out or substitutes bench, one of three that are planned. The clerk has been asked consult with AHC re their application ahead of the next Panels meeting. The Locum Clerk drew the Panel's attention to the possibility that these structures may require planning permission and, in that case, the Council could consider making the application on behalf of AHC as this would benefit from a reduced fee.

8/20PAP Date of next meeting and close

The Panel is conscious that grants are a direct way that the Council can impact on the community. It therefore agreed to announce a further assessment round in the current financial year, despite the short notice that this will involve. It was decided that the next deadline for grant applications to close **Wednesday 26th February 2020**. The next meeting to be **Wednesday 4th March 2020**.


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