

**Minutes of a meeting of Cabinet Grants Panel
held on Monday, 25th October, 2021
from 4.00 pm - 4.13 pm**

Present: N Webster (Chair)
S Hillier (Vice-Chair)
J Belsey

1. ROLL CALL AND VIRTUAL MEETING EXPLANATION.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Tom Clark, Solicitor to the Council, took a roll call of Members present and provided a virtual meeting explanation.

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

None as all Members were present.

3. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

No apologies were received as all Members were present.

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

None.

**5. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PANEL HELD ON 23
AUGUST 2021.**

The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Grants Panel held on 23 August 2021 were approved as a correct record and electronically signed by the Chairman.

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

The Chairman had no urgent business.

**7. TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ON THE
APPLICATIONS.**

No representations were received by Members or Officers.

**8. CORPORATE GRANT SCHEMES - COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT GRANTS.**

Peter Stuart, Head of Corporate Resources, introduced the report which presented four Community Grant applications for consideration the Panel, one of which was

recommended for an award. He noted that all applications had merit however three applications did not meet the criteria that the grants are assessed by. The applications which were recommended for consideration by the Panel are set out below:

Table 1: Applications recommended for award

Organisation	Purpose for which grant is sought	Award Requested	Award Suggested
Scrapless CIC	Purchase fridges in order to store left over fruit and vegetables which will be offered to Burgess Hill Pantry for residents at subsidised cost. Deliver cooking demonstrations.	£1,600	£1,600
	TOTAL	£1,600	£1,600

Table 2: Applications Considered but NO GRANT Award Recommended

Organisation	Purpose for which grant is sought	Award requested
Befriended	Afternoon Tea with entertainment on first Sunday of every month	£5,000
Relate North & South West Sussex	Counselling sessions in East Grinstead and surrounding areas	£2,000
*Citizens Advice West Sussex	Pilot project supporting victims of domestic abuse providing legal, financial, and practical advice for victims who are assessed as 'medium' risk.	£4,909

The Vice-Chairman commented that fridges are very expensive and noted that there are businesses in the leisure sector that are going bankrupt therefore he hoped that effort had been made to source second-hand fridges. He also made a personal plea regarding Relate North & South West Sussex as organisations and services such as this are massively underfunded and massively needed however he appreciated the demands on the public sector.

The Chairman agreed and believed that the Council should do as much as possible for families so that they can relate better and stay together. He felt pleased that the Council is working with Citizens Advice West Sussex on their domestic abuse pilot and is referred to the Mid Sussex Partnership in relation to this pilot. He also added that the comments on the Scrapless CIC would be noted.

The Member recalled a recent conversation he had overheard about a lady being lonely and believed that there may be more who are hidden and feel the same way. He felt disappointed for Relate North & South West Sussex because their application had already commenced and hoped that future sessions would be funded.

The Chairman highlighted other organisations carry out similar activities which officers' support. He stated that if the application were to be waived through then it may set a precedent however he encouraged the organisation to apply in future. He also expressed that he was pleased that officers were working with unrepresented groups to enable them to put in grants applications to assist their communities. The Chairman took the Panel to vote on the recommendations which was agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED

The Cabinet Grants Panel agreed:

- i. That a Community and Economic Development Grant of £1,500 be released to Scrapless CIC to fund the purchase of fridges in order to store left over fruit and vegetables which will be offered to Burgess Hill Pantry for residents at subsidised cost.
- ii. That a Community and Economic Development Grant is not released to Befriended as their application did not meet the criteria of grant scheme.
- iii. That a Community and Economic Development Grant is not released to Relate North & South West Sussex as their application did not meet the criteria of grant scheme.
- iv. That a Community and Economic Development Grant is not released to Citizens Advice West Sussex as their application did not meet the criteria of grant scheme.

9. CORPORATE GRANT SCHEMES - RELEASE OF S106 CONTRIBUTIONS.

Elaine Clarke, Community Facilities Project Officer, introduced the report which presented one application for the Release of S106 Contributions for consideration by the Cabinet Grants Panel. She confirmed that the CCTV would not just cover the Woodside Pavilion but the surrounding area. The application which is recommended for consideration by the Panel is set out below:

Organisation	Purpose for which award is sought	Award Requested	Award Suggested
Bolnore Village Community Partnership	CCTV upgrade	5,155	5,155
Total		£ 5,155	£ 5,155

The Vice-Chairman confirmed he was aware of the dynamic of Bolnore and thought that it is a sensible project to come forward.

The Chairman took the Panel to vote on the recommendations which was agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED

The Cabinet Grants Panel agreed:

- i. That £5,155 of S106 Contributions be released to Bolnore Village Community Partnership to fund the upgrade of the existing CCTV system to improve security and public safety at The Woodside pavilion and surrounding area.

The meeting finished at 4.13 pm
Chairman