

Minutes

of a meeting of the

West Area Committee

held on Thursday, 1 May 2014 at 7.30 pm

at the Lockinge Room, The Beacon, Portway, Wantage, OX12 9BY



Open to the public, including the press

Present:

Members: Councillors Simon Howell (Chairman), Anthony Hayward (Vice-Chairman), Yvonne Constance, Roger Cox, Mohinder Kainth, Robert Sharp and Elaine Ware

Officers: Jayne Bolton, Susan Harbour and Shona Ware

Number of members of the public: 4

We.29 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Alison Thomson and Melinda Tilley.

We.30 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2014 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and the chair signed them.

We.31 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations from councillors.

We.32 Urgent business and chairman's announcements

The next committee will take place on 18 November 2014, in Abingdon. The closing date for applications for both the Capital Community Grants Scheme, and the New Homes Bonus Policy Scheme, is 15 September 2014. Area Committees will consider applications for both of the schemes in November.

We.33 Statements, petitions and questions from the public relating to matters affecting the West Area Committee

Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club	Thomas Scrase
Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall	Paul Armishaw
Ashbury Village Hall Management	Roger Baker

Committee	
St Nicholas Church, Baulking	John Deacon

We.34 Capital Community Grants

The committee considered the head of corporate strategy's report. This set out details of six applications, that the council had received, for capital community grants, requesting a total of £22,883. The report also set out the financial position, there being £26,898 remaining in the current year's budget, which included £3,395 of unallocated funds and underspend carried forward from the previous financial year.

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

Applicant	Project	Grant	Comments
Faringdon Baptist Church	Refurbishment of toilets and kitchen	£5,000	Award as per officer recommendation
Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club	Purchase of new cricket pitch covers	£1,706	Cllr M Tilley expressed her support although absent from meeting. Have not approached other funding sources yet but intend to. Have approached Kingston Bagpuize Parish Council who have given small funds for other projects. Award as per officer recommendation
Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall	Toilet refurbishment	£5,000	£400 funding from the parish council; £5,000 in unsecured funding, including application to the White Horse Shoe Committee and £4,000 of own fundraising planned. Award as per officer recommendation
Ashbury Village Hall management Committee	Internal renovation and insulation of main hall	£5,000	Award as per officer recommendation
St Nicholas Church, Baulking	West End project	£5,000	Need to preserve existing funds due to expensive maintenance costs. Money promised from White Horse Trust ommittee and the Oxford Historic Churches Fund. Award as per officer recommendation
Bromsgrove Day Centre – based at Faringdon Baptist Church	Replacement of chairs	£750	Award as per officer recommendation

The committee agreed to carry the remaining balance of £4,442 over to the financial year 2015/16 rather than allocating any capital community grants in November 2014 alongside the New Homes Bonus Fund scheme.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm