

Minutes

of a meeting of the

Faringdon Area Committee

held on Tuesday, 26 January 2016 at 6.30 pm

at the The Beacon, Portway, Wantage, OX12 9BY



Open to the Public, including the Press

Present:

Members: Councillors Simon Howell (Chairman), , Roger Cox, Anthony Hayward, Mohinder Kainth and Elaine Ware

Officers: Carole Cumming, Susan Harbour and Sophie Milton

Number of members of the public: 5

FA.1 Apologies for absence

None.

FA.1 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest or of conflict of interest.

FA.2 Urgent business

None.

FA.3 Terms of reference

The committee noted its terms of reference and the revised area committee boundary as set by the Council.

FA.4 Statements, petitions and questions from the public relating to matters affecting the committee

Capital Community Grants

Application	Registered speakers
Kingston Bagpuize Village Hall	Ronald Green
Ashbury Village Hall	Maggie Simons
Faringdon Town Football Club	Phil Tyler
Vicountess Barrington's Trust	<i>No speaker</i>

New Homes Bonus

Application	Registered speakers
Watchfield Parish Council	Sue Nodder
Faringdon Folly Trust	<i>No speaker</i>
South and Vale Carers Centre	<i>No speaker</i>

FA.5 New homes bonus and capital grants 2015/16

The committee considered the head of corporate strategy's report on new homes bonus grants and capital grants. The council had received three applications for new homes bonus grants relating to the Faringdon area, and four applications for capital grants. The totals applied for were well within the budget available.

New Homes Bonus grant applications

Each new homes bonus grant application had been assessed against the new homes bonus grants criteria and scoring matrix. The officer's recommended scores were set out in the report. The committee assessed the applications against the grants criteria and the officer's recommended scores, and revised the scores where marked with an asterisk (*) in the table below.

New Homes Bonus grant applicants	Scoring (each category scored out of 3)					
	Percentage of new housing in project area	Community benefit	New facilities or activities	Funding the project	Applicant's own contribution	Total
Faringdon Folly Trust	2	3	2	1	0	8
Watchfield Parish Council	3	3	2	3	2	13
South and Vale Carers	3	1	1	2	2	9

The committee noted that those new homes bonus applications scoring a total of 10 or more were in the high priority funding bracket and could be awarded a grant of 100 per cent of the requested amount. Those applications scoring 9 or less fell in to the medium priority funding bracket and could be awarded a grant of up to 75 per cent of the requested amount. The committee awarded the new homes bonus grants accordingly.

Capital grant applications

Each capital grant application had been assessed against the capital grants criteria and scoring matrix. The officer's recommended scores were set out in the report. The committee assessed the applications against the grants criteria and the officer's recommended scores, and revised the scores where marked with an asterisk (*) in the table below:

Capital grant applicants	Scoring (each category scored out of 3)				
	New facilities or activities	Community benefit	Funding the project	Applicant's own contribution	Total
Kingston Bagpuize Village Hall	3*	3	3	2	11*
Ashbury Village Hall	2	2	2	1	7
Faringdon Town Football Club	1	3*	2	3	9*
Vicountess Barrington's Trust	3	2	3	2	10

The committee noted that those capital applications scoring a total of 9 or more were in the high priority funding bracket and could be awarded a grant of 100 per cent of the requested amount. The committee awarded capital grants accordingly.

Further grant applications in 2015/16

The committee noted that the last opportunity for organisations to submit grant applications in the current financial year had now passed. As there had been only one application for the Faringdon area, the committee agreed that these could be determined under delegated authority rather than holding a further committee meeting.

Grants policy and procedure

The committee was asked for its views on the current grant policies and procedures. The committee thanked the officers for their work in improving the grants system and were broadly content with the new scheme.

RESOLVED: to

- (a) award new homes bonus grants as follows:

Applicant	Project	Grant
Faringdon Folly Trust	New and replacement sculptures and publicity flyers	£904
Watchfield Parish Council	Seating and community noticeboard	£1,482
South and Vale Carers' Centre	Replacement laptop computers	£454
		Total £2,840

- (b) award capital grants as follows:

Applicant	Project	Grant
Kingston Bagpuize Village Hall	Window and door replacement	£19,890
Ashbury Village Hall	Furniture and notice board purchases	£923
Faringdon Town Football Club	Replacement furniture	£3,200
Vicountess Barrington's Trust	Additional ladies' toilet in the hall and felling some trees on the recreational ground	£1,266
		Total £25,279

- (c) authorise the head of corporate strategy, following consultation with the committee chairman, to determine grant applications received during the last round (Root & Branch for up to a maximum of £8966) and to cancel the committee meeting scheduled for 8 March 2016.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm