

GRANTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

2 November 2010

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

Present:

Councillor Robbie Payne (In the Chair)
The Mayor, Stuart Drummond
Councillor Hilary Thompson

Officers: John Mennear, Assistant Director (Community Services)
Susan Rybak, Community and Youth Resource Manager
Pat Wormald, Senior Clerical Officer
Peter Gouldsbro, Community Safety Officer
Steve Hilton, Public Relations Officer
Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

18. Apologies for Absence

None

19. Declarations of interest by members

None at this stage of the meeting.

20. Receipt of the minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2010

The minutes were received.

The Chair commented that he felt that the Sports Council should make decisions on the Sports awards and was informed that a meeting was planned with the Sports Council and the issue should be resolved imminently.

21. Community Safety Capital Grants Allocations (Community Safety Manager)

Type of Decision

Non key.

Purpose of Report

The report was presented to advise Members of applications to the Community Safety Capital Fund and seek consideration/approval for recommended grant awards.

Issues for Consideration

The net Community Safety Capital Grant Fund for 2010/11 had been amended to £100,000. Grants totalling £37,310 had been awarded during the current year. Recommended grant awards for consideration at this meeting were £31,660 which would leave a residual balance of £31,030 available for further applications during this financial year. Three applications had been received.

THE MAYOR, STUART DRUMMOND DECLARED A PREJUDICIAL INTEREST IN THE DALTON STREET APPLICATION AND DID NOT TAKE PART IN DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS.

Dalton Street Car Park CCTV – This application had been deferred at the previous meeting. Members were reminded that the application was for the provision of 4 static cameras and for minimal additional cost the images from these could be transmitted to the CCTV Monitoring Centre. Planning approval would be required and a small amount of landscaping would be necessary, funded by Hartlepool Revival. Members were reminded that other car parks in the town centre had CCTV coverage.

Lucan Street Alleygate Scheme – This application had been proposed by the Night Time Economy Group to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in the area and had the support of surrounding businesses, as well as the Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Departmental Management Team and the Section 17 Officer Group.

Summerhill Allotments Security Fencing – The need for this had been identified at the Rift House Neighbourhood Action Plan Forum following a number of incidents of theft and criminal damage. Members commented that there was a need for townwide upgrading of security fencing on allotments and suggested that it would work out cheaper if all fencing was procured in one contract. Officers agreed to pass on their comments to a working party in relation to this.

Decision

Members approved:-

- £6,760 towards the installation of CCTV at the Dalton Street Car Park
- £8,000 towards the installation of alleygates in Lucan Street
- £16,900 towards the installation of security fencing at Summerhill allotments

22. Community Pool 2010/2011 – Round 4 *(Assistant Director Community 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 4.

Issues for Consideration

Details of applications made during the previous three rounds were summarised in the report. There were three applications recommended for funding in round 4 from Voluntary Wheels, Hartlepool Carers and Radio Hartlepool. An application from Manor Residents Association had been deferred at previous meetings.

Voluntary Wheels – This organisation had requested £5,000 towards the salary costs of the Coordinator Trainer Post. Unforeseen costs for the repair of a vehicle had prompted the application to fund the shortfall in salary costs.

Hartlepool Carers – This organisation had asked for a grant of £31,664 towards the salary costs of a Manager and Administrator. Members commented on the sterling work carried out by this organisation.

Radio Hartlepool – This organisation had applied for a three year tapered award but this had been deferred previously as the group had been unable to provide specific information. However, officers had worked with the group and had elicited that they would welcome other elements of support including financial support to obtain the Practical Quality Assurance System for Small Organisations (PQASSO) and to cover the cost of inclusion in the Council's Viewpoint Survey up to a total of £2,500.

Manor Residents – Members were reminded that this application had been deferred in previous rounds as the group had been unable to provide their annual report and accounts.

Decision

Members approved:-

- £5,000 for Voluntary Wheels as a contribution towards the salary costs of the Coordinator Trainers post
- £10,555 towards 5 months salary costs of a Manager and Administrator for Hartlepool Carers

- Up to £2,500 for Radio Hartlepool to cover the costs of the community radio station achieving the PQASSO quality mark and the inclusion of Radio Hartlepool in the Viewpoint survey
- The application from Manor Residents Association was deferred again but Members advised that the group should be asked to provide their annual report and accounts by 31 December 2010 if they wished their current application to be considered in this financial year

The meeting concluded at 3.08 pm.

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CHIEF SOLICITOR

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