

CHICHESTER CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

HELD ON MONDAY 16 JULY 2018 AT 5.30PM

- PRESENT : Councillors Apel, P Evans, Hixson, Macey and Sharp
- EX-OFFICIO : The Mayor (Councillor Bell)
Deputy Mayor (Councillor Tupper)
Councillors Dignum and Kilby
- ALSO PRESENT : Councillors M Evans and Plowman
- APOLOGIES : Councillors Galloway and Keyworth
- ABSENT : Councillors Holman
- IN ATTENDANCE : Town Clerk and Administration Manager

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman Councillor P Evans took the chair.

17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

As recorded above.

18 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT) 1960

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the public and press be excluded from this meeting because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted namely financial and business affairs of third parties.

19 DISCRETIONARY GRANT 2018/2019

Discretionary Grant Budget 2018/2019

£30,000

Discretionary Grant Applications (a) to (c) below were deferred from the Community Affairs Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2018 (Minute 33 refers)

(a) Chichester City Centre (Bell Tower) Drop-in

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £3,000 be awarded to Chichester City Centre (Bell Tower) Drop-in for on-going operating costs of the project.

(b) Focus:Arts (Chichester Poetry)

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £400 be awarded to Focus:Arts (Chichester Poetry) for marketing and promotion of the poetry events held throughout the year.

(c) Friends of Priory Park

Councillor Plowman declared Personal and Prejudicial Interests in this application.

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £2,500 be awarded to the Friends of Priory Park towards the production costs of a book entitled 'A History of Priory Park in 100 Objects'

Discretionary Grant Applications received in financial year 2018/2019 :

(d) 4Sight Vision Support

It was RESOLVED that no grant be awarded to 4Sight Vision Support.

(e) 5th Chichester Scout Group

The Mayor declared a Prejudicial Interest in this application and remained in the room but did not vote.

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £2,000 be awarded to 5th Chichester Scout Group for improving the facilities at the Scout Hall.

(f) Chichester Area Mental Health Support Foundation (User Name : Chichester Lunch Club)

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £720 be awarded to Chichester Lunch Club for a 1-year art project.

(g) Chichester BID

Councillors Dignum and P Evans declared Personal Interests in this application.

It was RESOLVED that no grant be awarded to Chichester BID.

(h) Chichester Forest Schools CIC

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £2,400 be awarded to Chichester Forest Schools CIC for their nature based activities in connection with families from Chichester Nursery School.

(i) Chichester Information Shop for Young People

Councillor Hixson declared a Personal Interest in this application.

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £3,000 be awarded to Chichester Information Shop for Young People for the continuation of services provided to support young people.

(j) City Angels

Councillor Apel declared a Personal Interest in this application.

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £5,000 be awarded to the City Angels for the continuation of their services.

Members suggested that the City Angels contact licensed premises for contributions towards the scheme.

(k) Embrace Chichester

Councillor P Evans declared a Personal Interest in this application.

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £1,000 be awarded to Embrace Chichester for developing and setting-up of a website.

(l) Friends of Chartres

The Mayor and Councillor Apel declared Personal Interests in this application.

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £1,000 be awarded to the Friends of Chartres to cover the cost of cultural activities planned during the 60th anniversary of the twinning with Chartres in 2019.

(m) Home-Start Chichester & District

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £2,980 be awarded to Home-Start Chichester & District for the continuation of services provided.

(n) Pregnancy Options Centre

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £1,500 be awarded to the Pregnancy Options Centre for fund 75% of the Counselling Team Lead's salary.

(o) Royal Sussex Association Chichester Branch

The Mayor and Councillors P Evans and M Evans declared Personal Interests in this application.

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £3,000 be awarded to the Royal Sussex Association Chichester Branch to help assist veterans travel to France and attend the Priez Memorial Event in September 2018.

(p) Swanfield Park Resident Neighbourhood Group (SPRING)

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £500 be awarded to the Swanfield Park Resident Neighbourhood Group (SPRING) for the Summer Fair being held in August 2018 at Swanfield Park Community Centre.

(q) West Sussex Scout Council

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £1,000 be awarded to West Sussex Scout Council for the 2018 Supreme Box Cart Championship event being held at Goodwood Motor Circuit in September 2018.

All organisations would be informed of the outcome of their application and that the City Council request all funding is publicly acknowledged in any literature they may produce and that a report is submitted to the City Council within 6 months of receiving the Discretionary Grant explaining how the grant was expended.

One representative from each of the successful applications would be invited to attend the Council Meeting on Wednesday 5 September 2018 to explain how the money will be expended. Cheques would no longer be presented and grants would be paid by BACS on the day following the Council Meeting.

At the meeting a total of £30,000 was expended from the 2018/2019 Discretionary Grant Budget and therefore no further Discretionary Grant Applications would be considered in the 2018/2019 financial year. Discretionary Grant Applications that had been received from organisations after the July 2018 deadline would be advised to resubmit their application in the financial year 2019/2020.

The Committee agreed that the Discretionary Grant Budget be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting in October 2018.

The meeting ended at 6.47pm