

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY AREA COMMITTEE FOR THE HARROGATE DISTRICT

GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2010 at The Cairn Hotel, Harrogate.

PRESENT:-

Members: County Councillor Bernard Bateman MBE (in the Chair); County Councillors Keith Barnes (as substitute for Margaret-Ann de Coursey-Bayley), John Savage Cliff Trotter and Geoff Webber.

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

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:-

An apology for absence was received from County Councillor John Batt.

COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED ARE IN THE MINUTE BOOK

65. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2010, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

66. 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.

67. PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS

There were no questions or statements from members of the public.

68. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT 2010/11

CONSIDERED -

The Budget Monitoring Statement as at 24 November 2010 advising that the amount uncommitted, as at that date, was £54,294. Members expressed their concerns at the balance left to be committed and asked for a report to be put to the Area Committee to recommend that any funds left uncommitted at the end of February 2011, be divided evenly between the eighteen County Councillors, to spend before the end of this financial year, 31 March 2011.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the budget Monitoring Statement be noted.
- (b) That a report be put to the Area Committee to recommend that any funds left uncommitted at the end of February 2011, be divided evenly between the eighteen County Councillors, to spend before the end of this financial year, 31 March 2011.

69. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Notes:

- (a) **Prior to consideration of the application submitted by Age Concern, North Yorkshire, County Councillor Bernard Bateman MBE declared a personal and prejudicial interest because he was the Chairman of the organisation 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.**
- (b) **Prior to consideration of the application from Harrogate Homeless Project, County Councillor Geoff Webber declared a personal and prejudicial interest because he was a Director of the organisation. 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.**

CONSIDERED –

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) inviting the Sub-Committee to determine/make recommendations in respect of 19 applications for financial assistance.

RESOLVED –

- (a) Application from The Almscliffe Hall to provide alternative drainage arrangements and flashing improvements - that a grant of £500 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Cliff Trotter.
- (b) Application from Upper Nidderdale Parish Council to replace the gate and repair the fencing on one side of the Pack Horse Bridge at Lofthouse – that, subject to a quotation being received, a grant of £442 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor John Fort BEM.
- (c) Application from The Forest School, Knaresborough to attend a Forest School Leader Training Course - that a grant of £700 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Bill Hoult.
- (d) Application from Lofthouse Memorial Hall towards replacing the boiler - that a grant of £2,500 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor John Fort BEM.
- (e) Application from Markington War Memorial Institute to erect a sign stating the name of the Village Hall - that a grant of £450 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Heather Garnett.

- (f) Application from Holy Trinity Church, Ripon towards purchasing new chairs for the mezzanine gallery – that a grant of £250 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Bernard Bateman MBE and authority be delegated to the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) to approve any further contribution, not exceeding £1,719, to be recommended by County Councillor Andrew Williams.
- (g) Application from Paperworks (Harrogate) to replace the book making machine in the workshop - that a grant of £500 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Geoff Webber.
- (h) Application from Age Concern North Yorkshire towards the costs of providing taster exercise classes during January – March 2011 –
 - (i) That a grant of £600 be made, to be funded 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.
- (i) Application from Marton cum Grafton Parish Council to replace the Village notice board – that a grant of £400 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor John Watson OBE.
- (j) Application from Harrogate Rethink Support Group to hire speakers from all over the country to speak at their monthly meetings - that the Area Committee be recommended to refuse this application on the grounds that it does not meet the funding criteria, as the application is for recurring revenue costs.
- (k) Application from Mashamshire Community Office towards the expansion of the Community Magazine, specifically the cost of the laptop - that a grant of £400 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Paul Richardson.
- (l) Application from Ripley Parish Council towards restoring the Ripley War Memorial plaque – that, subject to an up to date copy of the Parish Council's accounts being received, a grant of £500 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Heather Garnett.
- (m) Application from Mental Health Project towards a new multifunctional inkjet printer - that a grant of £300 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Keith Barnes.
- (n) Application from Harrogate Homeless Project towards purchasing a networked computer system - that a grant of £1,000 be made to be funded as follows:- £500 from the allocation for County Councillor Geoff Webber and £500 from the allocation for County Councillor J W Marshall.
- (o) Application from Opening Doors for Disabled People towards the cost of holding two luncheons in July and December 2011 – that the application be deferred for consideration to the next Grants Sub-Committee meeting and the applicant be asked to resubmit the application clarifying what they are specifically applying for funding towards and when the project is taking place.
- (p) Application from Friends of North Stanley School towards purchasing two laptops - that a grant of £500 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Paul Richardson.

- (q) Application from Hookstone Memorial Hall to update the electrics within the Village Hall - that a grant of £500 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor John Fort BEM.
- (r) Application from Talking Space part of Harrogate and Area CVS towards furnishings for the two counselling rooms at Harrogate - that a grant of £315 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Keith Barnes.
- (s) Application from Friends of Valley Gardens towards the employment of a landscape architect as consultant with regards to a survey of the area surrounding the Old Magnesia Well, with recommendations on relevant clearing of trees and vegetation and replanting – that the application be referred to the Area Committee for consideration for the following reasons:- (i) to allow the applicant time to provide an up to date copy of accounts and constitution and; (ii) to ask the applicant to provide further background information regarding the project, especially regarding how the remaining balance is to be funded.

70. URGENT BUSINESS – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM RIPON FESTIVAL TRUST

The Chairman ruled that an application from the Ripon Festival Trust 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 Ripon Festival Trust. 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 Ripon Festival Trust seeking funding towards the Christmas and new year's eve programme of events for the City of Ripon.

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 Ripon Festival Trust for funding towards the Christmas and new year's eve programme of events for the City of Ripon, a grant of £1,100 be made, to be funded as follows:- £500 to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Bernard Bateman MBE, £500 to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Andrew Williams and £100 to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Paul Richardson.

71. ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED –

That arrangements be made for the Sub-Committee to meet on the following dates:

- 18 February 2011, at 2 pm, at The Cairn Hotel, Harrogate.
- 22 March 2011, at 10 am, at The Cairn Hotel, Harrogate.

LB/ALJ