

# **GRANTS COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD**

14<sup>th</sup> July 2010

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

### **Present:**

Councillor     Councillor Robbie Payne (In the Chair)

The Mayor, Stuart Drummond

Councillor Hilary Thompson

Officers:     Brian Neale, Crime and Disorder Co-ordinator  
                 Tracy Liveras, Young People and Play Co-ordinator  
                 Graham Jarritt, Library and Community Manager  
                 Susan Rybak, Community and Youth Resource Manager  
                 Pat Wormald, Senior Clerical Officer  
                 Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

None

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

The Mayor and Councillor Payne declared a prejudicial interest in item 5.3 'Community Pool 2010/2011 – Round 2', specifically the application from Belle Vue Community Sports and Youth Centre.

### **3. Receipt of the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010**

Noted

### **4. Community Safety Capital Grants Allocation** (*Assistant Director (Community Safety and Protection)*)

#### **Type of decision**

Non-key

#### **Purpose of report**

To advise members of applications to the Community Safety Capital Fund

and seek consideration/approval for recommended grant awards.

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

The Community Safety Capital Grant Fund in total for 2010/11 was £150,000. 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 £100,000. Recommended grant awards to be considered at this meeting totalled £12,310:

- Central Estate Community Garden – a contribution of £8,110 toward a Community Garden project between the Phoenix and Hindpool Surestart Centre premises. Total cost of £74,609 with the remainder to be covered by Central NAP, Community Spaces Big Lottery, Housing Hartlepool, Pride in Hartlepool and Surestart.
- Dent Street CCTV – a contribution of £4,200 toward installation and commissioning costs for a permanent camera at the junction of Dent Street and Elliot Street. NDC Environment Security/Target Hardening to cover the remainder.

The Mayor referred to the current policy not allowing the installation of further permanent CCTV cameras. The Crime and Disorder Co-ordinator acknowledged this but two permanent cameras had recently been decommissioned in Hartlepool and a deployable camera at the site had had a positive impact. There were concerns at what might happen were this removed. Representatives of the community and police were also in favour of retention.

The Crime and Disorder Co-ordinator provided members with a draft report showing how the Community Safety Capital Grant Funding for 2008/09 had been distributed and what impact it had had. Members views were requested.

### **Decision**

That the following grant awards be approved:

Central Estate Community Garden - £8,110  
Dent Street CCTV - £4,200

## **6. Civic Lottery Fund Grant Applications 2010/2011**

*(Director of Child and Adult 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 2010/2011 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 2010/2011
- The approach to the award of grants for Senior Citizens' summer outings and Christmas parties and approval of the delegation of authority to the Director of Child and Adult Services to approve these grants
- 21 applications from local organisations, 12 of which have not previously been supported with funding from the Civic Lottery

Members were advised that 2010/2011 balance available for distribution at the beginning of the financial year is £12,200. 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 £10,700. Previously the balance had been distributed proportionately between the applicants in each of the three rounds. 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. The total sum sought in Round 1 was £29,323:

The following applications were considered from groups who had not been funded previously:

- Ruff Diamonds – Requested £2,000 toward assistance with travel and accommodation to the World Hip Hop Championship in Las Vegas in July 2010.
- Young at Hart – Requested £920 toward funding for a social/leisure project for the elderly
- Red Dreams – Requested £2,000 toward funding to purchase music and backing tracks for vocal coaching
- Paws n Claws – Requested £2,000 toward assistance with establishing an animal rescue centre
- The Monterays Jazz Band - Requested £300 toward the purchase of uniforms
- Hartlepool Wadokai – Requested £2,000 toward running costs, transport, entry fees and hosting of world class seminar in November 2010

- Hart Gables – Requested £1,500 toward funding for Gaymes event in September 2010
- Hartlepool Power Station Cricket Club – Requested £2,000 toward running costs, training nets, loam and fertilizer
- Stranton Church's Youth and Childrens Team – Requested £2,000 toward a trip to Moldova to help renovate and run an elderly care centre
- Greatham Sports Field Association – Requested £500 to help promote and develop a new tennis court and coaching sessions
- Belle Vue Residents Association – Requested £210 toward running costs
- Heather Richardson – Requested £700 toward costs to attend International Catholic Students Games in France

The following applications were considered from groups who had been supported previously from the Civic Lottery.

- Headland Future – Requested £1,827 toward delivery of activities aimed at supporting fathers and children
- Preston Simpson Scholarship in Music – Requested £2,000 to provide assistance to local musicians for instruments, music and tuition
- Princess Royal Restoration Association – Requested £2,000 toward fees for berthing, insurance surveys and safety checks
- Manor Residents Association / Owton Fens Community Association – Requested £1,547 toward the costs of a community carnival
- Hartlepool and District Sports Council – Requested £519 toward administration costs for 2009/10
- Rift House Community Association – Requested £300 toward running costs and a Christmas social event
- Hartlepool District Hospice – Requested £2,000 toward provision of therapy services
- 1<sup>st</sup> Hartlepool Boys Brigade – Requested £1,000 toward the hire of a hall for parade nights
- People's Headland Carnival – Requested £2,000 towards costs of community carnival

## Decision

- I. That the available balance for 2010/2011 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 Child and Adult Services to award grants for these applications in accordance with the approved criteria
- III. That the following grant awards be approved
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Hartlepool Boys Brigade - £250 towards hall hire costs
  - Belle Vue Residents Association - £100 towards room hire
  - Hart Gables - £250 towards publicity costs for the Gaymes
  - Hartlepool Power Station Cricket Club - £250 towards league fees and transport
  - Headland Future - £240 towards the costs of HUFC coaching sessions
  - Manor Residents Association / OFCA - £347 towards insurance costs
  - Paws n Claws - £200 towards insurance costs
  - Peoples Headland Carnival - £315 towards insurance costs
  - Princess Royal Restoration Association - £250 towards fire equipment checks
  - Red Dreams - £300 towards the purchase of music
  - Rift House Community Association - £150 towards room hire
  - Ruff Diamonds - £450 towards transport costs
  - Stranton Church's Youth and Children's Team - £250 towards insurance costs
  - Young at Hart - £200 towards room hire
- IV. That applications from Greatham Sports Field Association, Hartlepool and District Hospice, Hartlepool Wadokai and Preston Simpson Scholarship in Music be deferred as additional information had been requested and Round 1 was oversubscribed.
- V. That applications from Hartlepool and District Sports Council, The Monterays Jazz Band and Heather Richardson be rejected.

## 7. **Community Pool 2010/2011 – Round 2** *(Director of Child and 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 organisations from the Community Pool for 2010/2011 – Round 2

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

Applications to the Community Pool had been invited for the 2010/2011 financial year from community groups and voluntary organisations providing services for the benefit of Hartlepool residents.

The Community Pool budget for the 2010/2011 financial year was £494,658. At the meeting of the Grants Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010, Members approved the Direct Lettings allocation for 2010/2011 at £3,200 and Round 1 applications totalling £450,170 leaving a balance of £41,288 to be committed at a later date.

At the same meeting, Members also agreed that the balance of the 2009/2010 Community Pool budget (£50,814) could be rolled forward into the 2010/2011 budget leaving a total balance available for distribution in Round 2 of £92,102.

There were three applications presented for consideration in Round 2, two of which were deferred from the previous meeting as the groups had been unable to provide the additional information to support their applications at that time. The deferred applications were a three year tapered grant of £20,000 from Radio Hartlepool to contribute toward the salary costs of the Station Manager and a request for £37,370 toward the running costs of Manor Residents Association for 2010/2011. The new application was from Belle Vue Community Sports and Youth Centre for £47,500 toward core costs in 2010/11 including salary costs for a Centre Manager, a Caretaker and a Finance Officer.

Careful examination of the applications had been made, with the resulting recommendations as follows:-

### **Belle Vue Community Sports and Youth Centre**

The Mayor and Councillor Robbie Payne had both declared a prejudicial interest in this application and requested that consideration of this application be referred to Cabinet.

### **Radio Hartlepool**

Radio Hartlepool have never previously benefitted from Community Pool funding and have applied to the Community Pool for a 3 year tapered award of £20,000 toward the salary costs of the Station Manager. The application had previously been deferred because the group were unable to provide specific information relating to applications to other funders for core costs and had made no progress regarding the implementation of a quality assurance system. Officers were recommending that the application be rejected as they

were not satisfied that they had the potential to attract other income streams sufficient to balance their budget and achieve a complete funding package for their activities. They had also been unable to progress a quality assurance system so were unable to demonstrate they had appropriate management and administrative systems in place in relation to their day to day operation.

Members raised a number of queries regarding the finances of Radio Hartlepool. It was noted that this would be discussed in confidential session at the end of the meeting, minute 11 refers.

### **Manor Residents Association**

Officers were recommending deferral of this application to the next available meeting as information was still being gathered.

### **Decision**

- I. That the application by Belle Vue Community Sports and Youth Centre be forwarded to Cabinet for consideration
- II. That the application by Radio Hartlepool be deferred for further discussion
- III. That the application by Manor Residents Association be deferred for further information

## **8. Directed Lettings 2010/2011 Hire of Premises by Voluntary/Community Groups** *(Director of Child and Adult 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 March 2010 to the allocation of funding of £3,200 for Directed Lettings in 2010/2011 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 £396 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:-

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount Recommended 2010/2011</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Hartlepool Brownie Unit	£409
20 <sup>th</sup> Hartlepool Brownie Guides	£650
22 <sup>nd</sup> Hartlepool Rainbows, Brownies, Guides	£605
34 <sup>th</sup> Hartlepool Guides, Brownies, Rainbows	£656
Elwick Parish Council	£220
Hartlepool Swimming Club	£538
Hart Parish Council	£176
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,254</b>

Approval of these recommendations would leave a balance of £126 to be returned to the Community Pool budget.

### **Decision**

That the following grant awards be approved:

1 <sup>st</sup> Hartlepool Brownie Unit	£409
20 <sup>th</sup> Hartlepool Brownie Guides	£650
22 <sup>nd</sup> Hartlepool Rainbows, Brownies, Guides	£605
34 <sup>th</sup> Hartlepool Guides, Brownies, Rainbows	£656
Elwick Parish Council	£220
Hartlepool Swimming Club	£538
Hart Parish Council	£176

## **9. Play Opportunities Pool Award 2010/2011** *(Director of Child and Adult 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 £18,450 and is available to community groups and voluntary organisations to provide play opportunities throughout the year complementing provision delivered through Children's Centres and Extended Services through schools. Information relating to the groups requesting funding was detailed in the report with the following recommendations:

- CHILD Deaf Youth Project - £510.93 toward costs for the summer playscheme including staff, volunteers' expenses and transport. Also £537.50 toward costs for the under 11's Youth Project including sessional staff, transport, administration and volunteers' expenses.



This amount to be added to the underspend from 2009/10 taking the overall contribution for the under 11's Youth Project to £996. Total grant from the 2010/11 fund of £1,048.93

- Hartlepool Families First – £2,500 to contribute toward staff costs, management costs, purchase of additional resources and publicity costs to deliver 60 2-hour sessions over holiday weeks
- Hartlepool PATCH - £512 toward the cost of staff, resources and room hire
- Hartlepool Special Needs Support Group - £3,500 toward the cost of volunteers', sessional staff costs, transport, children's entertainers and craft workshops
- Hartlepool Young Carers - £3,200 toward transport costs, Drum workshops and Play Therapy Sessions
- Manor Residents Association - £2,711.99 toward transport, volunteers' expenses and insurance costs
- Manor West Youth Project - £2,890 toward staff costs, transport, venue hire and administration costs

### **Decision**

That the following grant awards be approved:

- CHILD Deaf Youth Project - £1,048.93
- Hartlepool Families First – £2,500
- Hartlepool PATCH - £512
- Hartlepool Special Needs Support Group - £3,500
- Hartlepool Young Carers - £3,200
- Manor Residents Association - £2,711.99
- Manor West Youth Project - £2890

## **10 Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006**

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local

Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

Minute 11 – Community Pool 2010/2011 – Round 2 – Radio Hartlepool application – Director of Child and Adult Services - (This item contained exempt information under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 namely, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) – para 3)

## **11 Community Pool 2010/2011 – Round 2 – Radio Hartlepool application** *(Director of Child and Adult Services)*

During the discussions under minute 7 above, Members requested further information on the finances of Radio Hartlepool. This issue was discussed in the confidential section of the meeting and further details can be found in the confidential section of the minutes.

### **Decision**

Details of the decision as in minute 7.

The meeting concluded at 3:30 pm

**P J DEVLIN**

**CHIEF SOLICITOR**

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