

Minutes

of a meeting of the

Faringdon Area Committee

held on Monday 23 July 2018 at 6.30 pm
at The Beacon, Portway, Wantage, OX12 9BX



Open to the Public, including the Press

Present:

Members: Councillors Simon Howell (Chairman), Anthony Hayward (Vice-Chairman), Eric Batts, Roger Cox, Robert Sharp and Elaine Ware

Officers: Steve Culliford, Carole Cumming and Harry Gable

Number of members of the public: 0

FA.1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mohinder Kainth.

FA.2 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2017 were agreed as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

FA.3 Declarations of interest

Councillors Simon Howell and Elaine Ware declared that they were familiar with the work of the Viscountess Barrington's Memorial Hall trust and would not vote on their application in the interest of transparency, although they were not trustees or parish councillors. They both remained on the committee for the discussion, citing lack of direct involvement with the application.

FA.4 Urgent business and chairman's announcements

None.

FA.5 Public participation

There were no public speakers present at the meeting.

FA.6 Community grants

The committee considered the report of the head of community services. This set out the applications received and the committee's budgets for community grants and New Homes Bonus (NHB) grants.

Viscountess Barrington's Memorial Hall Trust

The officer introduced the application by the Viscountess Barrington Memorial Hall Trust for a grant of £6,462 towards a £12,925 project to replace the central heating boilers in the Hall.

The committee debated the item. It was noted that the applicant had submitted applications to both the capital grant and NHB schemes, but procedure rules stated that a project may only be funded from one of these schemes. Accordingly, the committee decided to consider this item as a capital application, to allow for the best possible allocation of budget.

RESOLVED:

- 1. To approve the officer's recommended score of 6 points out of a possible 9.**
- 2. To approve the officer's recommended capital grant of 37.49 per cent of the total cost, capped to £4,846. This was to be awarded to the Viscountess Barrington's Memorial Hall Trust towards the cost of replacing the central heating boilers.**
- 3. To reject the application for a grant from the NHB scheme, due to the grant awarded from the capital budget.**

The meeting closed at 6.55 pm