

Minutes

of a meeting of the

South East Area Committee

held on Tuesday 26 November 2013 at 6.45pm

at the Abbey House, Abingdon



Open to the public, including the press

Present:

Members: Councillors Bill Jones (Chairman), John Amys, Charlotte Dickson, St John Dickson, Jenny Hanna, Sue Marchant, Fiona Roper and Reg Waite

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

Number of members of the public: 2

SE.1 Apologies for absence

Councillors Matthew Barber, Anthony Hayward, Mike Murray, Janet Shelly, and Margaret Turner had all sent their apologies for absence.

SE.2 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.

SE.3 Declarations of interest

None

SE.4 Urgent business and chairman's announcements

None

SE.5 Statements, petitions and questions from the public relating to matters affecting the South East Area Committee

Brian Morris made a statement on behalf of Chilton Parish Council in support of its application for improvements to the village hall. He reported that the parish council wished to further improve the village hall to provide facilities for the increasing population of Chilton village.

SE.6 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 two underspends, which had been returned to the committee's balances and were available for grants to other applicants.

RESOLVED: to note the report.

SE.7 Capital community grants

The committee considered the head of corporate strategy's report. This set out details of five applications for capital community grants. The report also set out the financial position, there being £23,840 remaining in the current year's budget.

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

RESOLVED: to approve the following applications:

Applicant	Project	Grant	Comments
Chilton Parish Council	Improve Chilton village hall (project B)	£5,000	
Steventon Sports and Social Club	Re-wiring project with energy efficient lighting	£3,997	
The October Club – Alzheimer's Day Car Centre	Refurbishment of cloakroom facilities	£4,781	
Hanney Pre-School	Security upgrade	£616	
Headway Oxfordshire	Extension to existing facilities	£1,195	One quarter of grant requested as the application was referred to all four area committees

SE.8 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 £31,400 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 South 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 7.15 pm