

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

14th March 2013

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Lemmon (Chairman), Councillor Hewlett (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Harrison, Mrs. Hood, Murray, Roberts (substitute for Councillor Ford) and Smith.

Labour Group

Councillors Dunn, Mrs. Heath, Mulgrew, Rhind, Shepherd and Stuart.

HCS/59. **APOLOGY**

An apology for absence from the Meeting was received from Councillor Ford (Conservative Group)

HCS/60. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meetings held on 15th January and 7th February 2013 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

HCS/61. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Hewlett declared a pecuniary interest in Minute No. HCS/62, (Community Partnership Scheme), as he was a representative on the CAB and South Derbyshire Mental Health Association. Councillor Lemmon declared a pecuniary interest in Minutes No. HCS/62, (Community Partnership Scheme), as he was a representative on Sharpe's Pottery Heritage and Arts Trust. Councillor Shepherd declared a pecuniary interest in Minute No. HCS/62, (Community Partnership Scheme), as he was a representative on CAB. Councillor Smith declared a prejudicial interest in Minute No. HCS/62, (Community Partnership Scheme), as he was a representative on Sharpe's Pottery Heritage and Arts Trust. Councillor Murray declared a personal interest in Minute No. HCS/62, (Community Partnership Scheme), as he was a Member of Derbyshire County Council who had provided a portacabin for South Derbyshire Boxing Academy.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

HCS/62. **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SCHEME**

A report was submitted which updated Members on applications for funding received by the Community Partnership Scheme, and sought approval for recommendations from the Assessment Panel, in relation to the Scheme.

The Community Partnership Scheme offered capital grants of up to £25,000 to projects brought forward from the voluntary and community sector. The scheme previously had an annual budget of between £50,000 and £150,000 since its reintroduction in 2002/3. However, there was currently no annual budget, and the scheme was operating this year through scheme or project under-spend, and from situations where grants had been allocated but projects had not managed to progress and awards had been taken back into the scheme. The remaining total budget stood at £42,300. The Community Partnership Scheme was also identified as the mechanism to distribute £100,000 of revenue funding that was identified through the Scrutiny review of voluntary sector spending.

A panel which comprised of 5 Members, with advice from the Community Partnerships Officer, assessed projects against set criteria and then made recommendations about grant distribution to this Committee. Full details of all applications that had been received and considered for both capital and revenue funding were included within the report.

It was reported that an amendment should be made to paragraph 4.5, to read “the following applications were received and considered for revenue funding”.

Members thanked both the Community Partnerships Officer and also the scoring panel for their work in assessing these projects. The work of the Scrutiny Committee was also recognised in identifying the revenue funding.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) ***That following the recommendations of the Community Partnership Scheme Assessment Panel, grants be awarded as follows:***

Capital Grants

- ***£4,000 to The South Derbyshire Forum (also known as the 50+ Forum) – Grant towards the capital costs of setting up a meals project supporting older people leaving hospital. This grant would be conditional upon the organisation securing matched capital and revenue funding to enable the project.***
- ***£5,313 to SD Mental Health Association – Grant towards the costs associated with fitting out new premises. The groups are moving from Bank House to a unit that has been developed specifically for them at the Sharpes complex.***
- ***£2,330 to SD CAB. – Grant to enable the organisation to develop a garage into additional office space, which in turn will allow the organisation to develop additional services for South Derbyshire.***
- ***£11,000 to Etwall Scouts. – Grant to complete a funding package that will allow the organisation to fully refit their building bringing it up to modern standards. As well as making the building more sustainable it will enable it to be used by several new groups, to address issues highlighted in the Etwall Parish Plan.***

- **£1,278 to Melbourne Community Centre – grant to contribute to the installation of acoustic panels in the main hall to improve acoustics generally, but especially for the spoken word.**
- **£10,000 to Recreation in Aston. – RIA are leading a partnership of organisations in Aston that are improving play and recreation facilities in the village. The grant is recommended specifically to act as matched funding to support funding bids for Landfill Community monies. If successful this will help them to secure a further £90,000 towards the completion of the project.**
- **£4,000 to Swadlincote Boxing Academy – Grant to support a new club move to a building that has been donated by Derbyshire County Council in Swadlincote, to establish training premises.**
- **£4,250 to Sharpes Pottery Museum – Grant to support the installation of an electric kiln to allow the development of additional services within the museum site.**

Revenue Grants

- **£20,000 to Next Step – Grant towards core costs to allow the organisation time to restructure and reduce running costs as well as securing additional funds to develop sustainability.**
- **£10,000 to Shout – Grant to support the development of activities for families with disabled children. Looking to develop activities for the whole family, especially siblings, who often become isolated.**
- **£10,000 to Shout Out – Grant to provide 2 years funding to develop this self-help group for young adults with learning / physical disabilities**
- **£20,000 to SD Mental Health Association – The organisation has identified that the physical health of those suffering with mental ill-health is often overlooked. This funding will support the development of a range of physical activities for all, that will develop new services and help service users to integrate and make use of main stream provision.**
- **£18,347 to SD CVS – Grant to develop an accreditation centre in South Derbyshire that will support the development of an increased training programme within the voluntary sector.**
- **£5,053 to Melbourne Arts – Grant to provide seed funding to set up a package of events that can be delivered across a range of alternative venues across South Derbyshire.**
- **£8,300 to Old Post Regeneration Centre – Grant towards core costs to allow the organisation time to restructure and reduce running costs, as well as securing additional funds to develop sustainability.**
- **£8,300 to SD CAB – Grant to set-up a Gateway Assessment Centre. The grant will support the management and training of volunteers to run the ongoing project.**

(2) That the progress of the Community Partnership Scheme be noted.

HCS/63. **WORK PROGRAMME**

Members were asked to consider an updated work programme that was distributed at the Meeting.

It was asked when the 'Building of Affordable Housing' report would be available. The Chairman responded that this was being considered, and would be included on the next work programme.

RESOLVED:-

That the updated work programme be approved.

HCS/64. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

RESOLVED:-

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets after each item.

MINUTES

The Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th February 2013 were received.

J. LEMMON

CHAIRMAN