

Minutes

of a meeting of the

South EAST AREA

COMMITTEE

held at 1.00 PM on Wednesday, 6TH APRIL, 2011
at the Guildhall, ABINGDON

Open to the public, including the press

Present:

Members: Councillor Zoe Patrick, Reg Waite, Julia Reynolds, Terry Cox, Richard Farrell (Vice-Chair), Terry Fraser, Jenny Hannaby (Chair) and Margaret Turner

Officers: Jayne Bolton, Claire Litchfield, Ed Nieuberg and Toby Warren

Number of members of the public: 4

SE.16 Election of a chair

RESOLVED

To elect Councillor Jenny Hannaby as Chair of the South East Area Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2010/11.

SE.17 Election of a vice-chair

RESOLVED

To elect Councillor Terry Cox as Vice Chairman of the South East Area Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2010/11.

SE.18 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sue Marchant, John Morgan, Mike Murray and Joyce Hutchinson.

SE.19 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13 October 2009 were adopted and signed as a correct record.

SE.20 Declarations of interest

Declarations of interest were received as follows:

Councillor	Type of interest	Application	Reason
Richard Farrell	Personal and prejudicial	Blewbury Village Community Interest Company	He was a member of the parish council who had supported the venture
Julia Reynolds	Personal and prejudicial	Wantage Summer Festival	She was the involved in organising the summer festival.
Terry Fraser	Personal and prejudicial	Court Hill Trust	He had made the application on behalf of the trust

SE.21 Urgent business and chairman's announcements

None.

SE.22 Statements, petitions and questions from the public relating to matters affecting the South East Area Committee.

It was noted that 6 members of the public and members with personal and prejudicial interests had given notice that they wished to speak regarding applications for grants from the committee.

Jim Mitchell addressed the committee on behalf of the Wantage Betjeman Festival. He spoke in support of the organisation and described the events that would be undertaken during the festival.

Mark Roche made a statement in support of the application from Challow and Childrey Cricket Club, highlighting the current levels of involvement in the club and the need for new practice equipment to meet the demand from members.

Rosemary Packer made a statement to the committee in support of Court Hill Trust's application. She highlighted the need for works to the roof of the building and advised the committee that the building was the responsibility of the district council, although run by a management committee.

Steve West addressed the committee on behalf of the Wantage and Grove Street Pastors. He advised the committee of the benefits of the service and requested a grant towards the recruitment and training of extra volunteers.

Councillor Richard Farrell made a statement to the committee in support of the application from Blewbury Village Hall Management Committee. He commented that the furniture to be purchased was not heavy duty due to cost and the issue of securing it in place. He advised that the furniture would be safely stored after use.

Councillor Julia Reynolds spoke in support of the Wantage Summer Festival, highlighting the events that were run during the festival and outlining the benefits to Wantage and the surrounding villages.

Councillor Terry Fraser spoke in support of the Court Hill Trust application, advising that he was concerned about the repair of the building. He advised that the facility was of great benefit to the Vale.

SE.23 Community grants

The committee considered report 123/10 of the head of corporate strategy, in conjunction with the statements from members of the public.

One member made the general comment that this new way of assessing community grants would take time to be understood by Members, and commented that he had found it difficult to understand the reasons behind some of the scores, other members agreed with this view.

RESOLVED

- (a) *to note the budget for Community Grants in 2011/12 for the South East Area of the Vale*
- (b) *to allocate the following community grants as follows:*

Applicant	Amount
<i>Wantage Betjeman Festival</i>	<i>£1378, the applicant is advised to approach the parishes surrounding Wantage for funding</i>
<i>Court Hill Trust</i>	<i>£3,500, subject to the conditions that the Trust's financial situation, submission of most recent accounts and an additional quotation before works start.</i>
<i>Wantage Summer Festival</i>	<i>£980</i>
<i>Film Oxford</i>	<i>£0</i>
<i>Challow & Childrey Cricket Club</i>	<i>£3000</i>
<i>Wantage and Grove Street Pastors</i>	<i>£1050</i>
<i>East Hendred Community Centre</i>	<i>£2500</i>
<i>Oxford Wood Recycling Limited</i>	<i>£0</i>
<i>Blewbury Village Community Interest Company</i>	<i>£1000</i>

<i>Wantage Choral Society</i>	<i>£0</i>
<i>Hendreds Twinning Group</i>	<i>£0</i>
<i>Grove Challengers FC</i>	<i>Deferred due to the limited information provided at this time.</i>
<i>Wilts and Berks Canal</i>	<i>£1000</i>

The meeting rose at 2.30pm