

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Mid Sussex District Council Cabinet
Grants Panel held on Tuesday, 13 January 2015
from 4.00 p.m. to 4.50 p.m.**

Present: Councillors: Jonathan Ash-Edwards
Pru More
Christopher Snowling

Also Present: Councillors Bruce Forbes and Norman Webster.

9. SUBSTITUTES

The Panel noted that no substitutes had been appointed in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4 – Substitutes at meetings etc.

10. APOLOGIES

None.

11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

12. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 15 September 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

13. REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Representations had been received from Councillor Chris Hersey supporting the application from the Hassocks Community Partnership and Councillor Peter Martin supporting the applications for the Hassocks projects.

14. CORPORATE GRANT SCHEMES

The Panel received a report that presented 19 Facility, Community and Economic Development and Small Revenue grant applications under the Corporate Grants Schemes.

Simon Hardy, the Principal Development Manager informed the Panel that, should they agree the Officers recommendations as they stand, there would be £1,543 remaining in the Small Grants budget resulting in an underspend in 2014/15.

Lin Parkinson, Community Development Officer and Elaine Clarke, Community Leisure Officer, introduced the Facility Grants Schemes, Community and Economic Development Grants and Small Revenue Grants, as set out below:-

Facility Grants

Organisation	Purpose for which award is sought	Award Suggested
Crawley Down Community Centre Association	Automatic doors	£9,000
St John the Evangelist Church, Copthorne	Lift, kitchen, audio visual equipment, rainwater harvesting and cycle shed	£24,900
East Grinstead Town Council	St Swithun's Parish Church wall	£47,302
Crawley Down Cricket Club	Asbestos removal	£7,800
Burgess Hill Youth	Multi-use games area refurbishment	£19,710
St Andrews Parish Church, Burgess Hill	Community hall building works	defer
Trinity Methodist Church, East Grinstead	Audio visual equipment	£25,000
Total		£133,712

Economic and Community Development Grants

Organisation	Purpose for which award is sought	Award Suggested
East Grinstead Sports Club	Kingscote Valley project business plan and promotional materials	£2,850
Trustees of West Hoathly Village Hall	Village hall refurbishment	£14,800
Turners Hill Parish Council	Environmental health alterations	£2,511
Ashdown Forest Tourism Association	Promotion of Ashdown Forest Tourism Association to Mid Sussex businesses	Nil
East Grinstead Town Council	Contribution towards Summer Events Music Concerts and a Street Party to commemorate the 70 th anniversary of VE Day	£2,500
Adastra Hall/Hassocks Community Association	Main hall and rooms re-decoration	Nil
Total		£22,661

Small Revenue Grants

Organisation	Purpose for which award is sought	Award Suggested
4 th East Grinstead Scout Group	Contribution towards a (second-hand) vehicle for towing equipment	Nil
East Grinstead CVS	Projector	£587
Friends of Burgess Hill Green Circle Network	Equipment for outdoor activities programme	£1294
Kangaroos	Contribution towards PALS Saturday Club and Playscheme	£2500
Sussex Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus	Contribution towards the Advisor, Social and Buddy Service	£800
Tadpoles Swimming Club	Contribution towards Replacement Equipment and Pool Hire Costs	£600
Total		£5,781

During consideration of the items the Panel considered the recommendations of the Corporate Grant Assessment Groups evaluations of the project and raised a number of points which the Officers clarified.

The Panel were informed that, following feedback from Burgess Hill Town Council, the Saint Andrews Church community building project was not considered to be a local priority. The Town Council are in the process of publishing their Neighbourhood Plan and it was suggested by the Officer that consideration of this application be deferred until the next meeting so that more information can be obtained. This was agreed by the Panel.

The Principal Development Manager explained that Officers had recommended that no grant be awarded to AFTA at this time because it was felt that there is a degree of duplication with the Kingscote Valley Project which is currently developing a resource to generate tourism and economic growth in the East Grinstead area.

Lin Parkinson, Community Development Officer referred to the application from Adastra Hall Management Committee/Hassocks Community Association and clarified that the Assessment Group had considered the interior painting of the building is an on-going maintenance issue and the Committee should accept that it is their responsibility to cover these costs. This was agreed by the Panel and the Chairman reiterated that grants are not awarded for ongoing maintenance.

The Community Development Officer referred to the application from the 4th East Grinstead Scout Group and informed the Panel that, although the Assessment Group do need a vehicle, it was concerned that a granting of an award would set a precedent. The Principal Development Officer confirmed that funding for transport has never been approved.

The Panel, mindful of the underspend in the budget revisited the applications from Kangaroos for a contribution towards PALS Saturday Club and Playscheme, Sussex Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus and the Tadpoles Swimming Club and agreed that as these are such worthwhile causes awarded grants of £3,443 to Kangaroos and £1,000 each to the Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus and Tadpoles Swimming Club respectively.

The Panel considered and agreed the recommendations in Appendix D. The Panel were

informed that additional information had been received from the East Grinstead Business Association asking for an extension to the time period for their grant application for a mural because they were in discussion with a consultant. This was agreed. The Panel noted the end of Grants report for 2013/14, Appendix E refers.

RESOLVED

That:-

- (1) a Facility Grant of £9,000 (76% of the total project cost) be awarded to Crawley Down Community Centre Association to install automatic doors at the Haven Centre, which is made up of - £1,250 (PL12/000170 Land between Sunnymead and Huntsland Lodge, £3,548 (P35/690 Land at Palmers Auto Centre) and £4,202 (P35/654 Land adjacent to Burleigh Infant School) Section 106 community building monies.

This grant offer be made subject to the following special conditions:

- that it can be demonstrated that the project can be funded in its entirety with 12 months of the grant offer;
- the project must be completed within 12 months of project funding being obtained; and
- obtain a copy of the license granting landlords consent;

- (2) a Facility Grant of £24,900 (50% of the total project cost) be awarded to St John the Evangelist Church, Copthorne, to install a lift, kitchen, audio equipment, rainwater harvesting and a cycle shed, which is made up of - £20,308 (P35/728 Land South of Grange Road) and £4,592 (PL12/000170 Land between Sunnymead and Huntsland Lodge) Section 106 community building monies.

This grant offer be made subject to the following special conditions:

- that it can be demonstrated that the project can be funded in its entirety with 12 months of the grant offer ; and
- the project must be completed within 12 months of project funding being obtained;

- (3) a Facility Grant of £47,302 (100% of the total project cost) be awarded to St. Swithuns Church, East Grinstead to repair the church wall which is made up of - £20,833 (P35/667 Land at the Rentokil Site), £8,824 (P35/633b Land at Maypole House) and £17,645 (P35/680 Land at Dunnings Squash Club) Section 106 Local Community Infrastructure Fund monies.

This grant offer is made subject to the following special conditions:

- that it can be demonstrated that the project can be funded in its entirety with 12 months of the grant offer ;
- the project must be completed within 12 months of project funding being obtained; and
- that planning permission and listed building consent are obtained;
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- (4) a Facility Grant of £7,800 be awarded to Crawley Down Cricket Club towards the cost of asbestos removal, which is made up of £7,800 (P35/654 Land adj Burleigh Infant School) Section 106 Formal Sport monies;

- (5) a Facility Grant of £19,710 (75% of the total project cost) be awarded to Burgess Hill Youth to upgrade the multi-use games area at Fairfield Community Centre, which is made up of - £2,902 play space and £12,332 formal sport section 106 contributions (PL13-000386 Land at Victoria Road), and £4,476 (PL13/Kings Head) formal sport section 106 contribution.

This grant offer be made subject to the following special conditions:

- that it can be demonstrated that the project can be funded in its entirety with 12 months of the grant offer; and
- the project must be completed within 12 months of project funding being obtained;

- (6) consideration of the application from St. Andrews Church, Burgess Hill for the community buildings project be deferred;

- (7) a Facility Grant of £25,000 (45% of the total project cost) be awarded to the Trinity Methodist Church in East Grinstead, to install audio visual equipment, which is made up on £25,000 (P35/667 Rentokil House, Garland Road) Section 106 community building monies.

This grant offer be made subject to the following conditions:

- that it can be demonstrated that the project can be funded in its entirety within 12 months of the grant offer; and
- the project being completed within 12 months of project funding being obtained;
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- (8) an Economic and Community Development Fund grant of £2,850 be awarded to East Grinstead Sports Club.

This grant offer be made subject to the following conditions:

- that it can be demonstrated that the project can be funded in its entirety within 12 months of the grant offer; and
- the project being completed within 12 months of project funding being obtained;

- (9) an Economic and Community Development Fund grant of £14,800 be awarded to the Trustees of West Hoathly Village Hall.

This grant offer be made subject to the following special conditions:

- that it can be demonstrated that the project can be funded in its entirety within 12 months of the grant offer; and
- the project being completed within 12 months of project funding being obtained;
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- (10) an Economic and Community Fund grant of £2,511 be awarded to Turners Hill Parish Council.

This grant offer be made subject to the following special conditions:

- that it can be demonstrated that the project can be funded in its entirety within 12 months of the grant offer; and
 - the project being completed within 12 months of project funding being obtained;
- (11) no Economic and Community Fund grant be awarded to Ashdown Forest Tourism Association at the present time;
- (12) an Economic and Community Fund grant of £2,500 be awarded to East Grinstead to East Grinstead Town Council for their Summer Events Programme and VE Day 70th Anniversary Street Party.
- This grant offer be made subject to the project being completed within 12 months of projecting funding being obtained;
- (13) no Economic and Community Fund grant of be awarded to the Hassocks Community Association at the present time;
- (14) no Small Revenue grant be awarded to the 4th East Grinstead Scout Group at the present time;
- (15) a Small Revenue grant of £587 be awarded to the East Grinstead Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) for a projector;
- (16) a Small Revenue Grant of £1,294 be awarded to the Friends of Burgess Hill Green Circle Network for the purchase of equipment for their outdoor activities programme;
- (17) a Small Revenue Grant of £3,443 be awarded to Kangaroos as a contribution towards their PALS Saturday Club and Playscheme;
- (18) a Small Revenue Grant of £1,000 be awarded to the Sussex Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus as a contribution towards the Advisor, Social and Buddy Service;
- (19) a Small Revenue Grant of £1,000 be awarded to the Tadpoles Swimming Club for the Disabled
- (20) the special condition to extend Ansty Village Hall's period to secure project funding to December 2015, completion by December 2016;
- (21) the special condition to extend Ansty Village Centre's period to secure project funding to December 2015, completion by December 2016; and
- (22) East Grinstead Business Association's request for an extension in time to complete their project within six months be agreed.

Chairman.