



Chichester City Council

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes

Date	9 December 2024
Time	5.30pm – 6.57pm
Location	The Council Chamber - The Council House • North Street • CHICHESTER • West Sussex • PO19 1LQ
PRESENT:	Councillors Apel (CA/Chair), Chant (RC), Kondabeka (JK) and J Gershater (JG)
EX-OFFICIO:	The Mayor (Councillor Quail)
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:	The Town Clerk (TC), Deputy Town Clerk (DTC), Communications, Civic and Council Support Officer (CCCSO), Community Officer (CO)

65. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Knight

66. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

RC declared an interest in the grant application from Kitchen Sink Productions

JK declared an interest in the grant application from Chichester and District Foodbank

67. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2 DECEMBER 2024

This item was deferred until the next meeting as the minutes are not yet ready.

68. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

To answer questions (if any) from members of the public being residents of the City pursuant to Appendix 1 of the latest version of Chichester City Council's Standing Orders.

None were received.

69. **UPDATES ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

To note the progress of the following actions:

- 55. Communities Officer to arrange a meeting with local community and faith groups to discuss the possibility to restart the City Angels Service

Pending

- 58, 59 & 62. Communications, Civic and Council Support Officer to place the following items from the previous agenda on to this agenda

Completed

- 60. Property Manager to continue discussions with the Chichester Access Forum and VAAC and present a full report on the proposal at the March 2025 meeting.

Pending

As little progress has been made with these actions from the previous meeting, The Chair was advised by the CCCSO to continue with the agenda.

70. **COMMUNITY ASSET REGISTER**

Further to Minute Reference 28 from the Community Affairs Meeting on 4 September 2023, where Ward councillors were asked to map all the community halls, spaces, public houses and other community resources within their wards so that the Council could request their inclusion on the register.

Please see below list of venues for consideration for Chichester Central Ward.

- The Council House
- Chichester Boys Club
- Chichester Library
- New Park Centre & Cinema
- Pallant Suite
- Quaker Meeting House
- St. Paul's Church and Hall
- The Guildhall, Priory Park
- Chichester City Club

The committee **RESOLVED** to add the properties listed to Community Asset Register, and in addition the Sea Cadets hut, The Jam Café and St Johns Chapel and Hall to the Community Asset register.

71. **CIVIC AWARDS CEREMONY**

The committee reviewed the recommendations in the Civic and Ceremonial Working Group report and **RESOLVED** to proceed on that basis.

72. **PUBLIC ART POLICY**

The committee reviewed the draft policy, which was based on the Leicester City Principles for Commissioning and Conserving Public Art, as recommended in the Civic and Ceremonial Working Group report and **RESOLVED** to recommend it to Full Council for adoption.

73. ADMIRAL MURRAY STATUE LICENCE

Committee discussed the potential to use the site to showcase new sculptures and art pieces.

The Chair proposed that the permission be extended for 2 years, giving the Committee time to decide on how to proceed, the Mayor Seconded. However, the motion was not supported.

Subsequently a motion was proposed to extend the permission by 12 months. The Committee **RESOLVED** to extend the permission by 12 months whilst they considered future options for the Statue and site.

74. PUBLIC SECTOR BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT) 1960

Proposal to resolve that the public and press be excluded from this meeting for Agenda Item 11 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted namely financial and business affairs of third parties.

75. CONSIDERATION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

Deputy Clerk to introduce the following discretionary grant applications (schedule attached):

DTC advised the total left in the grant funding pot was £29,195 and the value of all the applications was £31,799

Small Grant Applications

The Committee **RESOLVED** the following grant awards

1. Chichester Area Mental Health Support Foundation

- The Committee **RESOLVED** to grant £3,000 to the organisation.

JK left the room whilst the following application was considered:

2. Chichester District Foodbank

- The Committee **RESOLVED** to grant £3,000 to the organisation.

JK rejoined the meeting

3. Chichester Film Makers CIC

- The Committee **RESOLVED** to grant £1,200 to the organisation.

4. Chichester Open Studios Art Trail 2025

- The Committee **RESOLVED** to grant £500 to the organisation.

5. Community Fundraisers

- The Committee **RESOLVED** to grant £0 to the organisation and requested more information from the applicant before a decision can be made.

6. Creative Beatz

- The Committee RESOLVED to grant £2,222.04 to the organisation.

RC left the meeting whilst the following application was considered

7. Kitchen Sink Productions CIC

- The Committee RESOLVED to grant £3,000 to the organisation.

RC rejoined the meeting.

8. Second Chance Chichester CIO

- The Committee RESOLVED to grant £3,000 to the organisation.

7. Talks at Six

- The Committee RESOLVED to grant £1,347 to the organisation.

8. The Novium Chichester

- The Committee RESOLVED to grant £0 to the organisation.

9. Volya Art Community Group

- The Committee RESOLVED to grant £0 to the organisation, since the event has already taken place. Committee will encourage them to apply again well in advance of their next planned event.

10. The Sheila and John Williams Arts Foundation

- The Committee RESOLVED to grant £0 to the organisation and requested more information from applicant before a decision can be made.

11. Sussex Creative Art Network CIC (Chichester CAN)

- The Committee RESOLVED to grant £0 to the organisation and requested more information from applicant before a decision can be made.

After the grants have been awarded, the remaining balance for Small Grants stand at £11,926.12

76. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Review of outstanding Civic & Ceremonial report recommendations
- Shopmobility Scheme
- Mayor Making Ceremony 2025

77. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING: 3 MARCH 2024

The meeting closed at 6.57pm

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

Minute ref.	Agreed action	Assigned for action to
70.	Add recommendations to the Community Asset Register	CO
72.	To place 'Public Arts Policy' on the next Full Council Agenda	CSSM
73.	To renew Admiral Murray Statue licence for 12 months	TC
75.	To inform grant applicants of the outcome of their application.	DTC
76.	Place items on the next Community Affairs Committee agenda.	CCCSO