

# Minutes

of a meeting of the

## South East Area Committee

held at 6.00 pm on Monday, 10th December, 2012  
at the Abbey House, Abingdon, OX14 3JE



Open to the public, including the press

### Present:

Members: Councillor Bill Jones (Chairman), Andrew Crawford (Vice-Chair), Reg Waite, Anthony Hayward, Jenny Hannaby, Margaret Turner, John Amys, Charlotte Dickson, John Morgan and Fiona Roper

Officers: Jayne Bolton, Shona Ware, Susan Harbour and Carole Cumming

Number of members of the public: 5

### SE.1 Election of a chairman

**RESOLVED:** To appoint Councillor Bill Jones as chairman of the South East Area Committee for the remainder of the 2012/13 municipal year.

### SE.2 Election of a vice-chairman

**RESOLVED:** To appoint Councillor Andy Crawford as vice-chair of the South East Area Committee for the remainder of the 2012/13 municipal year.

### SE.3 Apologies for absence

Councillors Matthew Barber, Gill Morgan and Mike Murray sent apologies for absence.

### SE.4 Minutes

**RESOLVED:** To adopt as a correct record the minutes of the committee meeting held on 22 November 2011 and agree that the chair signs them.

### SE.5 Declarations of interest

#### Declarations of pecuniary interest

| Councillor | Grant application by | Declaration |
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| None |  |  |
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### Other declarations by councillors

| Councillor        | Grant application by              | Declaration   |
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| Charlotte Dickson | Wantage Independent Advice Centre | Husband on Advice Centre Management Committee       |
| Bill Jones        | Wantage Independent Advice Centre | Son in law on Advice Centre Management Committee    |
| Jenny Hannaby     | Wantage Independent Advice Centre | Is on the Management Committee of the Advice Centre |
| John Morgan       | Wantage Independent Advice Centre | Wife is on Advice Centre Management Committee       |

The above councillors left the room for the discussion on the Independent Advice Centre. Councillor Andy Crawford took the chair for this item.

### SE.6 Urgent business and chairman's announcements

None.

### SE.7 Statements, petitions and questions from the public relating to matters affecting the South East Area Committee.

The committee received statements from the following members of the public:

Virginia Lewis made a statement in support of Letcombe Regis Village Hall Recreation Ground Trust's application to upgrade its Sports Pavilion; she outlined details of their bid and the potential users of the committee.

Catriona Galbraith made a statement in support of Letcombe Regis Parish Council's application to create two new tennis courts.

- They would be happy to add netball and basketball lines if required.
- The club is to provide access to anyone wanting to play tennis, not just club members and there would be a pay and play facility.
- There would be free taster sessions for both adults and juniors.
- Membership fees would be set at a low rate of £30 per year for adults and £10 per year for juniors.
- Disabled members and wheelchair tennis players were welcome.
- Other funding streams are also being pursued.

Martin Hollis made a statement in support of Blewbury and District Brass Band's application for "community step-up to brass" instrument purchase.

- This application is about progression for learners.
- A formal partnership exists between the band and the Oxfordshire County Music Service.

### SE.8 Community grants

The committee considered the head of corporate strategy's report. This set out details of the five applications for capital grants in the South East area. The South East Area

Committee had £29,904 available to allocate in the capital community grants budget for 2012-13.

**RESOLVED**

To approve the following grants:

| Applicant                                    | Project  | Grant  | Comments   |
|--|--|--------|--|
| Letcombe Regis Village Hall Recreation Trust | Sports pavilion upgrade                        | £5,000 | To support officers' recommendation in full  |
| Wantage Independent Advice Centre            | Expansion of premises to provide more space    | £5,000 | To support officers' recommendation in full. All councillors who had declared an interest withdrew for this item and Cllr Andy Crawford took the chair.                          |
| Letcombe Regis Parish Council                | Creation of two new tennis courts              | £5,000 | Officers recommended £4,000. The committee decided to allocate the entire sum applied for, as the applicant addressed some low scoring areas in their statement.                 |
| Charlton Acorns Pre-school                   | All-weather canopy                             | £5,000 | Officers recommended £4,000. The committee decided to allocate the entire sum applied for, as the committee believed there would be wider benefit than shown in the application. |
| Blewbury and District Brass Band             | Community step-up to brass instrument purchase | £3,150 | Officers recommended £2,520. The committee decided to allocate the entire sum applied for.   |

The meeting closed at 6.50 pm