

CHICHESTER CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

HELD ON MONDAY 17 JULY 2017 AT 5.30PM

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

11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

As recorded above.

12 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.

13 DISCRETIONARY GRANT 2016/2017

It was noted that the Discretionary Grant of £5,000 allocated to Chichester Forest Schools (Minute 52(d) refers) will now be released following confirmation that the City Council's Condition attached to the grant that the remaining £15,000 of a £20,000 project be raised before any grant is given, has been met.

It was RESOLVED that the Discretionary Grant of £5,000 from the 2016/2017 Budget be released and forwarded to Chichester Forest Schools.

14 DISCRETIONARY GRANT 2017/2018

Discretionary Grant Budget £30,000

(a) 5th Chichester Scout Group

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £600 be awarded to 5th Chichester Scout Group to help towards the costs involved with the 2017 Cub Scouts Supreme Box Kart Championship on Sunday 24 September.

(b) Chichester Area Mental Health Support

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £1,500 be awarded to Chichester Area Mental Health Support (User Name : Chichester Lunch Club) to meet the cost of food on the basis of a one-year project.

(c) Chichester Area Talking News

Councillor Scicluna declared a Personal Interest in this application.

It was RESOLVED that no grant be awarded to Chichester Area Talking News as the request for funding was for an event that had already taken place and in accordance with the Discretionary Grant guidelines, grants were not awarded retrospectively.

The Mayor would be contacting Chichester Area Talking News direct concerning funding.

(d) Chichester Boys Club

It was RESOLVED that no grant be awarded to the Chichester Boys Club. Although the Committee were sympathetic towards the request for funding a battery system to store energy produced by the PV panels on the building roof, they consider it premature with this evolving technology.

(e) Chichester City Tours

Councillor Scicluna declared a Personal Interest in this application.

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £300 be awarded to Chichester City Tours to help fund publicity of the tours.

(f) Chichester Information Shop for Young People

Councillor Hixson declared a Personal Interest in this application as the City Council's representative on this outside body.

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £3,000 be awarded to Chichester Information Shop for Young People to help the counselling services offered to young people to continue.

(g) Cruse Bereavement Care West Sussex Area

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £1,000 be awarded to Cruse Bereavement Care West Sussex Area for the continuation of their core services.

(h) Friends of Chartres

The Mayor and Councillor Scicluna declared Personal Interests in this application as the President and City Council's representative on this outside body.

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £600 be awarded to the Friends of Chartres for replacing existing website to attract a wider and younger membership.

(i) Holocaust Memorial Day 2018

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £2,500 be awarded to Holocaust Memorial Day 2018 to fund training and rehearsing for the opera 'PUSH' being held in Chichester Cathedral on 26 and 27 January 2018.

(j) Home-Start Chichester & District

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £5,000 be awarded to Home-Start Chichester & District for the continuation of support given to families on low incomes.

(k) Life Centre

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £2,500 be awarded to Life Centre for the continuation of their counselling services.

(l) Pregnancy Options Centre

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £1,200 be awarded to Pregnancy Options Centre for funding 20 counselling sessions and 10 educational sessions delivered to 300 students.

(m) Sussex Otters Swimming Club

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £600 be awarded to Sussex Otters Swimming Club for subsidising pool entry costs at Westgate Leisure Centre.

(n) Transition Chichester

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £657 be awarded to Transition Chichester for the sponsorship costs involved with the Brewery Field Open Day event being held on 20 August 2017.

(o) Voluntary Action Arun & Chichester

It was RESOLVED that a grant of £2,500 be awarded to Voluntary Action Arun & Chichester for the continuation of their core services.

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 6 September 2017 to receive their grant cheques.

At the meeting a total of £21,957 was expended from the 2017/2018 Discretionary Grant Budget leaving a total of £8,043

At the next ordinary meeting of the Community Affairs Committee on 4 September 2017 an item will be included on the Agenda to discuss whether it would be more beneficial to organisations applying for Discretionary Grants if there was only one meeting per financial year, particularly in light of the Discretionary Grant budget being reduced.

The meeting ended at 6.27pm