

GRANTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

17th August 2009

The meeting commenced at 2.00 p.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor Robbie Payne (In the Chair)

The Mayor, Stuart Drummond and Councillor Victor Tumilty

Officers: John Mennear, Assistant Director (Community Services)
Brian Neale, Crime and Disorder Co-ordinator
Tracy Liveras, Young People and Play Co-ordinator
Pat Usher, Sport and Recreation Manager
Susan Rybak, Community Resource Officer
Peter Gouldsbro, Community Safety Officer,
Tracey Rowe, Regeneration Officer
Pat Wormald, Senior Clerical Officer
Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Declarations of interest by members

None

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2009

Agreed.

4. Play Opportunities Pool Award 2009/2010 *(Director of Children's Services)*

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

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

Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee

The Play Opportunities Grant totals £18,000 and was made available to community groups and voluntary organisations to provide play opportunities throughout the year complementing provision delivered through Children's Centres and Extended Services. Information relating to the groups requesting funding was detailed in the report with the following recommendations:

- West View Project – a contribution of £3,000 towards staff costs and transport during a series of playschemes in school holidays
- Hartlepool Families First – a contribution of £3,000 towards staff costs, management costs and the purchase of additional resources to deliver 60 two-hour sessions over school holiday periods.
- Hartlepool Special Needs Support Group – a contribution of £2,800 towards the cost of volunteers, staff costs, transport, children's entertainers and craft workshops during school holiday periods.
- Brougham Centre – a contribution of £1,036.88 toward staff costs to deliver 25 sessions of weekend play provision.
- Manor Residents Association – a contribution of £2,500 towards transport, volunteers' expenses and insurance costs for playschemes during school holiday periods.
- Child Deaf Youth Project – Contributions of £425.16 toward summer playscheme costs including staff, volunteers' expenses and transport and £1,767.68 towards costs for the under 11s Youth Project for sessional staff, transport administration and volunteers' expenses
- Harbour Children's Outreach Service – a contribution of £700 to purchase equipment identified within consultation sessions with children accessing the refuge

Decision

That the following grant awards be approved:

Brougham Centre - £1,036.88
Child Deaf Youth Project - £2,192.84
Harbour Children's Outreach Service - £700
Hartlepool Families First - £3,000
Hartlepool Special Needs Support Group - £2,800
Manor Residents Association - £2,500
West View Project - £3,000

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

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To advise members of applications to the Community Safety Capital Fund and to consider approval for recommended grant awards.

Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee

The Community Safety Capital Grant Fund in total for 2009/10 was £155,050, including an underspend of £5,050 from the previous year. However in December 2008 Cabinet had allocated £50,000 from the Community Safety Capital budget to provide an investment scheme for CCTV cameras and equipment during 2009/10 to 2011/12. Consequently the net fund remaining was £105,050. Recommended grant awards to be considered at this meeting totalled £56,000:

- Tunstall Court / Ward Jackson Car Park – a contribution of £8,000 toward the installation of a car park at the site. Total cost of £88,000 with Hartlepool Borough Council capital receipts injection to cover the remainder.
- Community Drug Centre – a contribution of £6,500 toward the installation of 2 external CCTV cameras at the centre, located on the corner of Whitby Street and Surtees Street. Total cost of £11,000 with the Drug Action Team to cover the remainder.
- Wharton Terrace / Mapleton Road / Parton Street improvements – a contribution of £41,500 toward removal of planters and street-scape works. Total cost of £150,800 with the remaining costs covered by Neighbourhood Element funding (£19,000), SCRAPT (£50,000), WNF – Resident Priorities (£5,300) and HBC Community Safety Grant Fund (£35,000).

Councillor Tumilty referred to vandalism against cameras positioned in Ward Jackson Park and asked if the cameras at the Drug Centre would be sufficiently protected. The Community Safety Officer advised that the cameras at the Park had been situated in the only possible place and those responsible for the vandalism had been apprehended. Should any repeat attacks occur officers would revisit the siting of these cameras. The Mayor suggested that the cost of the cameras should be taken out of the £50,000 allocated by Cabinet and ringfenced for CCTV use.

Regarding the improvements to Wharton Terrace/Mapleton Road/Parton

Street the Chair queried whether £150,000 could not be better spent in other ways. He felt concerned that enforcement action would only move the problems into other areas where such funding might not be available. The Crime and Disorder Co-ordinator acknowledged that displacement was a possibility but said officers would do all they could to monitor this. The Mayor felt it would be mistake not to do the work because of what might happen. NAPs were about community involvement and the NAP had asked for these improvements. The Community Safety Officer pledged to ensure that the intervention measures worked.

Decision

That the following grant awards be approved:

Community Drug Centre - £6,500

Tunstall Court/Ward Jackson car park - £8,000

Wharton Terrace/Mapleton Road/Parton Street improvements - £41,500

6. Civic Lottery Fund Grant Applications 2009/2010

(Director of Adult and Community Services)

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To advise and seek approval for the first round of Civic Lottery Fund Grant applications in the 2009/2010 financial year.

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 funding available from the Civic Lottery in 2009/2010
- The approach to the award of grants for Senior Citizens' summer outings and Christmas parties and approval of the delegation of authority to officers to approve these grants
- 21 applications from local organisations, 11 of which have not previously been supported with funding from the Civic Lottery

Members were advised that the balance available for distribution at the beginning of the financial year was £17,250. In previous years the Grants Committee had agreed that £1,500 be made available for Senior Citizens summer outings and Christmas parties. Should members wish to continue this the balance remaining for the year would be £15,750. Previously the balance had been distributed proportionately over three tranches. However it was felt that this had not been beneficial for grant recipients who had been unable to

raise match funding from other sources and consequently not been in a position to claim the grant. Therefore Officers would make recommendations for funding. The total sum sought in Round 1 was £22,663:

- Schooner Athletic FC - £200 toward pitch, league and referees fees
- Rovers Bowling Club - £550 toward the costs of the forthcoming Bowls season
- Coronary Support Group, Hartlepool - £100 toward the cost of coach hire for an outing to York
- Arababes - £1,492 toward the costs of insurance, room hire and the purchase of music centre for dance sessions
- Pig Pen Music Festival 2009 - £1,985 towards the costs of staging the music festival
- The Thursday Group - £500 towards the costs of monthly sessions for the research and collection of an individual's history
- Tees Valley Aces - £2,000 towards running costs including hall hire and travel to competitions - The Community Resources Manager reported that this group was based in the Community Sports Centre.
- Hartlepool Schools Football Association - £1,450 towards running costs including hall hire and travel to competitions
- Teesmouth Field Centre - £2,000 towards the salary costs of a Warden/Manager and Assistant Warden
- Teesside Branch of the World Ship Society - £240 towards insurance costs – The Chair requested more information on this group and was advised that they were based at Hartlepool Indoor Bowls Centre. The funding was being sought to support a special project, not day to day running costs.
- Carers Echoes - £120 to purchase a portable typewriter and paper
- Hartlepool Town FC - £726 towards pitch fees, league fees and insurance
- New Life Centre Youth Steering Group - £2,000 towards provision of rehearsals for music, dance and drama groups
- Hartlepool Male Voice Choir - £2,000 towards the costs of staging a concert at the Borough Hall including a guest singer
- Hartlepool Stage Society - £2,000 towards the costs of staging the

musical Carousel at the Town Hall Theatre

- Grange Road Resource Centre - £250 towards the costs of a community fun day
- Hartlepool and District Hospice - £2,000 towards the costs of a Lymphoedema Service including salary costs of a nurse, compression garments and travel expenses.
- Four Countries Indoor Bowls Fellowship - £1,000 towards funding to host a Bowls fellowship tournament
- Hartlepool Headland Amateur Boxing Association - £3,050 towards the costs of staging a Boxing tournament at the Borough Hall – Councillor Tumilty queried the proposed amount. The Assistant Director noted that the sum sought was a fraction of the amount needed to stage the tournament and was specifically for the purchase of trophies for the event.
- Hartlepool Church and District League - £600 towards the cost of league trophies
- Hartlepool Kids Combat Club - £2,000 towards the costs of a training event at Stainsacre Hall.

Decision

- I. That the available balance for 2009/2010 be allocated proportionately over three tranches
- II. That £1,500 be set aside for applications for senior citizens' summer outings and Christmas parties and that authority be delegated to the Director of Adult and Community Services to award grants for these applications in accordance with the approved criteria
- III. That the following grant awards be approved
 - Hartlepool Town FC - £200
 - Hartlepool Male Voice Choir - £500
 - Schooner Athletic FC - £200
 - Hartlepool Stage Society - £500
 - Rovers Bowling Club - £200
 - Grange Road Resource Centre - £200
 - Coronary Support Group - £100
 - Arababes - £280
 - Pig Pen Music Festival - £650
 - Four Countries Indoor Bowls Fellowship - £500
 - The Thursday Group - £200

- Tees Valley Aces - £300
- Hartlepool Schools Football Association - £300
- Hartlepool Headland Amateur Boxing Association - £500
- Hartlepool Church and District Football League - £200
- Teesside Branch of the World Ship Society - £240
- Carers Echoes - £120

IV. That applications from Hartlepool Kids Combat Club and the New Life Centre be deferred for additional information

V. That applications from Hartlepool District Hospice and Teesmouth Field Centre be rejected.

7. Directed Lettings 2009/2010 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 in February 2009 to the allocation of funding of £3,000 for Directed Lettings, in 2009/2010 for the hire of premises by voluntary/community groups. In addition to the applications received, it was also highlighted that the Council had a legal obligation to provide grant aid to Hart and Elwick Parish Councils at a cost of £400 in total.

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:-

Organisation	Amount Recommended 2009/2010
22 nd Hartlepool Rainbows, Brownies, Guides	£335
20 th Hartlepool Brownie Guides	£600
34 th Hartlepool Guides, Brownies, Rainbows	£656
1st Hartlepool Brownie Unit	£288
Hartlepool Youth Choir	£336

Hartlepool Swimming Club	£560
Hart Parish Council	£200
Elwick Parish Council	£200
Total	£3,175

Detailed information on the applications was appended to the report. Officers recommended that the original allocation of £3,000 be increased by £175 to fully cover the recommendations.

Decision

That the following grant awards be approved:

- 1st Hartlepool Brownie Unit - £288
- 20th Hartlepool Brownie Guides - £600
- 22nd Hartlepool Rainbows, Brownies, Guides - £335
- 34th Hartlepool Guides, Brownies, Rainbows - £656
- Elwick Parish Council - £200
- Hart Parish Council - £200
- Hartlepool Swimming Club - £560
- Hartlepool Youth Choir - £336

The meeting concluded at 2:45pm

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CHIEF SOLICITOR

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