

Minutes

of a meeting of the

North East Area Committee

held on Tuesday 11 November 2014 at 6.30 pm

at the Abbey House, Abingdon, OX14 3JE



Open to the public, including the press

Present:

Members: Councillors Jerry Patterson (Chair), Judy Roberts (Vice-Chairman), Catherine Webber, Elizabeth Miles, Val Shaw, Bob Johnston, Eric Batts and Debby Hallett

Officers: Carole Cumming and Philippa Rugman

Number of members of the public: 8

NE.16 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Matthew Barber, Dudley Hoddinott, Ron Mansfield and John Woodford

NE.17 Minutes

RESOLVED: to adopt as correct the minutes of the committee meeting held on 3 February 2014 and agree the chair signs them.

NE.18 Declarations of interest

Councillor Judy Roberts declared an interest in the grant application from Dean Court Community Association (Botley) as she holds the position of Chairman of the trustees. She would speak on this item but would not take part in the discussion or vote.

Councillors Jerry Patterson and Bob Johnston declared they were members of Kennington parish council, which had submitted a grant application to the committee, but did not consider this gave them pecuniary advantage.

NE.19 Urgent business and chair's announcements

None

NE.20 Statements, petitions and questions from the public relating to matters affecting the North East Area Committee

None

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NE.21 Capital Community Grants (CCG) 2014/15 (round two)

The committee considered the head of corporate strategies report that set out details for three applications for capital community grants scheme. Cabinet allocated £25,903 to the North East Area Committee for capital grants at the start of the year and following the decisions made in the first round in May 2014, the committee has £25,233 available for this round. This included any unspent money from completed or withdrawn papers.

The committee considered each application and awarded grants as follows:

- (1) Dean Court Community Association- Ref CCGNE\11**
Film club and other equipment and additional storage
Grant sought: £3,903

Councillor Judy Roberts spoke in support of the application but took no part in the discussion or voting as she was chairman of the trustees of Dean Court Community Association.

RESOLVED (for 7; against 0; abstentions 0)

To grant the applicant the full amount requested, £3903

- (2) Kennington Parish Council- Ref CCGNE\14**
To purchase two defibrillators.
Amount requested £1,573

The committee considered the application and discussed that the applicant had also applied under the new homes bonus scheme. As there as funding available in the new homes bonus scheme, which may not be carried over to the next round, it was proposed that the application be rejected under the capital community grants scheme and then considered under the new homes bonus scheme.

RESOLVED: (for 8; against 0; abstentions 0)

To reject the application under the Capital Community Grants scheme but consider it under the New Home Bonus scheme.

- (3) Into the Garden- Ref CCGNE\2**
Horticultural training for Autistic Adults.
Amount Requested: £4,664

The committee noted that the group had several other applications pending with other organisations. It was decided that decisions on funding should wait till after the outcome of the other grant applications was known.

RESOLVED (for 8; against 0; abstentions 0)

To authorise the head of corporate strategy, in consultation with the chairman of the committee to grant up to £4000 subject to Into the Garden being granted funding from other pending applications.

NE.22 2014/15 New Homes Bonus (NHB) Grants

The committee considered the head of corporate strategies report that set out details of the new homes bonus community-funding scheme. This set out details of two applications that the council had received for the new homes bonus fund scheme, requesting a total of £8,299. The committee was allocated £26,000 of the 2014/15 new homes bonus community grant budget.

The committee considered the following grant applications.

(1) Kennington Parish Council- Ref NHBNE\3

Defibrillators for Kennington
Amount requested: £1889

RESOLVED: (for 8; against 0; abstentions 0)

To grant the applicant the full amount requested, £1889.

(2) Dean Court Community Association- NHBNE\6

DCCA Revenue costs for year 2
Amount requested: £6,410

Councillor Judy Roberts left the room while this application was considered.

RESOLVED: (for 8; against 0; abstentions 0)

To grant the applicant the full amount requested, £6,410.

NE.23 Current NHB Policy Review

The committee considered possible improvements or suggestions for the new homes bonus scheme in preparation for the review occurring early next year. The committee considered that the policy was effective. However, it suggested that new councillors, following the 2015 district council elections, should be reminded in their induction packs about their role in promoting new applicants to come forward to the grants scheme. The committee also suggested in order to attract more applicants more could be done to promote and inform people about the scheme.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm