

SE.9

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE

HELD AT THE CIVIC HALL,
WANTAGE ON TUESDAY, 14TH
OCTOBER, 2008 AT 7.00PM

Open to the Public, including the Press

PRESENT:

MEMBERS: Councillor Joyce Hutchinson (Chair), Julia Reynolds (Vice-Chair), Terry Cox, Andrew Crawford, Richard Farrell, Terry Fraser, Jenny Hannaby, Sue Marchant, Zoe Patrick, Margaret Turner and Reg Waite

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Steve Culliford and Lorna Edwards

NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 8

SE.11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bill Melotti and Mike Murray.

SE.12 MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 10 June 2008 were adopted and signed as a correct record.

SE.13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Reg Waite declared a personal interest in item 6 'South East Area Community Grants' as he was acquainted with members of the White Horse Croquet Club that had applied for a grant (minute SE.17 refers).

SE.14 URGENT BUSINESS AND CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair announced the receipt of an e-mail from Geoffrey Stokell of the Wantage Summer Festival, thanking the Committee for its grant.

The Chair also asked that copies of the local service level agreement were supplied to all Members of the Committee.

SE.15 STATEMENTS AND PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC UNDER STANDING ORDER 32

The Committee noted that requests had been received from two organisations to make statements in support of their grant applications.

- (1) David Richardson of the Wantage Parish Music Guild made a statement seeking a grant towards a musical community project at Wantage in November 2008. There would be a range of music and Wantage Silver Band, two school

choirs and the church choir would be involved. He believed that the community would benefit from this.

- (2) Rita Atkinson of the DAMASCUS Project made a statement in support of its grant application. The project provided support for young people in the villages of Drayton, Appleford, Milton, Sutton Courtenay and Steventon. There was a gap between young children and adulthood and the project aimed to provide support and guidance for young people in this age group. Two young people, Josh from Steventon and Jade from Milton Heights, spoke in support of the project advising the Committee of the benefits they had obtained from it. The project sought a grant of £3,500 towards the costs of employing youth workers.

The Chair thanked the speakers for their statements.

SE.16 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC UNDER STANDING ORDER 32

None

SE.17 SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS

(Councillor Reg Waite declared a personal interest in this item and in accordance with Standing Order 34 he remained in the meeting during its consideration.)

The Committee received and considered report 90/08 of the Strategic Director which set out the details of five applications for community grants. The report also set out the Committee's current budget position.

RESOLVED

- (a) *that the Committee's current budget position be noted;*
- (b) *that the following grant applications be approved:*

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Grant</u>
<i>Childrey Playing Field Trust</i>	<i>Towards fitting out the sports pavilion</i>	<i>£1,750 (by nine votes to nil) (Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority)</i>
<i>Wantage Parish Music Guild</i>	<i>Towards staging a musical community project</i>	<i>£1,250 (by five votes to nil with four abstentions) (Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority)</i>
<i>DAMASCUS Youth Project</i>	<i>Towards the costs of employing youth workers</i>	<i>£3,500 (by nine votes to nil) (Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority)</i>
<i>White Horse Croquet Club</i>	<i>Towards the costs of maintenance equipment and a storage facility</i>	<i>£100 (by nine votes to nil) (Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority)</i>

- (c) *that the following application be deferred:*

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Reason</u>
<i>Springline Amateur Dramatic Society</i>	<i>Towards the cost of repairs to the stage and installations in the village hall</i>	<i>Further information required on the outcome of grant applications to other bodies. The Committee will reconsider this application in March, even if becomes retrospective</i>

Exempt Information Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972

None

The meeting rose at 7.20 pm