

GRANTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

22 September 2010

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

Present:

Councillor Hilary Thompson (in the Chair)
The Mayor, Stuart Drummond

Officers: Alison Mawson, Assistant Director (Community Safety and Protection)
Susan Rybak, Community and Youth Resource Manager
Pat Wormald, Senior Clerical Officer
Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

12 Consideration of Grant Award to Hartlepool Sports Council from Community Pool *(Community Youth and Resource Manager)*

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To advise and seek approval for the 'top slicing' of £2,500 from the Community Pool to support Hartlepool Sports Council's sports grants process. The report provides details of the current grants scheme and made recommendations for changes to this should the Grants Committee approve an award.

Issues for consideration by the Committee

Hartlepool Sports Council is a forum for all sports within Hartlepool and its outlying villages, committed to raise the profile of sport within the town. It operates and distributes grants and holds annual sports awards ceremonies. 13 sports clubs out of a possible 60 (excluding football) are affiliated to it, paying annual fees of £10 per club. As a voluntary organisation it relies on sponsorship and funding for its continued existence. Such funding can often be difficult to secure and the sustainability of the group was now at risk. Officers from Sport and Recreation had been providing advice to the Sports Council's committee however it was felt that an injection of grant support was needed specifically to support the sports grant process.

A £2,500 top slicing of grant from the Community Pool was therefore being recommended. This amount would be awarded year on year from the Community Pool to enable their grants scheme to become more sustainable. However it was highlighted that this would not be a substitute for sourcing of additional external sponsorship monies. It was felt that a revamp of the Sports Council's current grant criteria would strengthen their ability to raise additional sponsorship. A revised criteria had been formulated by officers working in conjunction with the Sports Council. Both the previous and proposed criteria were appended to the report for members information.

It was also suggested that the Sports Council annual awards event be revised and expanded. Details of the selection criteria and the proposed new nomination form were appended.

The Mayor was pleased that there would be grants for individuals but had concerns that the criteria stated that the applicant must be part of a sports club affiliated to the Hartlepool Sports Council which may preclude applicants from certain sports. It was suggested that this be taken into consideration. Members asked that the grants awarded by the Sports Council be evaluated to measure their impact and that the grant from the Community Pool to the Sports Council be reviewed annually.

Decision

Members:-

- approved a grant from the Community Pool of £2,500 to the Hartlepool Sports Council to enable the group to allocate individual sports grants.
- approved the proposed draft grant application criteria attached at Appendix 2 of the report
- approved the proposed draft sports categories criteria attached at Appendix 3 of the report
- approved the proposed draft sports awards nomination form attached at Appendix 4

13 Apologies for Absence

Councillor R Payne.

14 Declarations of interest by members

The Mayor declared a prejudicial interest in item 4.2 of Agenda item 5.1 (Dalton Street Car Park).

15 Receipt of the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2010

These were received by Members.

16 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.

Issues 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. Grants awards totalling £12,310 had been approved previously. Two applications had been received.

- Hartlepool Business Security Fund – a contribution of £25,000 toward grant assistance to business sectors undertaking appropriate security work to the premises. Total cost of £38,500 with the remainder to be covered by the businesses themselves
- Dalton Street Car Park CCTV – a contribution of £6,760 toward the installation of 4 static CCTV cameras and live transmission of images via an existing camera to the CCTV Monitoring Centre. Total cost of £10,400 with the remainder to be covered by New Deal for Communities. Future revenue costs, including response monitoring, to be met by Hartlepool Revival.

Decision

Members:-

- Approved the application from Hartlepool Business Security Fund
- Deferred the application in relation to Dalton Street Car Park CCTV

17 Civic Lottery Fund Grant Applications 2010/2011 *(Community and Youth Resource Manager)*

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 2010/2011 financial year.

Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee

Members were advised that 2010/2011 balance available for distribution at the beginning of the financial year was £12,200. At a previous meeting Members had agreed to allocate £1,500 for Senior Citizens' summer outings and Christmas parties, leaving £10,700 remaining for the year. It was also agreed at previous meeting that any funding should be distributed in three tranches. Therefore the total available for distribution in Round 2 was £3,580. The total sum sought in Round 2 was £17,950.

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

- Hartlepool Wadokai – requested £2,000 toward running costs, transport and hosting of a world class seminar in November 2010
- Greatham Sports Field – requested £500 to promote and develop new tennis court with coaching sessions
- Seaton Carew Ladies Bowling Club – requested funding of any amount up to £805 toward consortium fees and chairs
- Hartlepool Table Tennis Club – requested £750 toward running costs and basic equipment
- People into Action – Requested £2,000 to fund a trip to Flamingo Land
- Seaton Carew Girls F.C. – requested £300 for running costs
- St Pauls Girls Friendly Society – requested funding of any amount up to £600 for running costs

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

- Preston Simpson Scholarship – requested funding of £2,000 to provide assistance to local musicians
- Hartlepool Mail Voice Choir – requested £1,000 toward assistance with Borough Hall hire
- Hartlepool District Hospice – requested £2,000 for the provision of therapy sessions

- Hartlepool Stage Society – requested £2,000 toward assistance with stage production
- Hartlepool Sea Cadets – requested £2,000 toward decoration of a building for the Tall Ships event
- Hartlepool Headland Amateur Boxing Club – requested £2,000 toward costs for an amateur boxing tournament in November
- Seaton Carew Juniors F.C. – requested £600 toward running costs, coaching fees and football strip
- Hartlepool Church and District League – requested £800 toward trophies

The Mayor asked whether there had been any progress on writing to the government asking for the release of civic lottery funds and the Community and Youth Resource Manager agreed to investigate this further.

Decision

Members approved the following grants:-

- Preston Simpson Scholarship - £250 to assist musicians
- Hartlepool Wadokai - £400 to host a weekend course
- Hartlepool Male Voice Choir - £250 towards hire of hall
- Greatham Sports Field - £150 towards coaching fees
- Hartlepool District Hospice - £400 towards therapy sessions
- Seaton Carew Ladies Bowling Club - £300 towards consortium costs
- Hartlepool Table Tennis Club - £300 towards league fees
- Seaton Carew Girls FC - £300 towards league fees
- Hartlepool Headland Boxing Club - £350 for purchase of trophies
- St Pauls Girls Friendly Society - £300 towards rent
- Seaton Carew Juniors FC - £300 towards league fees
- Hartlepool Church and District league - £250 for purchase of trophies

Members rejected the following grants:-

- Hartlepool Stage Society
- Hartlepool Sea Cadets

The meeting concluded at 2.45 pm.

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CHIEF SOLICITOR

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