

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Mid Sussex District Council
Cabinet Grants Panel held on Tuesday 8 August 2017
from 4.30 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.**

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

Gary Marsh

1. SUBSTITUTES

None

2. APOLOGIES

None

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Webster declared a personal interest in the application from Trinity Methodist Church as he is a member of the Church. He removed himself from the meeting for that item, took no part in the discussion of the application and did not vote thereon.

4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 3 July 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. URGENT BUSINESS

None

6. REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

None

7. MICROBUSINESS GRANT SCHEME

The Programme Manager for the Burgess Hill Growth Area introduced the report which presented requests from two previous recipients of microbusiness grants to change the purpose for which they were allocated a grant.

Both applications were originally assessed against the criteria of delivering wider outreach, assisting with the delivery of new business lines, enabling more employees to be taken on, and delivery of community benefit. Each business has also passed due diligence checks.

Organisation	Area of Benefit	Purpose for which award is sought	Suggested decision
Ops Angel	Haywards Heath	Original award for the "purchase of a laptop and projector". Requested change to allow funds to buy a second laptop rather than a projector.	Agree to the change
Fine Baps	Haywards Heath	Original award for "the creation of an online ordering system along with associated marketing materials and advertising". Requested change to allow some funds to go towards the purchase of a laptop/printer	Agree to the change

The Programme Manager for the Burgess Hill Growth Area outlined how the applicants have requested to change of use of the awarded grant funding. She also made reference to how Fine Baps has detailed the need for a laptop in their original application. She is content that both changes still meet the criteria of the Microbusiness Grant.

Following the Officer's Report, Members were supportive of the applications from Ops Angel and Fine Baps to amend the purpose for which they were awarded a grant.

RESOLVED

That:

- 1) That the original Micro Business grant of £2000 awarded to Ops Angel is changed to allow funds to buy a second laptop rather than a projector.
- 2) That the original Micro Business grant of £2000 awarded to Fine Baps is changed to allow funds to go towards the purchase of a laptop/printer.

8. CORPORATE GRANT SCHEMES

The Chairman agreed to discuss 10 applications as one item with Councillor Webster present and then consider the application from the Trinity Methodist Church separately.

The Community Development Officer introduced the report for Silver Sunday Community Events. She stated that the scheme is designed to celebrate the older generation and referenced the great success of previous years which is hoped to be built on this year (The applications which have requested a grant all contributing to a tea parties that aims to serve the community).

Organisation	Purpose for which the award is sought	Award Requested (£)	Award Suggested (£)
Age Concern Hassocks and District Ltd	Silver Sunday tea party with live music and information stalls on Sunday 8 October	250	250
Ardingly Parish Council	Silver Sunday tea party with entertainment in partnership with Ardingly WI on Sunday 1 October	250	250
Befriended – The Point Church	A large tea party incorporating the launch of the organisation on Sunday 1 October	250	250
Bentswood Community Partnership	Intergenerational tea party with information on support services on Sunday 1 October	250	250
Bolnore Village Community Partnership	Two tea parties at Hurst Place and The Woodside, Bolnore Village on Sunday 15 October	250	250
Burgess Hill Town Council	Contribution towards the annual Silver Sunday event in conjunction with the Market Place Shopping Centre on Sunday 8 October	250	250
East Grinstead Museum	Reminiscence event with items on display and digital images with light refreshments	250	250
Haywards Heath & District University of the Third Age	Dance and tea event with light refreshments on Sunday 1 October	250	250
Mid Sussex Older People's Council	Afternoon tea at Ashenground Community	250	250

	Hall on Friday 6 October		
St John The Evangelist	Afternoon tea and music event on Sunday 8 October	250	250
Trinity Methodist Church	Lunch event at the Welcome Café, Trinity Methodist Church on Saturday 21 October	250	250
Total		2,750	2,750

Members were supportive of this scheme with one Member describing how he attended the Silver Sunday Community Event last year where he found it to be very successful.

A Member queried the application from the Bolnore Village Community Partnership as he was unsure as to why the applicant was only applying for one award where it was clear that they were holding two parties. He suggested that they be given two awards so that they can facilitate the two parties.

The Community Development Officer detailed how the applicant had only applied for one grant and believed they were sourcing funding for the other party elsewhere.

Another Member queried if the application form to apply for the Corporate Grant Scheme was too detailed when applying for a small one off grants such as these events. He had received feedback from three Parish Council's saying the form was took too long to complete.

The Community Leisure Officer explained that the form is clear and efforts had been made to make the form easier to complete. She outlined how she would be attending a meeting with the Parish Council's soon where she will discuss a solution to this with them.

Members were supportive of all 10 applications they had discussed and resolved to grant all applications.

[Councillor Webster left the room at 4:42pm]

The remaining Members discussed the Trinity Methodist Church which they were supportive of.

RESOLVED

That:

- 1) That a Community and Economic Development Grant of £250 is awarded to Age Concern Hassocks and District Ltd for the Silver Sunday tea party with live music and information stalls on Sunday 8 October.
- 2) That a Community and Economic Development Grant of £250 is awarded to Ardingly Parish Council for the Silver Sunday tea party with entertainment in partnership with Ardingly WI on Sunday 1 October.

- 3) That a Community and Economic Development Grant of £250 is awarded to Befriended – The Point Church for a large tea party incorporating the launch of the organisation on Sunday 1 October.
- 4) That a Community and Economic Development Grant of £250 is awarded to Bentswood Community Partnership for the intergenerational tea party with information on support services on Sunday 1 October.
- 5) That a Community and Economic Development Grant of £250 is awarded to Bolnore Village Community Partnership for two tea parties at Hurst Place and The Woodside, Bolnore Village on Sunday 15 October.
- 6) That a Community and Economic Development Grant of £250 is awarded to Burgess Hill Town Council for the contribution towards the annual Silver Sunday event in conjunction with the Market Place Shopping Centre on Sunday 8 October.
- 7) That a Community and Economic Development Grant of £250 is awarded to East Grinstead Museum for the reminiscence event with items on display and digital images with light refreshments.
- 8) That a Community and Economic Development Grant of £250 is awarded to Haywards Heath & District University of the Third Age for a dance and tea event with light refreshments on Sunday 1 October.
- 9) That a Community and Economic Development Grant of £250 is awarded to Mid Sussex Older People's Council for an afternoon tea at Ashenground Community Hall on Friday 6 October.
- 10) That a Community and Economic Development Grant of £250 is awarded to St John The Evangelist for an afternoon tea and music event on Sunday 8 October.
- 11) That a Community and Economic Development Grant of £250 is awarded to Trinity Methodist Church for a lunch event at the Welcome Café, Trinity Methodist Church on Saturday 21 October.

Chairman.