

**A MEETING OF THE GRANTS SUB-BOARD
WAS HELD ON 23 SEPTEMBER 2009**

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Searle) (ex-officio), Councillors Chegwyn (P), Mrs Cully, Dickson (P), Geddes (P), Hook (P) and Mrs Mudie.

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

10. APOLOGIES

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

11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hook declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 related to Spartan Colts Football Club.

12. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2009 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

13. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

14. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART II

15. 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) Bridgemaury Methodist Church

Consideration was given to an application for £388 in grant aid towards the cost of installing a replacement water heater.

Pam Adams addressed the Sub-Board. She advised that the church was a community church and was used daily by groups including Brownies, keep-fit and boules. Hot water was needed in the facility to enable these groups to continue to use the facility.

Members were advised that the church had raised £285 by organising skittles evenings and running film clubs.

Members acknowledged that the facility was well used and agreed to award the Church £388.

(ii) Nautical Archaeological Society

Consideration was given to an application for £1689 in grant aid towards the cost of the production of a 32 page booklet 'Forton's Forgotten Fleet'.

The Society was represented by Mark Beattie-Edwards who advised the Sub-Board that a previous grant had been received from Gosport Borough Council in February 2009 and that the Society had been invited to reapply for additional grant aid towards the production of the final booklet.

Members were shown a copy of the booklet and appreciated the high quality of the work and the cost of printing the document to a high standard.

Members were advised that the intention was that the retail price of the booklet would be £2.99; those wishing to resell the booklet would be able to purchase it for £1.49.

The Society advised that they were mindful not to overprice the book to ensure that it was accessible to local residents. In addition, complementary copies would be distributed to those who had volunteered to help with the project.

Members agreed to award the Society £1000.

(iii) Little Shipmates Pre-School

Consideration was given to an application by Little Shipmates Pre-School for £3459 towards the total cost of £6919 to purchase safety surfacing and a climbing frame.

Members were advised that the Pre-School currently ran at Lee-on-the-Solent Community Centre and were hoping to expand to include a service for younger children.

In answer to a Member's question, the Sub-Board were advised that the

insurance held by the Community Centre did not cover the use of the proposed facility by the members of the community centre. In addition it was advised that although the facility would be protected by a fence, it was possible that this could be climbed and the facility accessed after hours.

Members requested that the application be deferred to allow alternative options for funding the project to be examined. Should alternative funding options not be available, the application would be returned to the Sub-Board for further consideration.

(iv) Spartan Colts Football Club

Note: Councillor Hook declared a personal interest in the item, remained in the room and took part in the voting and discussion there on.

Consideration was given to an application for £1000 grant aid towards the cost of £8200 to purchase new equipment.

The Sub-Board were advised that there the club currently ran 10 teams from under 8, to under 16. The club aimed to keep the membership costs low to ensure that it was accessible to those on low-incomes. The club had so far raised £1700 towards the estimated cost.

Members acknowledged that the club worked hard to provide opportunities for children within the Borough to play football.

Members agreed to award the club £1000.

(v) Coastal Forces Heritage Trust

Consideration was given to an application for £2200 towards the cost of the production of a 50 minute DVD documentary.

Members of the Sub-Board were advised that the aim of the project was to educate people about the history of the Royal Navy Coastal Forces.

Members sought clarification of the estimated costs of the project.

Captain Trevor Rowbottom represented the Trust and advised that some of the original footage needed to be re-recorded as it was poor quality.

Members queried whether any fundraising had been undertaken by the Trust and it was clarified that the funds received to date had been in the form of grants and donations.

The Sub-Board were advised that the Trust had received £5000 from Hampshire

County Council and were waiting for a reply from Portsmouth City Council.

Members felt that the Sub-Board was not in a position to support the Trust with grant aid as a result of this application. The trust was invited to reapply for grant aid for future projects.

(vi) Gosport and District Sports Association for the Disabled (GADSAD)

By reason of special circumstances, the Chairman determined that this item be considered at this meeting notwithstanding the fact that it had not been available for public inspection in accordance with the provisions of Section 100(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1985.

The special circumstances were created by the need to urgently consider the application.

Consideration was given to an application for £1250 towards the cost of repairing urgent electrical faults identified in a recent inspection of the facility.

The Sub-Board were advised that in the event that the faults could not be rectified, the facility would be shut down. It was hoped that the rectification of faults would ensure that the facility would not need to undergo an electric re-wire for approximately 8 years.

Members welcomed the opportunities that the facility provided for Gosport residents and agreed to award £1250.

(vii) Children's Safety Education Foundation

Consideration was given to an application for £2000 towards the cost of the production of 30000 children's safety leaflets.

Members felt that due to the foundation's financial situation, they could not support the application.

RESOLVED: That:

- (i) A grant of £388 be paid to Bridgemark Methodist Church;
- (ii) A grant of £1000 be paid to Nautical Archaeological Society;
- (iii) The application by Little Shipmates Pre-School be deferred;
- (iv) A grant of £1000 be paid to the Spartan Colts Football Club;
- (v) No grant be awarded to the Coastal Forces Heritage Trust;
- (vi) A grant of £1250 be awarded to GADSAD;
- (vii) No grant be awarded to the Children's Safety Education Foundation

The meeting concluded at 6.54pm.

CHAIRMAN