



Grant Working Party

Record of a Meeting held on Tuesday 12 June 2012 at 5.00 pm in GFR13

Present *(please tick if present)*

Mrs Broughton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Clifton-Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>
French	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nettleton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Mrs Rushen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Thorndyke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Substitutes

Mrs Mildmay-White	<input type="checkbox"/>
Redhead	<input type="checkbox"/>

Spicer	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Officers in attendance

Cathy Manning
Kirsty Pitwood
Alex Wilson

1. Substitutes

No substitutions were declared.

2. Election of Chairman

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Mrs S O Broughton be elected Chairman of this Working Party.

3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED:-

That Councillor J Thorndyke be appointed Vice-Chairman of this Working Party.

4. Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received.

5. Minutes

Subject to Councillor French's apologies for absence being recorded retrospectively as he had been unavoidably detained elsewhere, the minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2011 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. Declarations of Interests

Members' declarations of interest are recorded under the item to which the declaration relates.

7. Rural Initiatives Grant Scheme (RIGS): Application for Project Funding: 2012/2013

The Working Party considered Report D30 (previously circulated) which sought approval for the awarding of a grant applied for under the Rural Initiatives Grant Scheme (RIGS).

The current RIGS budget available for 2012/2013 was £33,027, which consisted of £4,079 for awarding grants of £4,000 or less and £28,948 for grants of £4,000 or more. A breakdown of grants awarded to projects since 2004/2005 had been previously circulated to the Working Party by email.

Members noted that applications for grants of £5,001 or more were considered at meetings of the Working Party and not via the approved email system. Report D30 contained details of an application submitted by Fornham All Saints Parish Council, which had applied for a grant of £10,000 to purchase and install a skatepark on land adjacent to Fornham All Saints Community Centre. A Grant Scoring Matrix was attached as Appendix A to the Report, which contained a recommendation of £8,000 being awarded to the Parish Council.

A discussion was held on whether appropriate materials would be used to construct the proposed skate park to ensure that any noise emanating from the facility was not intrusive to the occupants of the neighbouring properties. In response, the officers stated that the applicant would be contacted to confirm that such considerations had been taken into account and to confirm that the residents of the neighbouring properties were being consulted about installation.

The Working Party considered it appropriate to award £8,000 towards this project.



RECOMMENDED:-

That a grant of £8,000 be awarded to Fornham All Saints Parish Council to install a skatepark in the village.

8. Rural Initiatives Grant Scheme (RIGS): Application for Project Funding: 2012/2013: Kedington Community Association

(The former Chairman of the Grant Working Party had agreed that this item could be considered as a matter of urgency, in accordance with S100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, in order that the matter could be resolved within the necessary timescale)

The Working Party considered Report D35 (previously circulated) which sought approval for the awarding of a grant applied for under the Rural Initiatives Grant Scheme (RIGS).

Members noted that applications for grants of £5,000 or less were usually only put forward for a decision by Members once the applicant had received confirmation that all their match-funding had been agreed. In this particular instance; however, a potential match-funder, the Suffolk Foundation, had also stipulated this requirement. Although the level of grant recommended meant that the application could be considered via the e-mail system the officers had felt that, with a meeting of the Grant Working Party about to take place, the most sensible solution was to present the application to the meeting for consideration in order to avoid delaying its determination any further, and also to provide Members with the opportunity to discuss the application in person and consider attaching a caveat relating to the obtaining of match funding.

Report D35 contained details of an application submitted by Kedington Community Association, which had applied for a grant of £6,500 to upgrade the heating and hot water system at Kedington Community Centre to a modern, efficient and effective system. A Grant Scoring Matrix was attached as Appendix A to the Report, which contained a recommendation of £5,000 being awarded to the Association.

The Working Party duly considered the application and noted that in accordance with the Council's adopted Grants Policy, its decision on whether or not to award the grant would not require final approval by the Cabinet. The Policy stated that grants of between £5,001 and £10,000 required approval by the Cabinet.

RESOLVED:-

That a grant of £5,000 be awarded to Kedington Community Association to upgrade the heating and hot water system at Kedington Community Centre.

9. Dates of Future Meetings

The Working Party confirmed the following dates for future meetings in 2012:-

4 September; and
11 December.

Both dates were Tuesdays and the meetings would commence at 5.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 5.35 pm

This record has been completed by Kirsty Pitwood, Economic Development Officer - Rural

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