

# **Minutes**

of a meeting of the

## **Executive**



held at 4pm on Wednesday 6 April 2011  
at the Guildhall, Abingdon

Open to the public, including the press

### **Present:**

Members: Councillors Tony de Vere (Chair), Richard Webber (Vice-Chair), Mary de Vere, Jenny Hannaby, Angela Lawrence and Jerry Patterson

Officers: Jayne Bolton, Clare Kingston, Claire Litchfield, Ed Nieburg, Matt Prosser and Toby Warren

Number of members of the public: 3

### **Ex.79 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Richard Gibson.

### **Ex.80 Declarations of interest**

Councillor Jerry Patterson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 5, in particular the application from Kennington Parish Council for third party funding, in that he was a member of Kennington Parish Council.

### **Ex.81 Urgent business and chair's announcements**

None.

### **Ex.82 Statements, petitions and questions relating to matters affecting the Executive**

It was noted that three members of the public had given notice that they wished to make statements to the committee.

Estelle Packwood made a statement on behalf of the Oxford Chinese Community Advice Centre. She outlined the work of the Centre and highlighted the need for continued funding and the importance of the centre to its users.

Nigel Howard made a statement on behalf of Ryder Cheshire Volunteers, in support of its application for a community grants. He gave examples of how volunteers offered companionship to those challenged by disabilities which helped to improve self esteem and social engagement.

Colin Cure made a statement in support of the application from the Oxfordshire Association for the blind. He advised members of a new project to build a resource centre and provide courses for visually impaired to enable more independent living.

### **Ex.83 Community grants**

The Executive considered report 125/10 of the head of corporate strategy and had regard to the statements from members of the public earlier in the meeting. One member commented that it was important to consider how many people would benefit from the grants in determining the allocation of grant funding. The Executive was mindful that the budget was limited and it wished allocate a grant to each application it supported to allow the projects to proceed.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (a) to note the budget that the budget for community grants in 2011/12 for Vale wide projects stands at £20,680*
- (b) to allocate £250 of the budget for the cost of grants management software.*
- (c) to award community grants as follows, taking into account a reduction of 4.7%:*

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Scheme</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<i>Age UK Oxfordshire</i>	<i>IT lessons at St Edmunds Centre</i>	<i>£4,765</i>	<i>£2500, then a satisfactory six month progress report to the Executive is required to release the remainder of the grant. Members commented that it was important to ensure that volunteer resources were identified and that young people were safeguarded from a health and safety point of view.</i>
<i>My Life My Choice</i>	<i>Local speaking up group, improving access to services and reducing social isolation</i>	<i>£1,906</i>	<i>The applicant is advised to write to the parishes requesting support.</i>

<i>South and Vale Carers</i>	<i>Carers - take a break</i>	<i>£4,289</i>	<i>The applicant is advised to write to the parishes requesting support.</i>
<i>Ryder Cheshire Volunteers Oxfordshire</i>	<i>Vale of White Horse Project</i>	<i>£3,336</i>	<i>The applicant is advised to write to the parishes requesting support.</i>
<i>Oxfordshire Chinese Community Advice Centre</i>	<i>Continued provision of advice centre service</i>	<i>£1,906</i>	
<i>Oxfordshire Community Voluntary Action</i>	<i>First Steps in volunteering outreach sessions</i>	<i>£1,191</i>	
<i>Vitalise</i>	<i>Respite care breaks for disabled people and carers</i>	<i>£620</i>	
<i>Oxfordshire Association for the Blind</i>	<i>Future Vision – resource centre</i>	<i>£2,383</i>	

*(d) The Executive awards no grants to Oxfordshire Play Association, Assisted Reading for Children in Oxfordshire, and the Oxfordshire Nature Conservation Forum, as adequate funds are in place.*

*(e) The Executive awards no grant to Oxford Harmony as the application appeared to be of limited community benefit.*

The Executive considered an application from Kennington Parish Council for third party funding in respect of the Forestside BMX track project. Councillor Jerry Patterson made a statement to the committee in support of the application and then left the meeting in accordance with the provisions of standing order 33, having declared a personal and prejudicial interest.

**RESOLVED**

*(f) to award a grant of £1,253 to Kennington Parish Council as third party funding*

## **Exempt information under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972**

None

The meeting rose at 5pm