

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY AREA COMMITTEE FOR THE HARROGATE DISTRICT

GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2011 at 10.00 am at the Cairn Hotel, Harrogate.

PRESENT:-

Members: County Councillor Bernard Bateman MBE (in the Chair); County Councillors John Batt, M-A de Courcey-Bayley, John Savage, Cliff Trotter and Geoff Webber.

Co-opted Member: Parish Councillor Eric Clark.

IN ATTENDANCE:-

County Council Officers:- Deborah Hugill (Corporate Policy and Partnerships) and Louise Barker (Democratic Services).

Harrogate Borough Council Officer:- Ann Byrne.

Ten members of the public.

COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED ARE IN THE MINUTE BOOK

78. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2011, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

79. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED –

Exclusion of the public from the meeting during consideration of the quotation and balance sheet / income and expenditure account accompanying each application listed at item 6 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.

80. PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS

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

81. NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

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 the consideration of the application submitted by Harrogate Homeless Project, County Councillor Geoff Webber declared a personal and prejudicial interest because he was a member of the organisation's Management Board and subsequently left the room.**

CONSIDERED –

Report of the Head of Policy and Partnerships inviting the Sub-Committee to consider for approval bids for Community Development Funding, as recommended by the Harrogate District Strategic Partnership (LSP).

Deborah Hugill (Senior Policy and Partnerships Officer) presented the report highlighting that the Harrogate District Strategic Partnership had been allocated £51,668 for 2010/11 and that there had been fourteen bids in total, seven of which had been recommended for approval by the Sub-Committee, totalling £51,536. She stated that a summary of the seven applications which had not been successful was attached to the report at Appendix 3.

Deborah Hugill and Ann Byrne (Harrogate Borough Council) outlined the reasons why the LSP supported the seven bids, outlined in the report. Members expressed support for each of the bids and raised no concerns.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the Ripon Swimming Teacher Courses project be approved as submitted and £1,480 be allocated.
- (b) That the Ripon Walled Garden project be approved as submitted and £5,876 be allocated.
- (c) That the Green Fingers and Friends project be approved as submitted and £8,500 be allocated.
- (d) That the Young Volunteers project be approved as submitted and £12,000 be allocated.
- (e) That the Assisted Bathing for the Elderly project be approved as submitted and £8,100 be approved.
- (f) That the Harrogate District Community Investment project be approved as submitted and £14,740 be allocated.
- (g) That the Bicycle Renovations project be approved as submitted and £840 be allocated.

82. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT 2010/11

CONSIDERED -

The Budget Monitoring Statement as at 11 March 2011 advising that the amount uncommitted, as at that date, was £19,788.

RESOLVED –

That the budget Monitoring Statement be noted.

83. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Notes:

- (a) Prior to consideration of the application submitted by Jennyfield Styan Activ8 Youth Group, County Councillor Geoff Webber declared a personal and prejudicial interest because he was a member of the organisation's Management Board.**
- (b) 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.**
- (c) Prior to consideration of the application submitted by Fairfax Community Centre Management Committee, County Councillor M-A de Coursey-Bayley declared a personal and prejudicial interest because she was a member of the organisation's Management Board.**
- (d) Prior to consideration of the application submitted by North Yorkshire Credit Union, County Councillor John Savage declared a personal and prejudicial interest because he holds an account with the Credit Union.**

CONSIDERED –

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) inviting the Sub-Committee to determine/make recommendations in respect of 23 applications for financial assistance.

Representatives of the following applicants attended and addressed the meeting:-

- North Yorkshire Learning Consortium (NYLC) on behalf of Chain Lane Community Centre Steering Group (CLSG) in association with Harrogate CVS
- North Yorkshire Credit Union (NYCU)

RESOLVED –

- (a) Application from Harrogate CVS – Minority Ethnic Development Project towards translating an Information Leaflet for New Arrivals to the Harrogate District into five other languages – that a grant of £150 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor John Fox.**
- (b) Application from North Yorkshire Learning Consortium (NYLC) on behalf of Chain Lane Community Centre Steering Group (CLSG) in association with Harrogate CVS to run a celebration and open day to celebrate the saving of and continuation of services at Chain Lane Community Centre – that the Area Committee be recommended to refuse this application on the grounds that, according to information presented by the applicant orally at the Grants Sub-Committee meeting, the list of project costs has changed since the application form was submitted and no update has been provided.**

- (c) Application from Harrogate and District Advocacy to provide advocacy services for people who are affected by the present economic situation – that a grant of £500 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor John Batt.
- (d) Application from Opening Door for Disabled People towards holding two major events in 2011, a Summer Afternoon Tea and a Christmas Luncheon – that a grant of £100 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Bill Hoult.
- (e) Application from Jennyfield Styan Activ8 Youth Club towards one off experiences such as health and fitness sessions and craft sessions and towards sports equipment – that a grant of £500 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Don Mackenzie.
- (f) Application from Harlow Community Centre Association towards repairs to fencing, exterior woodwork and interior doors – that a grant of £1,000 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Jim Clark.
- (g) Application from Aspin Park Early Years Group towards an outdoor play project – that the application be deferred to the next Grants Sub-Committee to provide the applicant with more time to provide a copy of the Group's constitution and accounts.
- (h) Application from Harwith cum Winsley Parish Council to place a community notice board in the centre of Summerbridge – that a grant of £300 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Heather Garnett.
- (i) Application from Harrogate in Bloom to purchase a portable display board to take to community events – that a grant of £105 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Don Mackenzie.
- (j) Application from Clint cum Hamlets Parish Council towards placing a ramped pedestrian entrance in the parish car park from the public footpath – that a grant of £400 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Heather Garnett.
- (k) Application from Ouseburn Playgroup towards a storage facility for art and craft materials and multicultural dolls to promote cultural diversity – that a grant of £300 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor John Savage.
- (l) Application from Age Concern, North Yorkshire to purchase 4 new laptops, a printer and software packages – that a grant of £880 be made, to be funded as follows:- £395 from the allocation for County Councillor J W Marshall, £85 from the allocation for County Councillor Bernard Bateman MBE and £400 from the allocation for County Councillor Cliff Trotter.
- (m) Application from Cascade Garden Centre – Help for Heroes Appeal towards funding the main attraction 'It's a Knockout Competition' at an Armed Forces Fun Day at Ripon Racecourse on Saturday 25 June – that the application be deferred to the next Grants Sub-Committee meeting to:-
 - (i) Ask the applicant to provide written evidence to show that the organisation 'Cascade Garden Centre – Help for Heroes Appeal' is a separate legal entity to the Cascade Garden Centre business;

- (ii) To provide more time for the applicant to supply a copy of the 'Help for Heroes' charity accounts and constitution.
- (n) Application from Harrogate Theatre to support and develop a range of assisted performances at Harrogate Theatre – that a grant of £3,330 be made, to be funded as follows:- £2,000 from the allocation for County Councillor Paul Richardson, £1,000 from the allocation for County Councillor Jim Clark and £330 from the allocation for County Councillor Don Mackenzie.
- (o) Application from Fairfax Community Centre Management Committee towards equipment to extend the weekly lunch club and towards a year's hall hire to run a bingo group – that a grant of £450 be made, to be funded as follows:- £250 from the allocation for County Councillor J W Marshall and £200 from the allocation for County Councillor John Fox.
- (p) Application from Greater Ripon Improvement Partnership (GRIP) to 'win back' lost shoppers from greater and outer Ripon, help existing retailers look more vibrant, and to re-open closed shops – that the application be deferred to the next meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee and that the applicant be invited to attend that meeting to demonstrate how the project will benefit the local community.
- (q) Application from Ripon City Amateur Swimming Club towards tuition for swimming teachers – that a grant of £370 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Andrew Williams.
- (r) Application from Harrogate Rethink Support Group towards the cost of social trips for long standing members – that a grant of £100 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor John Fox.
- (s) Application from Knaresborough Cricket Club towards protective cages and netting for junior cricket – that a grant of £250 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor John Batt.
- (t) Application from North Yorkshire Credit Union (NYCU) to support development of the Credit Union Junior Savings Clubs and education programme for primary schools – that the application be deferred to the next Grants Sub-Committee meeting to provide the applicant with more time to provide a copy of the organisation's constitution and accounts.
- (u) Application from The Salvation Army, Ripon to provide a romance academy and mentoring programme for young people attending secondary schools in Ripon – that a grant of £300 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Andrew Williams.
- (v) Application from Harrogate District Community Transport Scheme (Little Red Bus) towards developing the integrated IT scheduling system, monitoring systems and installing GPS tracking systems – that a grant of £1,405 be made, to be funded as follows:- £500 from the allocation for County Councillor Don Mackenzie and £905 from the allocation for County Councillor Jim Clark.
- (w) Application from Mashamshire Community Office towards the expansion of the Community Magazine – that a further grant of £300 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Paul Richardson.

84. URGENT BUSINESS – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM HARROGATE BRIGANTES ROTARY CLUB

The Chairman ruled that an application from the Harrogate Brigantes Rotary Club 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.

CONSIDERED –

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) inviting the Sub-Committee to consider an application from Harrogate Brigantes Rotary Club seeking funding towards children from 10 local schools to perform a concert at the Royal Hall on 30 April 2011.

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 Harrogate Brigantes Rotary Club for funding towards children from 10 local schools to perform a concert at the Royal Hall on 30 April 2011, a grant of £285 be made, to be funded from the allocation for County Councillor Bill Hout.

85. APPROVED APPLICATIONS REFERRED FOR FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

CONSIDERED –

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) to invite the Sub-Committee to approve any recommendations received from County Councillors Bill Hout, Heather Garnett and Cliff Trotter in respect of various applications which were approved at the Sub-Committee's last meeting and had subsequently been referred back by the Area Committee for possible further contributions.

Louise Barker (Democratic Services) stated that no further recommendations had been received from County Councillors Bill Hout, Heather Garnett and Cliff Trotter.

RESOLVED –

That it be noted that no further recommendations have been submitted towards the applications outlined in the report.

86. NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED –

That the next meeting take place on Friday 20 May 2011, at 10.00 am at The Cairn Hotel.

The meeting concluded at 12.10 pm.

LB/ALJ