

**A MEETING OF THE GRANTS SUB-BOARD
WAS HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2008**

The Mayor (Councillor Kimber)(ex-officio), Chairman of Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Smith)(ex-officio), Councillors Chegwyn (P), Dickson (P), Geddes, Mrs Mudie , Mrs Salter and Wright (P).

It was reported that, in accordance with Standing Orders Councillors Ms Ballard and Hicks had been nominated to replace Councillors Mrs Mudie and Mrs Salter for this meeting.

17 APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of The Mayor (Councillor Kimber) and Councillors Mrs Mudie and Mrs Salter.

18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Councillor Hicks declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 7(i) - Gosport Living History Society.

19 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2008 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

20 DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

21 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART II

22 REVENUE GRANT AID APPLICATIONS

The Sub-Board considered the report of the Financial Services Manager and Leisure & Cultural Services Manager (a copy of which is attached in the Minute Book as Appendix 'A') concerning a number of applications for Revenue Grant Aid.

(i) Gosport Aviation Society

Consideration was given to an application for £250.00 towards the cost of the

transportation of display items to a new storage facility and additional premises rental. A grant of £250 had previously been awarded in October 2000.

The Society was represented by Mr Bob Wealthy who advised Members that a new storage facility had been found at HMS Daedalus which was equipped with both lighting and heating. This new facility would enable effective cataloguing and archiving of items. Mr Wealthy advised Members that the Society had recently presented an exhibition of their items at the Discovery Centre and would like to continue to do so to stimulate local interest in aviation history.

Members agreed to award the full amount requested.

(ii) Home Start Gosport and Fareham

Consideration was given to an application for £450 in grant aid towards the cost of 4 new advertising stands and the design of new artwork. Home Start had previously been awarded £500 in September 2007.

Home Start Gosport and Fareham was represented by Jackie Morris who advised that the equipment currently being used by volunteers was bulky and cumbersome. Members were advised that new display stands would make it easier for volunteers to transport equipment and that the new artwork would help attract additional volunteers to the group to enable them to provide a service for the community.

Members agreed to award the full amount requested.

(iii) Vitalise

Consideration was given to an application for £2561.50 to help provide holiday breaks for disabled people and to help cover the cost for the volunteers that also attended.

Members understood that the group provided a worthwhile service that was clearly a benefit to residents of Gosport. However it was noted that grant aid had been awarded on eight occasions since August 1996, the latest being in February 2008.

Members agreed that no grant be awarded to 'Vitalise' at this time as a grant had already been awarded during the current calendar year. Members requested that Vitalise be advised of the reason for this decision.

(iv) Big Noise Community Samba Band

Consideration was given to an application for £1,100 in grant aid towards the

overall cost of £2,193 for new instruments and the purchase of T-Shirts for the band.

The organisation was represented by Mr Searle who advised that the band had originally been set up as part of the Carnival Factory initiative. Members were advised that funding from this source had now ceased but the band had decided to continue playing and performing. Members were advised that the group was currently renting a number of instruments but this arrangement could not continue beyond April 2009

Members noted that the band had performed recently at a number of local events including Bridgemary Carnival and that they were booked to play at the forthcoming switch-on of the Christmas lights.

Members agreed to award the full amount requested.

(v) C J Glass Football Club (Individual Member)

Consideration was given to an application for £1,000 in grant aid towards the overall cost of £6,200 for a scholarship at a First Point USA Division One College. The cost of the four year scholarship included flights, registration fees medical insurance clothing and training equipment. The applicant has agreed to return each summer and coach for free in return for any help given.

The individual concerned advised Members that he had been awarded a four year scholarship in America to play football and study for a Sports Science degree. He explained that he was considered too old to start developing his football career in England as it was the usual practice to sign individuals at around the age of 10 years.

Members were advised that the individual had applied for a grant of £1000 from Hampshire County Council and that he was currently awaiting a decision. Members felt they could not match the request made to Hampshire County Council, a grant of £750 was proposed.

Members agreed to award £750.

(vi) Gosport BMX Club (Individual Member)

Consideration was given to an application for grant aid towards the cost of equipment and fees for an individual member to attend Olympic Talent Team Camps and competitions with a view to competing at the 2012 Olympic Games.

The individual was represented by Mr James Christie, Chairman of the BMX Club, who provided Members with copies of a letter from Jeremy Hayes, the National Olympic Talent Coach for British Cycling, recognising that the individual

had the ability and skill that put her as one of the top three in the country.

Mr Christie acknowledged that the training facilities available to the individual were now of a high standard and advised Members that she now only lacked a race bike to progress.

Members agreed that talent of this level should be encouraged and proposed a grant of £1000.

Members agreed to award a grant of £1000.

RESOLVED: That:

- (i) A grant of £250 be paid to Gosport Aviation Society;
- (ii) A grant of £450 be paid to Home Start Gosport and Fareham;
- (iii) No grant be paid to Vitalise;
- (iv) A grant of £1,100 be paid to Big Noise Community Samba Band;
- (v) A grant £750 be paid to C J Glass Football Club (Individual); and
- (vi) A grant of £1,000 be paid to Gosport BMX Club (Individual);

23 CAPITAL GRANT AID APPLICATION

The Sub-Board considered the report of the Financial Services Manager and Leisure & Cultural Services Manager (a copy of which is attached in the Minute Book as Appendix 'B') concerning an application for Capital Grant Aid.

(i) Gosport Living History Society

Note: Councillor Hicks declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item, left the meeting room and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

Consideration was given to an application for £5,350 towards the total cost of £12,000 to thatch a roof for the 17th Century ale house currently under construction.

Mr Roberts represented the organisation and provided Members with a letter containing the quotation for the thatched roof. Mr Roberts advised Members that the Society had purchased the green oak to construct the ale house and that if funding were secured to thatch the roof, it was hoped the building would be finished within a year.

Members were advised that although the Village was run by volunteers, last year had been open for 55 days with visitor figures increasing from 4664 to 5436. In addition 30 schools had visited the site.

It was noted that the Village had been voted Gosport tourist attraction of the year last year and had subsequently been nominated for additional tourism awards.

Members proposed that the 17th Century Village was a tremendous asset to the Borough and considered that the cost of the whole project was considerably greater than the Society would be able to finance themselves. Members agreed that they would like to support the project to a greater extent than requested but were presently unable to do so due to budget constraints.

Members also noted that there was currently an outstanding issue in regard to the lease of the land and requested that Legal Services investigate this.

Members proposed that no grant be paid to the Society at this point, but expressed the view that the Council would look favourably at awarding a contribution to the project from the Capital Grant Programme in the next Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: That:

- (i) No grant be paid to Gosport Living History Society.

The meeting concluded at 6.55pm.