



Council Meeting – 30 July 2020

Agenda Item CC2116/20

Council Charities 2020/21

Introduction

The current nominated Parish Council charities are the Hertfordshire Mind Network & Cure Parkinson's Trust. This paper proposes keeping them in place until April 2021.

Discussion

The Parish Council usually chooses a pair of charities to support on a yearly basis. The current two charities were chosen at the Council meeting in July 2019.

Due to lockdown, events that would have supported these charities and those potentially chosen for 2020/21 have not taken place leading to a reduction in fundraising.

By continuing with the current charities, it would also give Council the opportunity to align the chosen charities with the financial year as it is currently out of step by a few months. This has made accounting for past charity fundraising slightly more complicated.

The Council could now choose the charities during the Budget setting process, either in November 2020 or January 2021, so that it coincides with the commencement of the new financial year.

Separately, the money raised at the Dog Show in 2019 went to Southridge Animal Shelter. Council is hoping to stage a Dog Show event in October 2020. Members are invited to propose a charity to support at this year's event. If councillors think appropriate, as the Dog Show is now going to be combined with an Apple Day event, money that is raised on the Dog Show side can be allocated to an animal related charity with the remainder going to the Hertfordshire Mind Network & Cure Parkinson's Trust.

Recommendations

- That Hertfordshire Mind Network & Cure Parkinson's Trust remain the Parish Council charities until April 2021.
- That the nominated Charities for 2021/22 are chosen by Council during the 2021/22 Budget setting process.
- That a charity be chosen to support at the 2020 Dog Show.

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