

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY AREA COMMITTEE FOR THE HARROGATE DISTRICT
GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 30 June 2010 at Harrogate Hockey Club, Ainsty Road, Harrogate.

PRESENT:-

County Councillors Bernard Bateman MBE, John Batt (as Substitute for John Savage), Margaret-Ann de Coursey-Bayley, Cliff Trotter and Geoff Webber.

Co-opted Members: Parish Councillor Eric Clark and Borough Councillor Bob Nash.

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48. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED –

That County Councillor Bernard Bateman MBE be elected Chairman, to serve until the first meeting of the Sub-Committee following the first meeting of the Area Committee subsequent to the Annual Meeting of the County Council in 2011.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR BERNARD BATEMAN MBE IN THE CHAIR

49. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2010, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

50. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED -

That County Councillor Cliff Trotter be elected Vice-Chairman, to serve until the first meeting of the Sub-Committee following the first meeting of the Area Committee subsequent to the Annual Meeting of the County Council in 2011.

51. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED –

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the quotation and balance sheet/income and expenditure account accompanying each application

for funding submitted to this meeting on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 to Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

52. PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS

No public questions or statements were made, although it was noted that County Councillor Bernard Bateman MBE intended to declare a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of various applications and exercise his right, as a member of the public, to address the meeting.

53. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT 2010/11

CONSIDERED –

The Budget Monitoring Statement as at 16 June 2010 advising that the amount uncommitted, as at that date, was £73,655.

RESOLVED –

That the Budget Monitoring Statement be noted.

54. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Notes:

- (a) **Prior to consideration of the two applications submitted by Ripon City Festival Trust 1986, County Councillor Bernard Bateman MBE declared a personal and prejudicial interest because he was the Chairman of the Festival. He exercised his right, as a member of the public, to address the meeting on each application and subsequently left the room whilst each was considered. County Councillor Cliff Trotter (Vice-Chairman) took the Chair during the absences of County Councillor Bernard Bateman MBE.**
- (b) **Prior to consideration of the application from Knaresborough Festival of Entertainment and Visual Arts, County Councillor John Batt declared a personal interest because he was the local Member.**
- (c) **Prior to consideration of the applications from St Peters C of E Primary School Band and Ripon City Youth Band, Ruth Gladstone (Principal Committee Administrator) declared an interest because she was a Director of a musical instrument retailer. She left the room whilst those applications were considered.**

CONSIDERED –

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) inviting the Sub-Committee to determine/make recommendations in respect of 11 applications for financial assistance.

RESOLVED –

- (a) **Application from St Peters C of E Primary School Band to purchase a digital drum kit, 6 ukuleles (or similar) and 3 music stands - That the Area Committee be recommended to refuse this application on the grounds that the applicant has not provided a readable copy of the School's accounts,**

despite such documentation being requested on the application form and also during several subsequent emails and telephone calls to the School in recent months.

- (b) Application from Great Ouseburn Parish Council to purchase a defibrillator and associated equipment needed in order to set up a Community First Responder Scheme in the village - that a grant of £500 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor John Savage.
- (c) Application from Harrogate and Area Council for Voluntary Service to replace old and worn out blinds and carpet in the main office and resource room –
 - (i) That a grant of £350 be made, to be funded as follows:- £100 from the allocation for County Councillor Margaret-Ann de Courcey-Bayley and £250 from the allocation for County Councillor Keith Barnes.
 - (ii) That the application be referred to the Area Committee to provide opportunity for other Members to recommend further contributions.
- (d) Application from Pannal Snooker Club to repair the snooker tables - that a grant of £500 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Cliff Trotter.
- (e) Application from Knaresborough Festival of Entertainment & Visual Arts (feva) towards the 'A Nidd Summer Light Stream' event –
 - (i) That a grant of £1,250 be made, to be funded as follows:- £750 from the allocation for County Councillor Bill Hoult, £400 from the allocation for County Councillor John Batt, and £100 from the allocation for County Councillor Margaret-Ann de Courcey-Bayley.
 - (ii) That the application be referred to the Area Committee to provide opportunity for other Members to recommend further contributions.
- (f) Application from Birstwith Horticultural Society to relocate the Show Hut – That, subject to the applicant providing written confirmation that planning permission has been granted, a grant of £500 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Heather Garnett.
- (g) Application from Yorkshire Yoga towards a fire detection and alarm system - that a grant of £750 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Bill Hoult.
- (h) Application from Ripon City Youth Band towards new music, workbooks and mouthpieces - that a grant of £500 be made, to be funded as follows:- £400 from the allocation for County Councillor Bernard Bateman MBE and £100 from the allocation for County Councillor Andrew Williams.
- (i) Application from the Rotary Club of Harrogate Brigantes towards the expenses of organising the Service of Remembrance at the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery on Sunday 14 November 2010 – that a grant of £600 be made, to be funded as follows:- £75 from the allocation for County Councillor J W Marshall; £100 from the allocation for County Councillor Geoff Webber; £100 from the allocation for County Councillor Keith Barnes;

£75 from the allocation for County Councillor John Fox; £100 from the allocation for County Councillor John Savage; £75 from the allocation for County Councillor Cliff Trotter; and £75 from the allocation for County Councillor M-A de Courcey-Bayley.

- (j) Application from the Ripon City Festival Trust 1986 towards the National Veterans' Day Event at Ripon Cathedral - that a grant of £280 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Bernard Bateman MBE.
- (k) Application from the Ripon City Festival Trust 1986 towards the event "Ripon-by-the-Sea" -
 - (i) That a grant of £400 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Bernard Bateman MBE.
 - (ii) That, subject to County Councillor Andrew Williams' agreement, a grant of £100 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Andrew Williams.
 - (iii) That, if County Councillor Andrew Williams does not wish £100 to be allocated for this project from his allocation, a further grant of £100 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Bernard Bateman MBE.

55. URGENT BUSINESS – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM ROTARY CLUB OF RIPON ROWELS

The Chairman ruled that an application from the Rotary Club of Ripon Rowels should be considered at this meeting in special urgent circumstances because the planned project was due to take place before the date of the Sub-Committee's next meeting. He also announced that this application would be considered next.

Note: Prior to consideration of this application, County Councillor Bernard Bateman MBE declared a personal and prejudicial interest because he was a Member of the Rotary Club. He exercised his right, as a member of the public, to address the meeting on the application and subsequently left the room whilst it was considered. County Councillor Cliff Trotter (Vice-Chairman) took the Chair during the absence of County Councillor Bernard Bateman MBE.

CONSIDERED –

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) inviting the Sub-Committee to consider an application from Rotary Club of Ripon Rowels seeking funding to send two youths from the Ripon area on a week's sailing in August.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the quotation and balance sheet accompanying this application on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 to Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.
- (b) That, in respect of the application from the Rotary Club of Ripon Rowels for funding to send two youths from the Ripon area on a week's sailing in August,

a grant of £250 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Bernard Bateman MBE.

56. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET - REVIEW OF FUNDING GUIDELINES

CONSIDERED –

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) providing information to assist a review of the Funding Guidelines to take into account the forthcoming period of financial austerity and also to address situations in which some applicants might appear to be relatively financially sound and yet nevertheless apply for funding from the Area Committee.

Members expressed the view that, after ten years of experience in making funding decisions, the guidelines were well developed and the process was sound. However, to further improve transparency, fairness, and impartiality, it would be beneficial to ask applicants to identify, with greater clarity in their application, the added value to the community which their project would deliver. This could be achieved by including the question “What are the benefits to the community in terms of added value or outcomes?” within the Application for Funding form.

Members asked for the existing Funding Guideline which stated “Grants will not be available for projects which are considered to relate to the County Council’s (including the LEA’s) normal expenditure” to be amended to include the words “or Harrogate Borough Council’s”.

With regard to applicants who appeared to be relatively financially sound and yet nevertheless applied for funding from the Area Committee, Members expressed the view that the Sub-Committee should make enquiries of relevant applicants and, in the absence of a satisfactory response, to consider submitting a recommendation to the Area Committee to refuse that application.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the question “What are the benefits to the community in terms of added value or outcomes?” be included within the Application for Funding form.
- (b) **THAT IT BE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE AREA COMMITTEE** – That the words “Harrogate Borough Council” be included in the existing guideline so that it reads as follows:- “Grants will not be available for projects which are considered to relate to the County Council’s (including the LEA’s), or Harrogate Borough Council’s, normal expenditure”.

57. ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED –

That it be noted that future meetings have previously been scheduled for Tuesday 5 October 2010 at 10.00am at The Cairn Hotel, Ripon Road, Harrogate and for Thursday 9 December 2010 at 10.00am at The Cairn Hotel, Ripon Road, Harrogate.

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