

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Mid Sussex District Council Cabinet  
Grants Panel held on Tuesday, 12 January 2016  
from 4.00 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors: Jonathan Ash-Edwards (Chairman)  
Pru Moore (Vice-Chairman)  
  
Norman Webster

**Also Present:-** Councillors Phillip Coote, Bruce Forbes, Garry Wall and Neville Walker.

**16. WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed the three Ward Members for Crawley Down and Turners Hill and members of public to the meeting.

**17. SUBSTITUTES**

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

**18. APOLOGIES**

None.

**19. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Ash-Edwards disclosed a personal and prejudicial interest in the application from the Warden Park Academy Trust and would leave the meeting when the application was discussed.

**20. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 13 October 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**21. REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

The Community Leisure Officer reported that a representation had been received from Councillor Bruce Forbes relating to Turners Hill Parish Council's grant application.

Councillor Forbes, the Ward Member for Crawley Down and Turners Hill urged the Panel to give strong consideration to the application from Turners Hill Parish Council. He informed them that a doctor's surgery is held at The Ark every Wednesday and the schools use it for school sport and other community use. He added that some solar panels had been fitted to generate more energy and effective lighting.

Councillor Coote, the Ward Member for Crawley Down recognised that The Ark is well managed by the Parish Council and he requested that the Panel look on the application favourably as the Parish Council run the facility extremely well, it would be a great shame to lose it. Councillor Walker, the other Ward Member for Crawley

Down and Turners Hill thought it to be in the best interests of the District Council for the Ark to have a decent heating system.

**[Note: The Chairman of the Panel, Councillor Ash-Edwards, left the meeting during consideration of the application from the Warden Park Academy Trust. The Vice-Chairman, Councillor Pru Moore, took the Chair.**

**Following consideration and determination of the application from the Warden Park Academy Trust the Chairman re-took his position in the Chair.]**

## **22. CORPORATE GRANT SCHEMES**

The Principal Development Manager introduced the report which presented 13 Facility, Small Revenue and Community and Economic Development grants with one sponsorship grant application. It was noted that, should the Panel agree the Officers recommendations as they stand, there would be £52,178 left in the Community and Economic Development fund reserve.

Elaine Clarke, Community Leisure Officer, introduced the Facility Grants Schemes, Community and Economic Development Grants Schemes, the Small Revenue and Sponsorship Grants (Appendices A, B, C and D), as set out below:-

### **Facility Grants**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Purpose for which award is sought</b>	<b>Award Suggested</b>
Warden Park Academy Trust	Perimeter fencing for new ATP	10,000*
Scaynes Hill Cricket Club	New cricket nets	12,600*
Hurstpierpoint Bowling Club	Pavilion extension	61,716*
<b>Total</b>		<b>84,316</b>

### **Community and Economic Development Grants**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Purpose for which award is sought</b>	<b>Award Suggested</b>
Haywards Heath Twinning Association	175 <sup>th</sup> Railway Anniversary Mosaic Project	1,020*
Turners Hill Parish Council	The Ark – heating & water control panel	0
Burgess Hill Rugby Football Club	Perimeter barrier and rubber matting	2,700*
East Grinstead Business Association	Website upgrade	1,500
Burgess Hill OpenSpace	Set up costs	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,220</b>

## Small Revenue Grants

Organisation	Purpose for which award is sought	Award Suggested
Circles Network	Culture Kitchen and Community Garden	1,000
Haywards Heath Cricket Club	Mobile cricket net	1,194*
Tadpoles Swimming Club for the Disabled	Pool hire costs	1,000
Friends of Burgess Hill Green Circle Network	Equipment for wildlife themed activities	1,595
Sussex Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus	Services to support people with disabilities	1,500
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,289</b>

\* Funded from Section 106 reserves

## Sponsorship

Organisation	Purpose for which award is sought	Award Suggested
South of England Show	Sponsorship of Young Craftsman of the Year Award	1,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1,000</b>

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

With regard to the application from Turners Hill Parish Council, the Principal Development Manager took Members through the application in detail and referred them to the comments of the Assessment Group relating to the funding of basic maintenance. Officers sitting on the Assessment Group were concerned about setting a precedent and the impact of funding on more needy resources.

In response to a question from the Chairman, the Community Leisure Officer confirmed there are no funds available from the Section 106 monies for community buildings.

One Member of the Panel recognised that although the building is owned by the Council, the Parish Council should ensure that it is kept up to date. They should look at the viability of the building and address any shortfall through the precept.

The Chairman said that, although the Panel has a great deal of sympathy with the Parish Council, looking over the past few years a great deal of money has been given to them, a grant would not be forthcoming this time. He suggested that the Parish Council talk to officers and develop an asset management plan for the building.

The Panel also received and considered Appendix E which contained an update on Facility Grants and amendments to previous recommendations to Ansty Village Hall; Ansty Village Centre, East Grinstead Rugby Football Club and Crawley Down Lawn

Tennis Club which the Panel agreed.

## **RESOLVED**

That:-

- (1) a facility grant of £10,000 (22% of the total project cost) be awarded to the Warden Park Academy Trust to fund perimeter fencing for a new 3G sports pitch, which is made up of £10,000 (P35/737 land at Ardingly Road, Cuckfield) Section 106 formal sport monies.

This grant be made subject to the following special conditions:

- (a) that it can be demonstrated that the project can be funded in its entirety with 12 months of the grant offer;
  - (b) the project being completed within 12 months of project funding being obtained;
  - (c) planning permission granted allowing community use at evening and weekends; and
  - (d) an ATP with floodlighting being constructed and a signed community use agreement between the Council and the School is agreed prior to release of funding;
- (2) a facility grant of £12,600 (75% of the total project cost) be awarded to Scaynes Hill Cricket Club to fund new cricket nets which is made up of £872 (P35,563/563 land at Lark Rise), £3,288 (P35/507 land adjacent to Backwood), £7,128 (P35/548 land at Compton Road) and £1,312 (P35/594 land north of Lyoth Lane) Section 106 formal sport monies.

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

- (a) that it can be demonstrated that the project can be funded in its entirety within 12 months of the grant offer; and
  - (b) the project being completed within 12 months of project funding being obtained;
- (3) a facility grant of £61,716 (47% of the total project cost) be awarded to the Hurstpierpoint Bowling Club to fund an extension to the pavilion, which is made up of £40,752 (P35/778 land at Chalkers Lane), £4,941 (P35/544 land at Orchard Way), £2,162 (P35/450 land at Fielding, Reeds Lane), £4,087 (P35/344 Land at 167-171 Junction Road), £4,050 (P35/555b land at 94 Mill Road Scheme B), £5,724 (P35/523a land at 26 and rear of 20-24 Folders Lane) Section 106 formal sport monies.

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

- (a) that it can be demonstrated that the project can be funded in its entirety within 12 months of the grant offer;

- (b) the project being completed within 12 months of the project funding being obtained; and
  - (c) planning approval being obtained for the project;
- (4) a Community and Economic Development Grant of £1,020 be awarded to the Haywards Heath Twinning Association towards the 175<sup>th</sup> Railway Anniversary Mosaic Project as follows - £1,020 (P35/648b land at 18-22 Franklynn Road, Haywards Heath;
  - (5) no Community and Economic Development Grant be offered to Turners Hill Parish Council on this occasion for a heating and water control panel;
  - (6) a Community and Economic Development Grant of £2,700 (P35/555a land at 94 Mill Road Scheme A) be awarded to Burgess Hill Rugby Football Club for a perimeter barrier and rubber matting.

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

- (a) the project being completed within 12 months of project funding being obtained;
  - (b) landlords consent being obtained to install the fencing and matting on Council-owned recreation land; and
  - (c) planning permission being obtained;
- (7) a Community and Economic Development Grant of £1,500 be awarded to East Grinstead Business Association as a contribution towards an upgrade of their Business Association website;
  - (8) no Community and Economic Development Grant be awarded to Burgess Hill Open Space towards set-up costs on this occasion;
  - (9) a Small Revenue Grant of £1,000 be awarded to Circles Network for a culture kitchen and community garden
  - (10) a Small Revenue Grant of £1,194 (P35/339 Commonwealth House, Heath Road) be awarded to Haywards Heath Cricket Club as a contribution towards a mobile cricket net;
  - (11) a Small Revenue Grant of £1,000 be awarded to Tadpoles Swimming Club for the Disabled towards pool hire costs;
  - (12) a Small Revenue Grant of £1,595 be awarded to the Friends of Burgess Hill Green Circle Network for the cost of equipment for wildlife themed activities;
  - (13) a Small Revenue Grant of £1,500 be awarded to the Sussex Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (SASBAH) towards services to support people with disabilities; and
  - (14) the sum of £1,000 from the Community Services and Culture budget be awarded to the South of England Agricultural Society as this Council's sponsorship of the annual Young Craftsperson of the Year Award at the Ardingly Show 2016;

- (15) extend special conditions to secure project funding to December 2016; and completion by December 2017 in respect of the grant for £17,440 awarded to Ansty Village Hall.
- (16) extend special conditions to secure project funding to December 2016; and project completion by December 2017 in respect of the grant for £127,000 awarded to Ansty Village Centre Trust.
- (17) extend the special condition to complete the project by October 2016 in respect of the grant for £50,000 awarded to East Grinstead Rugby Football Club.
- (18) extend the special condition to complete the project by 2016 in respect of the grant for £5,218 to Crawley Down Lawn Tennis Club.

Chairman.