

Minutes

of a meeting of the

Faringdon Area Committee

held on Thursday 14 March 2019 at 6.30 pm

at The Beacon, Wantage



Open to the Public, including the Press

Present:

Members: Councillors , Anthony Hayward (Vice-Chairman), Eric Batts, Roger Cox, Mohinder Kainth, Robert Sharp and Elaine Ware

Officers: Steve Culliford, Kathy Deacon and Shona Ware

Number of members of the public: 3

FA.1 Apologies for absence

The committee chairman, Councillor Simon Howell, had sent his apologies for absence. Councillor Anthony Hayward, the vice-chairman, took the chair for this meeting.

FA.2 Minutes

RESOLVED: to adopt as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2018 and agree that the chairman signs them as such.

FA.3 Declarations of interest

None

FA.4 Urgent business and chairman's announcements

None

FA.5 Public participation

Three members of the public addressed the committee in support of their grant applications:

1. John Tabor, on behalf of Be Free Young Carers
2. Roger Baker, on behalf of Ashbury Village Hall Management Committee
3. Elizabeth Derrington, on behalf of Ashbury Parish Council

FA.6 New Homes Bonus Grants 2018/19 - Round two

The committee considered the head of community services' report, which set out details of three applications for New Homes Bonus grants. The committee noted that it had a budget of £19,432.

The officer's report had assessed each application against the grants criteria and had scored the applications against the policy matrix. The committee assessed the officer's scoring for each application and agreed to increase the score from 2 to 3 for the finance element of the Be Free Young Carers' application, due to additional funding being secured at the council's other area committee meetings earlier in the week. This resulted in that application scoring 9 out of 12, and therefore eligible for the maximum grant under the policy.

The committee supported the officer's scores as set out in the report, with the amendment to the Be Free Young Carers' score. The committee supported the officer's recommendations to award grants to each applicant.

RESOLVED: to award New Homes Bonus grants as follows:

Applicant	Scheme	Grant
Be Free Young Carers	Client management software replacement	£900
Ashbury Village Hall Management Committee	New insulated floor	£7,545
Ashbury Parish Council	Ground works and playing field creation	£7,500

The meeting closed at 6.55 pm