

# Minutes

of a meeting of the

## Abingdon and North East

### Area Committee

held on Tuesday, 11 October 2016 at 7.00 pm

at the Meeting Room 1, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, OX14 4SB



Open to the public, including the press

#### Present:

Members: Councillors Ed Blagrove (Chairman), , Margaret Crick, Gervase Duffield, Debby Hallett, Robert Hall, Dudley Hoddinott, Vicky Jenkins, Bob Johnston, Sandy Lovatt, Chris Palmer and Emily Smith

Officers: Carole Cumming, Matthew Gaskin and Susan Harbour

Number of members of the public: 1

#### **Ab.1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Alice Badcock, Mike Badcock, Monica Lovatt, Helen Pighills, Judy Roberts and Henry Spencer.

#### **Ab.2 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 19 July 2016 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

#### **Ab.3 Appointment of a Vice Chair**

Councillor Emily Smith was proposed as Vice Chair by Councillor Debbie Hallett and seconded by Councillor Margaret Crick. **RESOLVED.**

#### **Ab.4 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **Ab.5 Urgent business and chair's announcements**

The officer briefed the committee on the scoring matrix for grant applications and the changes that were going to be implemented in time for the new financial year.

## **Ab.6 Statements, petitions and questions from the public relating to matters affecting the area committee.**

The following member of the public addressed the committee and made a statement in support of their grant application:

- Richard Kennell on behalf of South Oxfordshire Food and Education Academy (SOFEA).

## **Ab.7 Community Grants**

The officer introduced the applications for both New Homes Bonus and Capital Grants.

**Community First Oxfordshire** put in a New Homes Bonus application to fund a support officer for one day a week. The role gives support and advice to community buildings across the district. The application scored highly. A finance update was provided, with the officer updating that a more detailed bank balance had been provided since the initial figure.

The committee discussed the application.

A motion to adopt the officers score and recommended award amount was proposed and seconded for approval and put to the vote.

### **RESOLVED**

**To award £1365 from the New Homes Bonus Fund.**

**South Oxfordshire Food and Education Academy (SOFEA)** put in a Capital Grants application to purchase a new refrigeration unit. The application scored highly.

Richard Kennell spoke on behalf of the organisation. The ability to increase food capacity would be beneficial to the local community.

The speaker took questions from the committee. The size of the chiller unit was clarified.

A motion to adopt the officers score and recommended award amount was proposed and seconded for approval and put to the vote.

### **RESOLVED**

**To award the full amount of £5,000 requested from the Capital Grant Fund.**

**Long Furlong Community Association** put in a Capital Grants application for replacement furniture. It scored as a high priority for funding and was noted that it is a very active centre used widely by the community.

A motion to adopt the officers score and recommended award amount was proposed and seconded for approval and put to the vote.

### **RESOLVED**

**To award the full amount of £3,091 requested from the Capital Grant fund.**

The officer confirmed that the Capital (all committees) and New Homes Bonus (Wantage and Faringdon committees only) grants schemes are currently open for applications until 7 November 2016. The officer encouraged councillors to pass this on to organisations who would benefit from the schemes.

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm