

# GRANTS COMMITTEE

## MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

16<sup>th</sup> July 2007

**Present:**

Councillor Robbie Payne (In the Chair)

Councillors The Mayor

Officers: John Mennear, Assistant Director (Community Services)  
Tracy Liveras, Young People and Play Co-ordinator  
Joe Hogan, Crime and Disorder Co-ordinator  
Pat Usher, Sport and Recreation Manager  
Denise Wimpenny, Principal Democratic Services Officer  
Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

### 1. Appointment of Chair

Councillor Payne was appointed Chairman of the Committee.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Victor Tumilty.

### 3. Declarations of interest by members

None

### 4. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007

Confirmed

### 5. Civic Lottery Grant Applications *(Assistant Chief Executive)*

**Type of decision**

Non-key

## Purpose of report

To consider Civic Lottery Grant Applications.

## Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee

The report sought the Committee's consideration of the following:-

- the general approach to the allocation of the available balance for 2007/8
- the approach to the award of grants for citizens' summer outings and Christmas parties and delegating authority to officers to approve these grants.
- applications where no previous grants had been awarded.
- applications where grants had previously been awarded

Following consideration of the information provided Members expressed support for the applications. Amendments to the approach to applications for funding towards senior citizens' summer outings and Christmas parties were also approved, in line with the recommendations outlined in the report.

## Decision

- (i) The allocation of the available balance of £19,859 for 2007/08 was noted and the setting aside of £1,500 in respect of applications for senior citizens summer outings and Christmas parties was approved.
- (ii) Authority was delegated to the Assistant Chief Executive to award summer outings and Christmas party grants in accordance with the approved criteria.
- (iii) The following allocation of grants was approved:-

Application number	Organisation	£
3233	Headland Boxercise Club	500
3235	White Crane Tai Chi Group	500
3227	Activ8 Centre Partnership	500
3238	Friends of Tees and Hartlepool Yacht Club Sailing Cadets	500
3237	The Princess Royal (Hartlepool Lifeboat) Trust CIC	500
3225	San Gai Karate Club	500
3231	Hartlepool Snooker Centre Church and District League	500*
3236	RASC/RCT Association – Teesside Branch	160*

(\* Organisations that have previously received Civic Lottery Grants)

## **6. Directed Lettings 2007/2008 – Hire of Premises by Voluntary/Community Groups** *(Director of Adult and Community Services)*

### **Type of decision**

Non-key

### **Purpose of report**

To provide details of applications to the Directed Lettings Scheme, the hire of premises by voluntary/community groups.

### **Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee**

Members were reminded that approval had been given at the meeting of the Grants Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007, to the allocation of funding from the Community Pool of £4,000 for Directed Lettings, the hire of premises by voluntary/community groups. Grant aid was targeted towards the groups operating in the most disadvantaged areas.

In all cases grant aid was recommended towards the costs of the hire of a venue for one meeting per week. Recommendations were presented as follows:-

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount Recommended 2007/2008</b>
Hartlepool Rainbows, Brownies, Guides	£570
20 <sup>th</sup> Hartlepool Brownie Guides	£600
34 <sup>th</sup> Hartlepool Guides, Brownies, Rainbows	£525
1st Hartlepool Brownie Unit	£264
Hartlepool Youth Choir	£300
Hartlepool Swimming Club	£520
Hart Parish Council	£220
Elwick Parish Council	£220
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,219</b>

Detailed information on the applications was appended to the report.

## Decision

- i. That the following levels of grant aid from the Community Pool Directed Lettings allocation be approved:

Hartlepool Rainbows, Brownies, Guides	£570
20 <sup>th</sup> Hartlepool Brownie Guides	£600
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- ii. That the remaining balance of £781 be returned to the main Community Pool budget.

## 7. **Community Pool 2007/2008** (*Director of Adult and Community Services*)

### Type of decision

Non-key.

### Purpose of report

To provide details of:

- i. The current financial position of the Community Pool budget for 2007/2008
- ii. A request from West View Advice and Resource Centre to change the use of their 2007/08
- iii. An application for a three-year tapered revue grant from the Princess Royal Lifeboat Trust.

### Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee

The Community Pool provides financial assistance to community groups and voluntary organisations with £457,109 being available during 2007/2008. To date, grants had been awarded to 23 groups totalling £376,003. leaving a balance of £166,764.

### **West View Advice and Resource Centre**

At the meeting of Grants Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> March Members approved an award of £30,324 for West View Advice and Resource Centre (WVARC). However the group had been successful in securing additional funding, including the full costs of the Centre Manager's Salary. As the Community Pool award included a contribution to this salary WVARC requested that this funding be retained and attributed to the salary costs of a full time Debt Advice Worker's post. Members indicated they were happy to approve this change of use, provided it was emphasised that this would be one-off support.

### **PRINCESS ROYAL LIFEBOAT TRUST**

An application for a 3 year tapered revenue grant of £6,635 had been received from the Princess Royal Lifeboat Trust for running costs of the Princess Royal Lifeboat. Members were recommended to reject this application as it did not strictly meet the criteria of the Community Pool and there was no evidence of match funding. However Members felt it would be a shame to reject this application given all the time and funding already spent on the project. It was suggested that their application might be reconsidered in order to meet the criteria and more effort could be made to achieve match funding

### **Decision**

- i. That the current financial position relating to the 2007/2008 Community Pool budget as detailed in the report be noted
- ii. That the request from West View Advice and Resource Centre to change the use of their 2007/2008 grant from the Community Pool be approved
- iii. That the application from the Princess Royal Lifeboat Trust be deferred with the recommendation that match funding be sought.

## **8. Play Opportunities Pool Award 2006/2007** *(Director of Children's Services)*

### **Type of decision**

Non-key

### **Purpose of report**

To advise members of applications to the Play Opportunities Pool and to seek approval for recommended grant awards.

### **Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee**

Grant aid totalling £18,849 annually is available to community groups and voluntary organisations to enable them to provide play opportunities throughout the year, thereby complimenting the Authority's play provision. The provision of play grants also enables groups to provide play to meet local needs, especially in areas of disadvantage to assist local people on limited incomes.

Grant Awards are used as a contribution towards the cost of a play opportunity, with the Authority's funding acting as a magnet to attract match funding. In total, two applications have been assessed with requests from the Grants Pool for staff costs, volunteers, venue hire and insurance. At a meeting of the Grants Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007 members approved grant aid to six groups, totalling £15,634.31, leaving a balance of £3,214.69.

Details of the groups requesting funding were set out in the report together with an outline of what schemes the groups were proposing that the grant would be utilised for.

### **Decision**

That the grant awards below totalling £2,349.00 be approved: -

Manor West Youth Project - A contribution of £1,449.00 towards the cost of swimming sessions.

Hartlepool and District Dyspraxia Support Group - A contribution of £900 to contribute towards staff costs and venue hire

## **9. Community Safety Capital Grants Allocations** *(Head of Community Safety and Prevention)*

### **Type of decision**

Non-key.

### **Purpose of report**

The report advised Members of applications to the Community Safety Capital Fund and sought approval for the recommended grant awards.

### **Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee**

The Council decided that its capital budget for 2007/08 would include an allocation £150,000 to implement community safety projects, which are associated with and contribute to Safer Hartlepool Partnership's strategy covering crime, disorder and drugs. Following an underspend of £3,542 in

2006/07 this had been increased to £153,542.

One application for grant was reported to Members.

#### Tankerville Street/Milton Road

On 25<sup>th</sup> January 2007 the Grants Committee received a request for the sum of £55,000 to upgrade the transmission system of three existing cameras together with the upgrade of one existing camera, as well as the installation of a new camera at the junction of Milton Road and Tankerville Street. The total project cost was set at £131,000 with match funding of £76,000 to be provided by NDC. Members were supportive of the upgrading element - £35,000 – but deferred a decision on the new camera element - £20,000.

On 12th March it was agreed that a sum of £6,000 be allocated from financial year 2006/07 with the remaining £14,000 forthcoming from budget year 2007/8, if funding was available, to enable the project to be finalised. The NDC partnership had approved their full contribution to the project.

It was now confirmed that the new installation project cost remained at £20,000 and the additional £14,000 was required to enable progression and completion.

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#### **Decision**

That the grant award of £14,000 toward CCTV provision in Tankerville Street and Milton Road be approved.

**J A BROWN**

**CHIEF SOLICITOR**

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