

**Minutes of the meeting of the Extra-Ordinary meeting of Chelmsford Garden Community Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 5.14pm at the Beaulieu Community Centre, 17 Centenary Way, Chelmsford, Essex**

**Present:**      **Councillors** Derek Drew-Smith (Chairman)  
                                 Daniel Jeffreys  
                                 Kuldeep Golla  
                                 Romilly Wakeling  
                                 Brian Jeapes  
**Executive Officer** Suzanne Walker

No members of the public were present. Two representatives from the Beaulieu Community Trust were present.

It was **agreed** that the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Drew-Smith, chair the meeting.

**23/157:                      Apologies**  
Received from Councillor Udoh.

**23/158:                      Declaration of interests**  
None.

**23/159:                      To consider a grant applications received from the Beaulieu Community Trust**

The grant application from the Beaulieu Community Trust (BCT) was considered and Councillors asked the two representatives a number of questions to be clear on the use of the money as they wished to be clear on what outcomes would be achieved for the benefit of the Community by the payment of a grant. The BCT representatives set out their vision for Community Events and provided examples of Dementia Friends, breastfeeding support, pop up shops and the Halloween event, but explained that such events would mean a loss of income from the commercially let rooms. The BCT will also be collaborating with this Council in relation to the D Day commemorations. The aspiration is that the Community Centre is not just a place to hire a room but a place for the entire Community. The financial position of the BCT was also explained and expanded upon.

It was also noted that there has been a considerable amount of vandalism to the accessible changing room and toilets, however the BCT representatives confirmed that they were only seeking a grant in the sum of £10,000.00 as requested in the written application and that in relation to the costs of repair as a result of the vandalism they would be looking to apply for a number of grants one of which may be a further grant application to this Council.

Councillors considered that the application would be of benefit to the Community and aligned with the aspirations of this Council and it was unanimously **agreed** to make a grant of ten thousand pounds to the Beaulieu Community Trust.

Meeting concluded at 5.46pm