

# **GRANTS COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD**

17 December 2009

The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

### **Present:**

Councillor Robbie Payne (In the Chair)  
The Mayor, Stuart Drummond  
Councillor Victor Tumilty

Officers: Susan Rybak, Community Resources Manager  
Pat Wormald, Senior Clerical Officer  
Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

### **13. Apologies for Absence**

None.

### **14. Declarations of interest by members**

None.

### **15. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2009**

Agreed.

### **16. Civic Lottery Fund Grant Applications 2009/2010 – *Director of Child & Adult Services***

#### **Type of Decision**

Non key.

#### **Purpose of Report**

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

#### **Issues for Consideration**

The Committee were asked to consider 8 applications from local organisations, four of which had not previously been supported with funding

from the Civic Lottery. The amount available for distribution at the meeting was £5,250 plus the balance remaining from the previous funding round of £60 making the total available for distribution at this meeting £5,310. The total sum sought by the various groups was £7,650 as outlined below.

New Life Centre	To provide rehearsals for music dance and drama groups.
Hartlepool Kids Combat Club	Assistance towards the costs of a training event at Stainsacre Hall.
Hartlepool Special Needs Support Group	Assistance towards trip to Christmas Pantomime.
Stranton Eagles F.C.	Assistance with pitch, league and referees fees.
The NLA Companions	Start up costs for group including public liability insurance.
Greatham Under 13's F.C.	Assistance with pitch, league and referees fees and transport costs.
Stranton F.C.	Pitch fees and transport.
ORCEL Sea Training	Contribution to the costs of sending 14 Hartlepool residents on the 2010 Tall Ships Race.
Hartlepool Rovers Quoit F.C.	Assistance with pitch, league and referees fees.
Seaton Carew Bowling Club	Assistance with consortium and green fees

Members sought clarification on one of the applications.

## Decision

The Committee approved Grant Aid as outlined below:-

Hartlepool Special Needs Support Group	£500
Stranton Eagles F.C.	£300
The NLA Companions	£300
Greatham Under 13's F.C	£300
Stranton F.C.	£200
ORCEL Sea Training	£2,000
Hartlepool Rovers Quoit F.C.	£300
Seaton Carew Bowling Club	£300

and approved the withdrawal of the applications from the New Life Centre and the Hartlepool Kids Combat Club.

## **17. Community Pool 2009/2010 – Round 4 – Director of Child & Adult Services**

### **Type of Decision**

Non key

### **Purpose of Report**

To advise and seek approval for the level of grant awards to Community groups and voluntary organisation from the Community Pool for 2009/2010.

### **Issues for Consideration**

Applications to the Community Pool had been invited for the 2009/2010 financial year from community groups and voluntary organisations providing services for the benefit of Hartlepool residents.

Following distribution of funds approved at earlier meetings of the Grants Committee, the balance available for distribution at this meeting was £60,492. One application had been presented for consideration in Round 4 which was an application for crisis funding from Hartlepool Community Studio (The Studio). The Studio had requested a supplementary award of £10,257 this financial year to make up a projected shortfall in income including income generated from events, the hire of rehearsal/recording space and room hire. The report outlined the background behind the request and what action the Board of Trustees had taken in order to lower operating costs and increase earned income.

Members questioned representatives of the Hartlepool Community Studio about action taken to reduce costs and generate income. Suggestions as to the make up of Board Members were made in the interest of long term viability of the Studio.

### **Decision**

Members approved:-

- Grant aid of £9,678 for Hartlepool Community Studio
- Any allocation of grant aid to groups known to be experiencing financial difficulties to be released in monthly/quarterly instalments as appropriate, in order to safeguard the Council's investment and minimise risk.
- The balance of the Community Pool (£50,814) to be considered for allocation against bids at future meetings within the financial year

The meeting concluded at 11.25 am.

**P J DEVLIN**

**CHIEF SOLICITOR**

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