

Subject to Approval
A MEETING OF THE GRANTS SUB-BOARD

WAS HELD ON 21 NOVEMBER 2007

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

It was reported that Councillor Smith had been nominated to attend this meeting in place of Councillor Mrs Salter.

14. APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of the Mayor and Councillor Mrs Salter.

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

16. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Board held on 26 September 2007 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

It was clarified that the grant of £1,000 awarded to St Mary's Catholic School (PTA) at the meeting of 26 September 2007 would still be paid but would be a grant towards playground equipment.

PART II

17. 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) Volunteer Reading Help Hampshire

Consideration was given to an application for £2,745 in grant aid towards the cost of recruitment and training of two additional volunteers.

Members held the view that the nature of the service provided by this group was the responsibility of the education authority and, in view of the pressures on the budget, it was decided that no grant should be paid to this organisation.

(ii) Lee-on-the-Solent Tennis, Squash and Fitness Club (Junior Squash Player)

Note: Due to an interest in this item, Mr Glen Wilkinson, Head of Leisure/Recreation and Development, left the committee room and took no part in the discussion.

Consideration was given to an application for £650 in grant aid to assist in the development of a junior squash player.

Members noted that grant aid of £500 had been paid in November 2006 and felt this had represented value for money bearing in mind the progress made by the player.

However, it was felt that, due to an award having been made last year, the full amount requested this year should not be paid. It was subsequently agreed that a grant of £500 should be awarded.

(iii) Gosport Bowmen

Consideration was given to an application for £358 in grant aid towards the cost of running a leaders' coaching course for four club volunteers (including one junior) to gain the relevant qualifications to enable the club to develop in the future.

Members agreed to this request and awarded grant aid of £358.

(iv) Beryton Residents Association

Consideration was given to an application for £550 in grant aid towards the cost of staging the Association's 2007 Christmas Party which would be free to children.

The Association was represented by Ms Lynn Pyle and Ms Tammy Kent.

Members acknowledged the work carried out by the Association and the support it provided in the local community.

It was noted that the grant requested exceeded half the estimated cost of the Christmas Party but Members decided to award the full amount of £550 requested in order to assist with the cost of producing the Association's newsletter and other general activities.

RESOLVED: That:

- (i) no grant be paid to Volunteer Reading Help Hampshire
- (ii) grant of £500 be paid to Lee-on-the-Solent Tennis, Squash and Fitness Club (Junior Squash Player)
- (iii) grant of £358 be paid to Gosport Bowmen; and
- (iv) grant of £550 be paid to Beryton Residents Association.

18. 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 Leisure and Cultural Services Manager concerning a number of applications for Capital Grant Aid.

(i) St Matthews Church and Community Hall

Consideration was given to an application for £3,200 in grant aid towards the cost of remodelling and replacement of toilet and kitchen facilities in the church hall.

The organisation was represented by Mrs Goater who advised that the existing kitchen was antiquated with no cupboards and no hot water supply to the sink. Some of the groups using the church hall were interested in using the kitchen for food and drink preparation but at present this type of activity was limited due to the poor facilities.

There were currently two toilets at the hall and it was intended to convert them into one facility which would be suitable for use by disabled people.

The groups currently using the church hall included Brownies, Guides, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Group and the Hampshire Youth Service Group together with children's parties and coffee mornings.

Members agreed to the request for £3,200 in grant aid.

(ii) St Mary's Junior Sailing Club

Consideration was given to an application for £5,000 in grant aid towards the cost of replacing the club's wooden sheds used to house its boats and provide a dry, sheltered area.

The Club was represented by Mr Paul Dowsett.

Members were advised of the revised estimated cost of £45,870 for replacing the sheds.

In answer to a Member's question regarding costs, Mr Dowsett advised that the hardstanding to the sheds would have to be of a sufficient height to cope with possible rises in water level. This would require a great deal of excavation and reinforcement work.

Members agreed to the request for £5,000 in grant aid.

RESOLVED: That:

- (i) grant of £3,200 be paid to St Matthew's Church and Community Hall; and
- (ii) grant of £5,000 be paid to St Mary's Junior Sailing Club.

The meeting ended at 7.05 pm.

CHAIRMAN