

A MEETING OF THE GRANTS SUB-BOARD

WAS HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2007

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Cully)(ex-officio), Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Cully) (P), Councillors Mrs Champion, Chegwyn, Dickson (P), Mrs Salter (P), Taylor (P) and Wright.

It was reported that, in accordance with Standing Orders, Councillors Smith, Burgess and Cully had been nominated to attend this meeting in place of Councillors Chegwyn, Mrs Champion and Wright respectively.

17. APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of the Mayor and Councillors Chegwyn, Mrs Champion and Wright.

18. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Smith be appointed Chairman for this meeting of the Sub-Board.

19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Taylor declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the section of agenda item no. 8 relating to an application for grant aid from Gosport Football Club.

Councillor Mrs Salter declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the section of agenda item no. 8 relating to an application for grant aid from the Champions Clubs – Royal Sailors Rest.

20. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Board held on 22 November 2006 be approved and signed by the Chairman of the meeting as a true and correct record.

PART II

21. REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICES MANAGER AND LEISURE AND CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER: REVENUE GRANT AID APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to a joint report of the Financial Services Manager and the Leisure and Cultural Services Manager concerning a number of applications

for Revenue Grant Aid.

(i) Gosport Football Club

Note: Councillor Taylor declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item, left the meeting room and did not take part in the discussion or voting thereon.

Mr Suraci represented Gosport Football Club and advised the Sub-Board that the Club had been formed in 1994 and currently had 168 members. It worked with St John's School and charged £1.50 per player per session. The rent for the pitch used by the Club had been raised but the Club was reluctant to pass on this additional cost to the players. Some players were subsidised as they had difficulty in paying for the sessions.

The Club held a balance in reserve for Summer tournaments for which payment in advance was required.

The Sub-Board approved the Club's request for grant aid of £600 towards the overall estimated cost of purchasing training equipment.

(ii) Let Us Play Scheme - LUPS

Mr Barron represented LUPS and advised the Sub-Board that the playscheme catered for severely disabled children in Gosport and Fareham, providing a high level of one-to-one support. LUPS was applying for grant aid to help fund the upgrading of equipment.

LUPS had applied to Fareham Borough Council, Children in Need and the Lloyds TSB Foundation. It was anticipated that information regarding grant aid from these organisations would be known by the end of April 2007.

It was proposed and seconded that grant aid in the sum of £1,900 to LUPS be approved to assist with the provision of sensory equipment.

(iii) Champions Clubs – Royal Sailors Rest

Note: Councillor Mrs Salter declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item, left the meeting room and did not take part in the discussion or voting thereon.

Mrs Gueran and Mrs Smith represented the Champions Clubs and advised the Sub-Board that the organisation was a Christian charity which ran a number of clubs for young people together with a half-term holiday club where children were taken on a residential holiday for three to four days.

The Sub-Board approved the Champions Clubs' request for grant aid in the sum

of £1,350 towards the provision of equipment and the subsidising of the residential holiday.

(iv) Gosport and Fareham Easter Folk Festival

The Festival was represented by Mr and Mrs Humpleby who advised the Sub-Board that, although the Easter Folk Festival was currently based in Fareham, they would be bringing more activities to the Gosport area and were seeking grant aid to support these events.

The Sub-Board approved the Easter Folk Festival's request for grant aid in the sum of £500 in order to support festival events in Gosport.

RESOLVED: That:

- (i) A grant of £600 be paid to Gosport Football Club
- (ii) A grant of £1,900 be paid to the Let Us Play Scheme
- (iii) A grant of £1,350 be paid to the Champions Club – Royal Sailors Rest
- (iv) A grant of £500 be paid to Gosport and Fareham Easter Folk Festival

22. REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICES MANAGER AND LEISURE AND CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER: CAPITAL GRANT AID APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to a joint report of the Financial Services Manager and the Leisure and Cultural Services Manager concerning an application for Capital Grant Aid from the Royal Naval Association Club Ltd.

The Club was represented by Mr Gleave who advised the Sub-Board that the number of disabled members was increasing as the membership became older. This had given rise to the need to alter the existing toilets to provide a separate unisex disabled toilet with nappy changing facilities.

It was proposed and seconded that a grant of £3,000 be approved to assist with the cost of providing disabled toilet facilities as detailed above.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £3,000 be paid to the Royal Naval Association Club Ltd.

The meeting commenced at 6.00 p.m. and concluded at 6.44 p.m.

CHAIRMAN