

31st October 2017

Minutes of the proceedings of the Grants Meeting of the **FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** meeting held on this day in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, WOKINGHAM** from 7.30pm to 9.05pm.

PRESENT

Chairman: D OH Davies

Councillors: N Campbell-White, S Gurney, Mrs G S Hewetson, J P Mirfin, A Waters, R J Wyatt

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk: Jan Nowecki

RFO: Nicky Harmsworth

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs C J Bowring and M Monk

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda Item 2)

Cllr Mrs G Hewetson declared a prejudicial interest because of her involvement with The Cultural Partnership: More Arts and stated that she would abstain from comment when this organisation came up for discussion.

Cllr P Mirfin declared a prejudicial interest because of his involvement with the Wokingham Winter Carnival and stated that he would abstain from comment when this organisation came up for discussion

Cllr N Campbell-White declared a prejudicial interest because of his involvement with Citizens Advice Wokingham and stated that he would abstain from comment when these organisations came up for discussion

Cllr D Davies declared a prejudicial interest in Wokingham Winter Carnival and stated that he would abstain from comment when this organisation came up for discussion.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OR PUBLIC (Agenda Item 3)

There were no questions from members of the Public.

Cllr Mirfin advised the Committee that owing to the construction works happening around the Market Place this year's planned Winter Carnival may have to incur additional costs around the logistics of road closures and the site workings. The Committee noted that, at the grants meeting held on 1st November 2016, a contingency allocation of £500 had been agreed on the same basis for another event but had not been required. It was agreed that Winter Carnival would be given access to the contingency funding if required.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (Agenda Item 4)

It was proposed by Cllr D O H Davies and seconded by Cllr J P Mirfin and it was

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that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted i.e. commercial and financial, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and instructed to withdraw.

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2018/19 (Agenda Item 5)

A spreadsheet listing the grants awarded over the last three years together with this year's application forms and supporting documentation were received for consideration.

In accordance with the grants policy those organisations which had been identified last year by the Committee as Service Providers did not have to submit a further application form for this financial year and funding would continue at the same level for the lifetime of this Council. These applications were considered and

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that the grants should be allocated as follows;

Service Providers

All Saints Church – Church Yard Maintenance

A grant of £1,800 be awarded.

Holt Copse Conservation Volunteers

A grant of £575 be awarded.

Wokingham Lions Club – May Fayre

A grant of £10,500 be awarded

St Catherine's Church – Parish Of Winnersh

A grant of £600 be awarded.

St Sebastian Wokingham Band

A grant of £4,000 be awarded.

St Paul's Church

A grant of £1,000 be awarded.

The Cultural Partnership

A grant of £4,700 be awarded.

Wokingham Winter Carnival Committee

A grant of £10,200 be awarded.

Sport Sponsorship fund (Wokingham Borough)

A provision of £2,000 for match funding Wokingham Borough Sponsorship was agreed to be used as called upon during 2018/19.

A total of £35,375 was allocated to the Service Providers. This represented 46.13% of the £76,690 grants budget.

Other application forms and supporting documentation were received for consideration and discussion.

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that the grants should be allocated as follows;

1. AIR CADETS

A grant of £5,000 be awarded towards the cost of the flight simulator. Funds would only be released once the remainder of the funding was confirmed.

2. ARC

A grant of £3,500 be awarded.

3. Autism Berkshire

No grant to be awarded.

4. The Breastfeeding Network

No grant to be awarded.

5. Wokingham Choral Society

A grant of £1000 be awarded.

6. Citizens Advice Wokingham

A grant of £9,000 be awarded.

7. Deaf Positive Action

No grant to be awarded.

8. Dingley's Promise

No grant to be awarded.

9. East Schools Cluster

No grant to be awarded.

10. First Days Children's Charity

No grant to be awarded

11. Friends of Emmbrook

A grant of £400 be awarded.

12. Homestart Wokingham District

A grant of £400 be awarded.

13. Wokingham Job Support Centre

A grant of £4,500 be awarded.

14. Keep Mobile

No grant to be awarded.

15. Me2 Club

No grant to be awarded.

16. Readibus

A grant of £3,400 be awarded.

17. Reading Deaf Centre

No grant to be awarded.

18. Revitalise Respite Holidays

No grant to be awarded.

19. South East Berks Gang Show

A grant of £500 be awarded.

20. Sustrans Limited

No grant to be awarded.

21. Volunteer Centre (Wokingham)

A grant of £1,000 be awarded

22. Wokingham Ranger Unit

A grant of £500 be awarded.

Applications for grants amounted to £134,102 and during this evening's meeting a total of £64,575 was awarded.

Letters would be sent to all applicants advising them of the outcome of their applications.

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CHAIRMAN