

UCPC Jubilee Funding Group

Thursday 5th September 2024 at 10.30am

Rose Farm Coffee Shop



MINUTES

1.

Cllr Marian Atkinson (Chair)	Utkinton and Cotebrook Parish Council
Margaret Bowers	Utkinton WI
Cllr Matthew Grant	Utkinton and Cotebrook Parish Council
Judith Grant	Utkinton Village Hall
Valerie Hague	Resident
Brenda Ramsden	Utkinton WI
Carol Spencer	Resident
Cllr Graham Spencer	Utkinton and Cotebrook Parish Council
Stephen Moore	Cotebrook Village Hall
Apologies:	
Walter Gibson	St Helens Church
Graham Harrison	Utkinton Village Hall
In attendance:	
Kath Lloyd	Clerk to the Parish Council

2. **Minutes:** The minutes from Community Group meeting on 10th July 2024 were agreed as accurate.
3. **Big Community Raffle** – The raffle had raised £6501.45 which had been split between the five organisations equally (giving each £1300.39). MA thanked everyone again for their hard work and it was agreed that future community fundraising events should be organised in the same way.
4. **Grant applications to be considered** – there had been a revised application from the Toddler Group based at Utkinton Village Hall. After a discussion, the group agreed that the decision from the meeting on 10th July should be upheld but that the Toddler Group and Village Hall Committee needed to liaise about storage etc.

MA had received an email from St Helens' Church asking about the potential for a grant for chipping stones in order to renew the path in the church yard. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that Cllrs Grant and Spencer would have a conversation with the church about the most appropriate way to approach the issues.

5. **Any other business** –
 - a) It was agreed that planters under the new Village Gateway signs would be very welcome, the Clerk will apply for Lottery funding and keep the group updated. It was agreed that if further funding was needed, a sum would be ringfenced from the Jubilee fund towards planters.
 - b) JG is liaising with Tirley Garth to agree a date for a Village Festival in 2025, agreed that some time in June would be preferable. It was also agreed that the next meeting will include the wider Community Group as arrangements for the Festival as a joint event would be on the agenda.
6. **Date of next meeting** – Thursday 28th November at 10.30am at Rose Farm Coffee House.

7. **The Big Community Raffle:** it is anticipated that approximately £6500 was raised from the Big Raffle and Cllr Atkinson thanked everyone for their hard work – it was noted that all the organizations had participated and the event had been a really successful partnership effort. Resolved: that thank you letters will be sent to all prize givers and to Tarporley Garden Centre and the Coffee House@Rose Farm for allowing the tickets to be sold from their businesses. Also resolved that the full list of prize winners will be posted on the website as soon as possible and that after the final tickets had been drawn, all remaining tickets will be destroyed. The group agreed that it would be good to follow up with the five organizations later in the year to see what the money had been spent on and promote the initiative for the future. The Clerk will try to get a large presentation cheque for photos.
8. **Any other business:** It was agreed that an event at Tirley Garth in 2025 would be another opportunity for the five organizations to work together again. The Community Group will continue to be kept informed and will resume meetings when the next event is planned.
9. **Date of next meeting:** to be confirmed.

PART B – Relevant to Jubilee Funding Group members

Cllr Marian Atkinson (Chair)	Utkinton and Cotebrook Parish Council
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7. **Grant applications:** the following applications were considered and recommendations to the next council meeting were agreed -
- i. The Done Room, Tarporley for £500: following an extensive debate, it was agreed that although the Done Room is not within the parish boundaries, it is used by many residents of Utkinton and Cotebrook and some of the funds raised by the recent raffle and by the previous Jubilee and Coronation events had been raised by contributions from outside the parish. In order to show support for the work at the Done Room, it was proposed by Cllr Atkinson and seconded by Valerie Hague that a community grant of £500 be recommended to Council in Sept.

- ii. The Church of St John and the Holy Cross for £250: it was felt that the group weren't happy for funding to be used for routine maintenance and Carol Spencer offered to share a link for a CWaC grant that the Clerk will follow up. Not recommended.
 - iii. Cotebrook Orchestra for £440: The group agreed that the orchestra needed to be more proactive in advertising their presence and encouraging new members. Carol Spencer proposed that the grant be allowed, seconded by Judith Grant.
 - iv. Contribution to Village Gateways for £1186 (total cost £6945 ex VAT): not supported on the grounds that the parish council have been promising the Gateways for some time and receive precept funding which can be used for that purpose. Not recommended.
 - v. Utkinton Mother & Toddler Group for £500: there was some debate about how much liaison there had been with the Utkinton Village Hall Committee prior to this application being written. The group supported it in principle but asked for more discussion with the Village Hall Committee members before any payment was made – proposed by Cllr Spencer, seconded by Cllr Atkinson that Council approve a grant of £500
8. **Fundraising table at Utkinton Village Hall Summer Fete 20th July 2 – 6pm** – Cllr Grant and Cllr Stubbs will provide an activity table of some sort for the Summer Fete at the Vilalge Hall.
9. **Any other business:** It has been suggested that a sponsored Tractor Run might be popular in 2025? It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.
10. **Date of next meeting:** Thursday 5th Sept at 10.30am at Rose Farm Coffee House.