

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET – 10 DECEMBER 2013

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| Title of report | MINUTES OF THE GRANTS REVIEW WORKING PARTY |
| Key Decision | a) Financial No b) Community No |
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| Purpose of report | To consider the recommendations made by the Grants Review Working Party. |
| Reason for Decision | To enable community and voluntary organisations in the District to receive financial assistance for projects that meet the Council's priorities. |
| Council Priorities | Homes and Communities |
| Implications: | |
| Financial/Staff | As set out within the budget. |
| Link to relevant CAT | Stronger CAT |
| Risk Management | N/A |
| Equalities Impact Assessment | Equalities Impact Assessment undertaken in 2008/09 |
| Human Rights | None. |
| Transformational Government | None. |
| Comments of Head of Paid Service | The report is satisfactory. |
| Comments of Section 151 Officer | The report is satisfactory. |

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| Comments of Monitoring Officer | The report is satisfactory. |
| Consultees | Members of the Grants Review Working Party |
| Background papers | Agenda and associated documents of the meeting held on 28 October 2013: https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/files/documents/grwp/281013%20Agenda%20print%20pack.pdf |
| Recommendations | TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE GRANTS REVIEW WORKING PARTY AS DETAILED WITHIN THE MINUTES ATTACHED AT APPENDIX 1. |

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Grants Review Working Party meets each quarter to consider small grant applications and other items as detailed within the terms of reference in paragraph 2. As the group reports directly to Cabinet, all recommendations made will be sent to the first available Cabinet meeting after the group have met for final approval.

2.0 GRANTS REVIEW WORKING PARTY – TERMS OF REFERENCE

2.1 To make recommendations to Cabinet in respect of the following:-

- The undertaking of an annual programme of partnership grant reviews to ensure value for money and delivery against the Service Level Agreement;
- The allocation of partnership grants during the budget cycle;
- The assessment of small grant applications on a quarterly basis and determination of awards;
- The review and establishment of the criteria for the small grants programme;
- The continuing monitoring of grants upon completion of the review to ensure compliance.

APPENDIX 1

MINUTES of a meeting of the GRANTS REVIEW WORKING PARTY held in the Board Room, Council Offices, Coalville on MONDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2013

Present: Councillor D J Stevenson (Chairman)

Councillors J Cotterill, J Legrys and J Ruff.

Officers: Mr G Lewis, Mrs J Summerton and Mrs R Wallace.

14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Clayfield and N Smith.

15. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor J Legrys declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the grant application made by Heritage FM/Carillon Radio under item 5 – One Off Grant Applications 2013/14 due to his involvement with the Hermitage FM.

16. MINUTES

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting on 22 July 2013.

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2013 were approved and signed as a true record.

17. ONE OFF GRANT APPLICATIONS 2013/14 – DEADLINE 30 SEPTEMBER 2013

The one off grant applications were considered.

Ashby de la Zouch Museum – For the conservation of the 16th Earl of Huntingdon's Coronation Robes to ensure an important artefact from the Premier Family of Ashby (since 1461) has been saved and will be able to put on display for the benefit of local visitors.

Sum requested: £450

Sum recommended:£450

RECOMMENDED THAT:

The nominated officer's recommendation be approved

Rushcliffe Care Parkmanor Care Home – To design and build a Sensory Garden for residents at Parkmanor Care Home, Albert Road, Coalville. This project will make a big difference to the residents and visitors to the home.

Councillor J Legrys asked why the application was made as it met none of the required criteria. The Grants and Community Development Officer explained that the company were not fully aware of the grant application process and that after the meeting she would signpost them elsewhere.

Sum requested: £450

Sum recommended: £0 due to the home being a large private organisation

RECOMMENDED THAT:

The nominated officer's recommendation be approved.

Friends of Holly Hayes Wood –Towards the purchase of a chainsaw and safety equipment for an apprentice who has recently got his licence, having previously completed the NEETs course.

Sum requested: £450

Sum recommended:£450

RECOMMENDED THAT:

The nominated officer's recommendation be approved

Castle Donington Friday Group for the Blind, Visually Impaired and Disabled – To provide a Christmas meal and small table gift for members of the Friday Group, who are a social gathering of 25 elderly residents who meet each Friday afternoon. Additional funds will be raised by a raffle to ensure bus fare is covered.

Sum requested: £450

Sum recommended:£450

RECOMMENDED THAT:

The nominated officer's recommendation be approved

Ashby de la Zouch Arts Festival – A contribution towards artist/performer fees to provide free children's activities and workshops, and marketing.

Sum requested: £450

Sum recommended:£450

RECOMMENDED THAT:

The nominated officer's recommendation be approved

Swannington Heritage Trust – To enable the purchase of a wheeled trimmer mower to help maintain the 12 acres of heritage sites cared for by the trust

Sum requested: £225

Sum recommended:£225

RECOMMENDED THAT:

The nominated officer's recommendation be approved.

Moira Furnace Museum Trust – To undertake an options appraisal to investigate the feasibility of creating a dedicated visitor/education centre for Moira Furnace Museum and Country Park. The project will help to make a decision about how best to expand its work in the future and would enable more groups to visit the site and carry out research and education.

Sum requested: £225

Sum recommended:£225

RECOMMENDED THAT:

The nominated officer's recommendation be approved

Chorus Theatre – To be used to support the running of a new Young People's Drama Project based in Coalville and will provide a creative activity for young people to do during the evening. Costs include props/costume hire, travel and professional fees. In response to a question from Councillor J Legrys, the Cultural Services Team Manager explained that the group did not have a permanent base and performed throughout the District.

Sum requested: £450

Sum recommended:£450

RECOMMENDED THAT:

The nominated officer's recommendation be approved

East Midlands Housing Durban House - Will provide transport and entry to Go Ape for 8 residents of Durban House who will be empowered by participating in these activities to promote self esteem, confidence and team building and life skills. This activity is very challenging, will improve healthy lifestyles, build relationships and make a difference to their self confidence.

Some concerns were raised regarding the high expense of the event for just one day. After some discussion the Members asked that the Officers suggest to the applicant that they consider using a more local event such as Conkers or Snibston Discovery Park which run team building days to possibly reduce the cost. However, Members were aware that the facilities at Go Ape were excellent and there was nothing of a similar calibre in the immediate area.

Sum requested: £440

Sum recommended: £440

RECOMMENDED THAT:

The application be deferred for further discussions with the applicant.

Desford Colliery Band - Towards the hire of Hermitage Leisure Centre for the Christmas Concert on 15 December 2013 and towards the cost of a professional conductor.

Sum requested: £450

Sum recommended: £450

RECOMMENDED THAT:

The nominated officer's recommendation be approved

Outlook – Towards the hire of a minibus for 300 miles as and when required for shopping trips, days out, transport residents to the group in the harsh weather. Outlook is a community group for people over the age of 60 and currently has 22 members.

In response to a question from Councillor J Legrys, the Grant and Community Development Officer reported that the group were based in Ibstock.

Sum requested: £450

Sum recommended: £450

RECOMMENDED THAT:

The nominated officer's recommendation be approved

Due to declaring a pecuniary interest, Councillor J Legrys left the meeting during the consideration of the following application and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

Hermitage FM/Carillon Radio - Towards equipping out the new Community Coffee Lounge with new wall monitors and amplifier which will display live news and pictures of events that are happening within North West Leicestershire.

Sum requested: £450

Sum recommended: £450

RECOMMENDED THAT:

The nominated officer's recommendation be approved.

18. OTHER EXTERNAL FUNDING COMING INTO NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE (JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2013 – QUARTER 2)

Consideration was given to the report of the Grants and Community Development Officer.

It was noted that the total amount of external funding received into each forum area was as follows:

Ashby area - £30,250

Coalville area – £444,771

Valley area – £27,295

Total funding received for quarter 2 - £502,316

Councillor J Legrys commented that he welcomed the external funding but wished that there was a mechanism to find out all funding that had been received into the District as it would be interesting.

RESOLVED THAT:

The report be received and approved.

The meeting started at 6.30pm and closed at 6.45pm.