

# Minutes

of a meeting of the

## West Area Committee

held at 7.00 pm on Monday, 22nd April, 2013

at the Council Chamber, The Abbey House, Abingdon



**Open to the public, including the press**

### Present:

Members: Councillor Yvonne Constance, Anthony Hayward (Vice-Chair), Simon Howell (Chairman), Alison Thomson, Melinda Tilley and Elaine Ware

Officers: Jayne Bolton, Carole Cumming, Susan Harbour and Clare Kingston

Number of members of the public: 5

### We.9 Apologies for absence

Councillors Roger Cox, Mohinder Kainth and Robert Sharp sent apologies for absence.

### We.10 Minutes

**RESOLVED:** to adopt, as a correct record, the minutes of the committee meeting held on 10 December 2012, and agree that the chairman signs them.

### We.11 Declarations of interest

Applicant	Councillor/s	Interest
Vicountess Barrington's Memorial Hall Trust	Elaine Ware and Simon Howell	Trustees. Councillors Ware and Howell left the room for the duration of this item.

### We.12 Urgent business and chairman's announcements

The chairman showed the committee the plaque which any beneficiary organisation receiving a grant of more than £2000 from Vale of White Horse District Council would be expected to display as part of the conditions for receiving an award. The plaque says "supported by Vale of White Horse District Council". Alternative forms (such as stickers) were available for boats or other places where a plaque could not easily be attached.

### We.13 Statements, petitions and questions from the public relating to matters affecting the West Area Committee

Statements were made by Maggie Simons and Roger Baker on behalf of Ashbury Village Hall Management Committee. They explained that they have a provisional lottery award for £10,000. They have applied to take some money from an endowment fund and will be allowed to take a maximum of £30,000, as long as the fund retains a minimum balance of £100,000. However, this covers all stages of the refurbishment works to the hall and there are some problems with the current ceiling which would need to be addressed in the third phase of their programme (the toilets are phase two). The current quote for the toilets project is £23,000.

## **We.14 Capital community grants**

The committee considered the head of corporate strategy's report. This set out details of the four applications for capital grants in the west area. The West Area Committee had £33,964 available to allocate in the capital community grants budget for 2013/14. This was made up of £23,503 for the current financial year and £10,461 carried forward from the last financial year. The available funds were to be allocated during the present round of funding and a future round in November 2013.

### **RESOLVED**

To approve the following grants:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Ashbury Village Hall Management Committee	Toilet relocation	£5,000 (29% of £19,250 project costs)	
Longworth Park Improvement Project	Longworth Park improvements	£5,000 (14.24% of project costs)	The maintenance of any equipment bought would be undertaken by the parish council. Individual items of equipment could be purchased. WREN and Awards For All funding were in the process of being applied for.
The Pump House Project	Improvements to building	£5,000 (21.76% of project costs)	The parish council will only lease them the building for an initial 3 years, but improvements to the building would benefit future users. The building will be rented to other community groups at a modest rent to assist with running costs and to improve community usage.
Vicountess Barrington's Memorial Hall Trust	Toilet upgrade and refurbishment	£4,500 (48.75% of project costs)	This award is conditional on listing building consent being granted and will not be released until a decision notice has been issued by the relevant planning officer. A copy of this decision notice must be submitted by the applicant to the grants officer.

## **We.15 Exclusion of the public, including the press**

There was no exempt or confidential business heard at this meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm