

1st November 2016

Minutes of the proceedings of the Grants Meeting of the **FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** meeting held on this day in the **JUBILEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, WOKINGHAM** from 7.30pm to 9.15pm.

PRESENT

Chairman: D OH Davies

Councillors: Mrs G S Hewetson (The Mayor), M Bishop, N Campbell-White, S Gurney, D Lee, J P Mirfin, M Monk, 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 Cllr C J Bowring,

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 Berkshire Vision and stated that he would abstain from comment when these organisations came up for discussion

Cllr M Monk declared a prejudicial interest because of his involvement with The Cultural Partnership: More Arts and stated that he would abstain from comment when these organisations came up for discussion.

Cllr D Lee declared a prejudicial interest in Keep Mobile and stated that he would abstain from comment when this organisation 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 Council Members or members of the Public.

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 2017/18 (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.

The grants policy had been reviewed earlier in the year and a number of organisations had been identified by the Committee as Service Providers. These applications were considered and

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that the grants should be allocated as follows;

Service Providers

1. All Saints Church – Church Yard Maintenance

A grant of £1,800 be awarded.

2. Holt Copse Conservation Volunteers

A grant of £575 be awarded.

3. Wokingham Lions Club – May Fayre

A grant of £10,500 be awarded with an additional £500 to be payable in 2017 if additional signage is required for change in location due to the Market Place refurbishment.

4. St Catherine's Church – Parish Of Winnersh

A grant of £600 be awarded.

5. St Sebastian Wokingham Band

A grant of £4,000 be awarded.

6. St Paul's Church

A grant of £1,000 be awarded.

7. The Cultural Partnership

A grant of £4,700 be awarded.

8. Wokingham Winter Carnival Committee

A grant of £10,200 be awarded.

A total of £33,375 was allocated to the Service Providers with an additional £500 which would not be paid unless required. This represented 47.71% of the £71,000 grants budget.

Other application forms and supporting documentation were received for consideration.

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that the grants should be allocated as follows;

9. ARC

A grant of £1,500 be awarded.

10. Berkshire Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre

No grant to be awarded.

11. Berkshire Vision

No grant to be awarded.

12. The Breastfeeding Network

No grant to be awarded.

13. Wokingham Choral Society

A grant of £1000 be awarded.

14. Citizens Advice Bureau

A grant of £8,500 be awarded.

15. Cruse Bereavement Care

No grant to be awarded.

16. Dingley's Promise

A grant of £1,500 be awarded.

17. Friends of Emmbrook

A grant of £400 be awarded.

18. Homestart Wokingham District

A grant of £350 be awarded.

19. Wokingham Job Support Centre

A grant of £4,500 be awarded.

20. Just Around the Corner

A grant of £5,000 be awarded.

21. Keep Mobile

No grant to be awarded.

22. Readibus

A grant of £3,400 be awarded.

23. Reading Deaf Centre

No grant to be awarded.

24. Relate Berkshire

A grant of £500 be awarded.

25. Revitalise Respite Holidays

No grant to be awarded.

26. Samaritans of Bracknell, Wokingham, Ascot & Districts

A grant of £500 be awarded.

27. Volunteer Centre Wokingham

A grant of £500 be awarded

28. Volunteer Centre (Wokingham Town Mobility)

A grant of £6,300 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 2017/18.

Applications for grants amounted to £104,985 and during this evening's meeting a total of £69,325 and £500 contingency was awarded.

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

ACTION RFO

CHAIRMAN