

**Minutes of a meeting of Cabinet Grants Panel
held on Monday, 26th June, 2023
at 2.00 pm - 2.21 pm**

Present: A Bennett (Chairman)
AM Cooke (Vice-Chair)

R Eggleston

I Gibson

C Hobbs

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Cllr Eggleston nominated Cllr Bennett as Chairman of the meeting. Cllr Gibson seconded the nomination.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Cllr Bennett proposed Cllr Cooke as Vice-Chairman of the meeting. Cllr Gibson seconded the nomination.

**3. TO NOTE SUBSTITUTES IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE
RULE 4 - SUBSTITUTES AT MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES ETC.**

None as all members were present.

4. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None as all members were present.

**5. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS IN RESPECT
OF ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA.**

Councillor Hobbs declared an interest in the application from Adastra Hall Hassocks Community Association under Item 10: Corporate Grant Schemes – Release of S106 Contributions as he is Chairman of that organisation. He confirmed that he would remove himself from the discussion and voting on the item.

In the interests of transparency, Councillor Gibson declared that he is a Member of Worth Parish Council who is a tenant of St John's Church Community Hall (in relation to the application from the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Copthorne).

**6. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PANEL HELD ON 20
FEBRUARY 2023.**

The Chairman noted that no Member was present for the meeting so asked the Monitoring Officer to confirm that the Minutes were a correct record. The Monitoring Officer confirmed that he was content for the new Cabinet to agree the Minutes as a correct record. The minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 20 February 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7. TO CONSIDER ANY ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN AGREES TO TAKE AS URGENT BUSINESS.

The Chairman confirmed that she had no urgent business.

8. TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ON THE APPLICATIONS.

The Chairman confirmed that no representations have been received.

9. CORPORATE GRANT SCHEMES - COMMUNITY GRANTS.

Lucy Corrie, Assistant Director for Communities, introduced the report that presented eleven Community Grants applications for consideration, nine of which were recommended for an award.

The applications which were recommended for consideration by the Panel are set out below:

Table 1: Applications recommended for award

Organisation	Grant Purpose	Award Requested	Award Suggested
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Ardingly Cricket Club	Upgrade cricket net facilities	£2,000	£2,000
Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity	Early intervention service to support pre-school children with Cerebral Palsy and similar motor learning impairments.	£5,000	£2,500
East Grinstead Community Bonfire CIC	Support the setup of the inaugural bonfire event in East Grinstead.	£5,003	£5,000
Friends of Sheddingdean School Association (FOSSA)	Transform garden space into a community multi-sensory environment.	£5,000	£5,000
IMPACT Foundation (Tasty Team)	Healthy eating learning sessions for those living in supported accommodation.	£1,900	£1,900
Love Sober CIC	Free and low cost access to workshops providing support for women (mums and carers) struggling with alcohol use disorder.	£13,000	£2,000
Release Counselling and Therapy for Women CIO	Set up a 10 week early intervention counselling group for new mums experiencing or at risk of post-natal depression and other mental health conditions.	£4,988	£4,988
Slaugham Community CIC	Replace two community benches on the village green and update village post box.	£2,960	£2,960
Swoove Fitness	Weekly exercise classes for young adults with additional needs.	£1,000	£1,000
	TOTAL	£43,062	£27,348

Table 2: Applications Considered but NO GRANT Award Recommended

Organisation	Purpose for which grant is sought	Award requested
The Respect Youth Club	Weekly halls hire costs and public liability insurance for youth club.	£1,710
Summerhaven	Weekend drop-in for adults with mental health needs.	£500
	TOTAL	£2,210

Ardingly Cricket Club

The Cabinet Grants Panel had no comments.

Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity

The Cabinet Grants Panel had no comments.

East Grinstead Community Bonfire CIC

The Cabinet Member for Sustainable Economy and Housing expressed support for bonfire societies. He noted that the organisations are moving away from a burning display to running drone displays and sought assurances that the grant does not involve combustible materials.

The Assistant Director for Communities confirmed that the grant is to support the bonfire activities and will not be used for pyrotechnics.

Friends of Sheddingdean School Association (FOSSA)

The Leader of the Council commended the organisation's work with Sheddingdean School and observed that the organisation has a good reputation for working on environmental matters, has been a part of the Chelsea Flower Show at Kew Gardens and has worked with Windmills Playgroup to educate younger people on the environment.

IMPACT Foundation (Tasty Team)

The Cabinet Grants Panel had no comments.

Love Sober CIC

The Cabinet Grants Panel had no comments.

Release Counselling and Therapy for Women CIO

The Chairman expressed full support for the scheme.

The Leader of the Council applauded the work of the organisation within the community and felt that demand is growing for this service. He hoped that with the right type of application the Council could further support the work of the organisation.

Slaugham Community CIC

The Cabinet Grants Panel had no comments.

Swoove Fitness

The Cabinet Member for Finance, Revenues and Benefits commended the request for this worthwhile activity.

The Respect Youth Club

The Cabinet Grants Panel had no comments.

Summerhaven

The Cabinet Grants Panel had no comments.

The Chairman noted that the applications that have no grant awarded are not considered unworthy, they simply did not meet the criteria of the Community Grants. She took the Panel to vote on the recommendations on all applications which were agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED

The Cabinet Grants Panel agreed:

1. That £2,000 from the Community Grants Fund be released to Ardingly Cricket Club to fund the upgrade of their cricket net facilities.
2. That £2,500 from the Community Grants Fund be released to Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity to fund early intervention service to support pre-school children with Cerebral Palsy and similar motor learning impairments.
3. That £5,000 from the Community Grants Fund be released to East Grinstead Community Bonfire CIC to support the setup of the inaugural bonfire event in East Grinstead.
4. That £5,000 from the Community Grants Fund be released to Friends of Sheddingdean School Association (FOSSA) to fund the transformation of garden space into a community multi-sensory environment.
5. That £1,900 from the Community Grants Fund be released to IMPACT Foundation (Tasty Team) to fund healthy eating learning sessions for those living in supported accommodation.
6. That £2,000 from the Community Grants Fund be released to Love Sober CIC to fund free and low cost access to workshops providing support for women (mums and carers) struggling with alcohol use disorder.
7. That £4,988 from the Community Grants Fund be released to Release Counselling and Therapy for Women CIO to fund the set-up of a 10 week early intervention counselling group for new mums experiencing or at risk of post-natal depression and other mental health conditions.
8. That £2,960 from the Community Grants Fund be released to Slaugham Community CIC to fund the replacement of two community benches on the village green and update village post box.
9. That £1,000 from the Community Grants Fund be released to Swoove Fitness to fund weekly exercise classes for young adults with additional needs.
10. That **no** grant be awarded to The Respect Youth Club as their application does not meet the criteria of the Community Grants Fund.
11. That **no** grant be awarded to Summerhaven as their application does not meet the criteria of the Community Grants Fund.

10. CORPORATE GRANT SCHEMES - RELEASE OF S106 CONTRIBUTIONS.

[Cllr Hobbs left the meeting at 14:22]

Sally Blomfield, Assistant Director for Planning and Sustainable Economy, introduced the report and presented the five requests by voluntary sector organisations for the Release of S106 Contributions for consideration by the Cabinet Grants Panel.

Organisation	Purpose for which award is sought	Total Project Cost	Proposed S106 Contribution
Adastra Hall Hassocks Community Association	Community hall expansion and new toilets.	£505,884	224,139
East Grinstead Rugby Football Club	Pitch lighting improvements	£50,202	19,264
Hurstpierpoint Cricket Club	Pavilion modernisation	£45,109	33,458
Lindfield Cricket Club	Cricket square pop-up irrigation/water harvesting system	£24,094	12,050
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Copthorne	Air-conditioning and car parking at St John's Church Community Hall (Copthorne Parish Hub)	£43,424	43,424
TOTAL		£668,623	£332,335

The Leader of the Council enquired whether the extension offered to the Mid Sussex District Scouts will be the final extension.

The Assistant Director for Planning and Sustainable Economy expressed that she was confident that it will be the final extension and that the Council is working with the organisation to achieve a successful completion of the work.

The Cabinet Member for Sustainable Economy and Housing stated that the East Grinstead Rugby Football Club is an excellent organisation and does great work in the community. He noted that the report talks of degradation of the pitch and asked how the floodlights will impact bringing the surface to up to standard.

The Assistant Director for Planning and Sustainable Economy replied that not all pitches are flood-lit therefore with a greater number of flood-lit pitches it spreads the load and spreads the usage to prevent the degradation on already lit pitches.

The Chairman fully supported all the applications and noted a personal experience of using Hurstpierpoint Cricket Club's pavilion where she found it could benefit from an improvement.

The Chairman noted that no Member wished to speak so took the Panel to vote on the recommendations on all applications which were agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED

The Cabinet Grants Panel agreed:

1. That £224,139 of S106 contributions be released to Adastra Hall Hassocks Community Association to fund the community hall expansion and new toilets.

2. That £19,264 of S106 contributions be released to East Grinstead Rugby Football Club to fund pitch lighting improvements.
3. That £33,458 of S106 contributions be released to Hurstpierpoint Cricket Club to fund the pavilion modernisation.
4. That £12,050 of S106 contributions be released to Lindfield Cricket Club to fund the cricket square pop-up irrigation/water harvesting system.
5. That £43,424 of S106 contributions be released to The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John the Evangelist, Copthorne to fund air-conditioning and car parking at St John's Church Community Hall (Copthorne Parish Hub).
6. To increase the Release of S106 monies to Haywards Heath Rugby Football Club, toward the cost of rebuilding the clubhouse at Whitemans Green, by £161,288.12 to the total sum of £311,288.12.
7. A further extension of the deadline for completing the legal paperwork in respect of the £100,000 Release of S106 to Mid Sussex District Scouts to mid-July to approve the documents, and mid-August to complete them.

The meeting finished at 2.21 pm

Chairman