

Minutes

of a meeting of the

Faringdon Area Committee

held on Monday, 25 July 2016 at 6.30 pm
at the The Beacon, Wantage



Open to the Public, including the Press

Present:

Members: Councillors:

Officers: Carole Cumming and Susan Harbour

Number of members of the public: 4

Apologies for absence

Councillors Simon Howell and Roger Cox gave their apologies. There are no substitutes on this committee.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 26 January were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the chair of the meeting.

Declarations of interest

Councillor Elaine Ware is a member of the Shrivenham Village Fete Committee and will not be participating in the debate or decision for that item.

Urgent business

None.

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

Contributions from the applicants were heard with the relevant application.

New Homes Bonus and Capital Grants 2016/17

New Homes Bonus Policy.

Roy Wolfe and David Warner from **Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club** spoke to the committee about this application.

The representatives from the cricket club spoke to the committee and the committee asked them relevant questions. Section 106 money had been agreed for the cricket club. They had previously been unable to apply for other funding as they had not previously had a tenure, but this had been resolved.

RESOLVED:

Funding to the project would go up to a score 3 out of 3 given the other funding from s106. Raising their total score from 5 to 8 and from low priority to medium priority

RESOLVED

To raise the score for the percentage of the area's additional homes from 2 to 3.

(The committee generally raised the policy issue of how a village which had of 33 percent of an area's additional homes could can only get a 2 out of 3. This would be taken into consideration by officers reviewing the policy).

RESOLVED

(With agreement of the applicant) that the cricket club's contribution to the project will go up to £200 (from 0), and that the score for this would be 1 out of 3; bringing total score for the application to 10 out of 12.

RESOLVED

To award the cricket club £2,570, (which is £200 less than the total needed for the project).

Capital Grants policy

Diana Ewart & Helen Roya spoke on behalf of **Charney Hall and Field Trust (CHAFT)**.

They were in possession of a report requiring them to remove their existing play equipment due to safety concerns.

The trust had looked at options for disabled accessible equipment, but had had difficulties finding suitable equipment at a reasonable price. The play area is accessible but structure is not fully accessible. There had been a discussion around replacing one of the swings with a boat net swing, that would bring an additional cost of £600 plus VAT (£834).

Parish council have already set precept for year, but could be approached to assist with cost of net swing

RESOLVED

To award £9,000 without the officer condition of accessible equipment. (The committee were content with the suggestion from the applicant of how they will move forward with disabled swing.)

Faringdon Tennis Club

RESOLVED

To award £1,029 as per officer recommendation.

Shrivenham Fete committee

Councillor Ware left the room

RESOLVED

To award £1,260 as per the officer's report

Faringdon Town Council

The committee noted the absence of a representative from Faringdon Town Council, and therefore a lack of information, to answer outstanding questions from the committee on issues such as funding from other sources and existing reserves.

RESOLVED

To reduce the score on the organisation's contribution, from 2 out of 3 to 1 out of 3 due to the large unrestricted financial reserves; taking the total score down to 8: a medium score.

RESOLVED

To award £5,520 (50 percent of the amount requested by town council), without exceptional conditions.

(The committee feedback to the officers reviewing the scheme that they considered that funding the project and the applicant's own contribution were effectively double scoring)

Vicountess Barringtons Memorial Hall

Parish Council contribution was confirmed as £1,143.

RESOLVED

To increase the score for funding the project to 3 out of 3, giving a total score of 7 out of 12.

RESOLVED

To award £600.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm