

Minutes

of a meeting of the

North East Area Committee

held on Tuesday, 26 November 2013 at 6.00pm
at the Council Chamber, The Abbey House, Abingdon



Open to the public, including the press

Present:

Members: Councillors Jerry Patterson (Chair), Matthew Barber, Eric Batts, Dudley Hoddinott, Bob Johnston, Ron Mansfield, Elizabeth Miles, Val Shaw, Judy Roberts, Catherine Webber, and John Woodford

Officers: Jayne Bolton, Steve Culliford, Carole Cumming, and Sally Truman

Number of members of the public: Nil

NE.1 Election of a vice-chair

The committee noted that at the annual Council meeting held on 15 May 2013, Councillor Jerry Patterson had been appointed as chair of the North East Area Committee for the 2013/14 municipal year. However, no vice-chair had been appointed at that time.

RESOLVED: to appoint Councillor Judy Roberts as vice-chair of the committee for the remainder of the 2013/14 municipal year.

NE.2 Apologies for absence

Councillor Debby Hallett had sent her apologies for absence.

NE.3 Minutes

RESOLVED: to adopt as a correct record the minutes of the committee meeting held on 15 April 2013 and agree that the chair signs them.

NE.4 Declarations of interest

None

NE.5 Urgent business and chair's announcements

None

NE.6 Statements, petitions and questions from the public relating to matters affecting the North East Area Committee

None

NE.7 Capital community grants - update of funded projects

The committee considered the head of corporate strategy's report updating on projects previously funded by the committee. This showed the amount awarded by the committee for each project, and whether the project was complete. The committee noted that there were three minor underspends, which had been returned to the committee's balances and were available for grants to other applicants.

RESOLVED: to note the report.

NE.8 Capital Community grants

The committee considered the head of corporate strategy's report. This set out details of six applications for capital community grants. The report also set out the financial position, there being £18,381 remaining in the current year's budget.

The committee considered each application carefully, assessing it against the grants criteria, and awarding grants as follows.

In relation to the application from Kennington Village Hall, the committee awarded a grant of £720, plus the remaining budget of £9.

RESOLVED: to approve the following applications:

Applicant	Project	Grant	Comments
South Hinksey Village Hall	Replace main window and strengthen others	£4,730	Suggest the applicants contact the Oxfordshire Council for Voluntary Action for advice on updating the constitution and structure
Appleton Community Shop Limited	Replacement of large chiller	£2,267	The applicant is advised to dispose of the old chiller responsibly
Radley Village Community Shop	Energy efficient refrigeration and other improvements	£4,730	The applicant is advised to dispose of the old chiller responsibly
Kennington Playgroup	Replacement windows	£4,730	
Headway Oxfordshire	Extension to existing facilities	£1,195	
Kennington Village Hall Management Committee	Replace stage curtains	£729	Applicant awarded the remaining £9 of the committee's budget in addition to the officer's recommended amount

NE.9 New homes bonus - community funding 2013/14

The committee considered the head of corporate strategy's report that set out the council's policy and procedure to allocate the new homes bonus in 2013/14. Cabinet had prepared this with help from the Scrutiny Committee.

The area committee noted that it would be considering applications for grants under this separate scheme at its next meeting on Monday 3 February 2014. The committee would have a budget of £9,500 to allocate for this purpose in 2013/14. This amount was a share of the council's £100,000 budget, based on the growth in the number of band 'D' equivalent properties in the North East Area of the district. The apportionment methodology had been agreed by the Cabinet member for grants.

RESOLVED: to note the new homes bonus community funding policy and procedure.

Exempt information under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972

None

The meeting closed at 6.35 pm