

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Mid Sussex District Council Cabinet
Grants Panel held on Monday, 21 March 2016
from 5.00 p.m. to 5.24 p.m.**

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

Norman Webster

Also Present:- Councillors Gary Marsh and Andrew MacNaughton.

23. SUBSTITUTES

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

24. APOLOGIES

None.

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Ash-Edwards declared a personal interest, as a member of Haywards Heath Town Council, in the application from the Town Council for a Sports Day Family Picnic and the Regeneration of the Jubilee Gardens. He remained in the meeting but took no part in the discussion and did not vote thereon.

Councillor Webster declared a personal interest, as a member of East Grinstead Town Council in the application from the Town Council for a Summer Events Programme. He remained in the meeting but took no part in the discussion and did not vote thereon.

26. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 12 January 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

27. REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

None.

28. CORPORATE GRANT SCHEMES

The Principal Development Manager introduced the report which presented nine Facility, Small Revenue and Community and Economic Development grants. It was noted that, should the Panel agree the Officers recommendations as they stand, there would be £95,928 left in the Community and Economic Development fund reserve.

He explained that the applications from Slaugham Parish Council, East Grinstead Town Council and Haywards Heath Town Council (Regeneration of Jubilee Gardens) were time limited, so a decision needed to be made before the next scheduled meeting of this Panel in June.

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

Organisation	Purpose for which award is sought	Total Project Cost	Award Suggested
Slaugham Parish Council	New sports and community pavilion at Finches Field Recreation Ground, Pease Pottage	525,000	472,842
Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common Parish Council	South Avenue play area upgrade	99,943	99,943

Community and Economic Development Grants

Organisation	Purpose for which award is sought	Total Project Cost	Award Suggested
East Grinstead Town Council	Summer events programme	11,000	4,000

Small Revenue Grants – Queens Birthday Celebrations

Organisation	Purpose for which award is sought	Total Project Cost	Award Suggested
Ansty Residents Association	Village Picnic and Cream Tea (12 June 2016)	400	250
Age Concern Hassocks and District Ltd.	Lunch and Entertainment (April 2016)	420	250
Turners Hill Day Centre	Lunch and Entertainment (21 April 2016)	250	250
Mid Sussex Older Peoples Council	Heritage Event (Apr – Jun 2016)	1,000	500
Haywards Heath Town Council	Sports Day Family Picnic (12 June 2016)	1,500	500
Haywards Heath Town Council	Jubilee Gardens Regeneration (May 2016)	2,500	500

The Community Leisure Officer introduced the application from Slaugham Parish Council and explained that the existing community facility is in a poor condition and only temporary. The need for a permanent community facility has been identified over a number of years and it is a high priority in the Council's Economic Strategy. She confirmed that the work will be completed this year and a Business Plan has been submitted. The Solicitor to the Council confirmed that the legal team were under instruction to draw up the lease.

The Community Leisure Officer informed the Panel that there had been an administrative problem with the application from Hurstpierpoint Parish Council, but they were still hoping to complete the project before the summer holidays.

The Panel welcomed the coming forward of proper facilities at Pease Pottage and the improvements to the South Avenue play area and supported the recommendations of

the Corporate Grants Assessment Group.

The Panel then considered Small Revenue Grants for six community events to commemorate the Queen's 90th birthday during which time they raised a number of points which the Officers clarified. The Panel supported the recommendations of the Assessment Group.

RESOLVED

That:-

- (1) a Facility Grant of £472,842 (90% of the total project cost) be awarded to Slaugham Parish Council to fund the design and construction of a new community and sports changing facility at Finches Field Recreation Ground, Pease Pottage, which is made up of the following Section 106 contributions –
 - P35/559a Hemsley Nursery Phase 1 (£126,830 Community Buildings and £33,546 Formal Sport) – 2005
 - P35/559b Hemsley Nursery Phase 2 (£198,170 Community Buildings) – 2005
 - P35/545b Land at Dorset House/Caffyns Cottages (£5,917 Formal Sport) – 2005
 - P35/650 Land at West Park Road (£2,249 LCIF & £540 Community Buildings) – 2008
 - P35/745 Land at the Fountain Inn (£10,829 Formal Sport) – 2011
 - P35/698b Land at CUC House Phase 2 (£7,160 Formal Sport & £3,110 Community Buildings) - 2011
 - P35/755 Land at Former Grapes PH (£5,304 Formal Sport & £2,304 Community Buildings) - 2012
 - P35/756 Land adj Black Swan Close (£53,600 Formal Sport & £23,283 Community Buildings) - 2013

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;
 - the project must be completed within 12 months of project funding being obtained;
 - a suitable lease agreement is drawn up between the Council and Slaugham Parish Council, to the satisfaction of the Head of Leisure and Sustainability;
 - planning approval is obtained for the project; and
 - a viable business plan for the new facility is submitted, to the satisfaction of the Head of Leisure and Sustainability
- (2) a Facility Grant of £99,943 (100% of the total project cost) be awarded to Hurstpierpoint Parish Council to fund the upgrade and expansion of the South Avenue playground, which is made up of £86,687 (PL12-000366 Land South of Chalkers Lane) Policy HU2 contribution towards additional outdoor recreation facilities in the Parish of HPP and Sayers Common, £6,546 (P35/533 Land at 25/29 Cuckfield Road) and £6,710 (P35/509 Land at 135-137 High Street) Section 106 Playspace monies.

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

- the project being completed within 12 months of project funding being obtained; and
 - planning permission must be obtained;
- (3) a Community and Economic Development grant of £4,000 be awarded to the East Grinstead Town Council towards the summer events programme;
 - (4) a Small Revenue grant of £250 be awarded to Ansty Residents Association for the Queen's birthday celebrations – Village Picnic and Cream Tea;
 - (5) a Small Revenue grant of £250 be awarded to Age Concern Hassocks and District Ltd. for the Queen's Birthday Celebrations – Lunch and Entertainment;
 - (6) a Small Revenue grant of £250 be awarded to Turners Hill Day Centre for the Queen's Birthday Celebrations – Lunch and Entertainment;
 - (7) a Small Revenue Grant of £500 be awarded to Mid Sussex Older People's Council for a Heritage event – Queen's Birthday Celebrations;
 - (8) a Small Revenue Grant of £500 be made to Haywards Heath Town Council for the Queen's Birthday Celebrations – Sports Day Family Picnic; and
 - (9) a Small Revenue Grant of £500 be made to Haywards Heath Town Council for the Queen's Birthday Celebrations – Jubilee Gardens Regeneration.

Chairman.