

A MEETING OF THE GRANTS SUB-BOARD

WAS HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2009

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

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

16. APOLOGIES

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

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Councillor Hook declared a personal interest in item (6), Gosport Football Club
- Councillor Chegwyn declared a personal interest in item (6), Big Noise Samba Band

18. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2009 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

19. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

20. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART II

21. REVENUE GRANT AID APPLICATIONS

The Sub-Board considered the joint 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 Football Club

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

Consideration was given to an application for £864 in grant aid towards the overall cost of £1734 to attend courses and purchase equipment.

Martina Heath was invited to address the Board; she advised that she was the Club Welfare Officer and that the club was a Chartered Standard Club, the Football Association's Kite Mark.

The Sub-Board were advised that the club had teams ranging from under 6 to under 15. There had recently been a large increase in the number of members and the Club were hoping to provide training to allow more volunteers to become qualified coaches and first aiders to assist with the running of the club.

It was clarified that the Club were not affiliated to Gosport Borough Football Club.

In answer to a Member's question, Officers advised that they did not consider the application to be for staffing costs, but for training to enable volunteers to become qualified coaches and first aiders.

Members recognised the importance of supporting youth activities and agreed to award £864.

(ii) Gosport and Fareham Snooker League

Consideration was given to an application for £375 in grant aid towards the overall estimated cost of £775 to enter national competitions run by the English Association of Snooker and Billiard Players.

Paul Foster addressed the Sub-Board; he advised that the aim of the project was to allow younger members to compete in national competitions. An award of £700 had been received from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation and, as a result, the League hoped to double the number of participants entering.

It was intended that the grant would be used to allow those unable to afford to enter events the chance to do so. In addition, the Sub-Board were advised that as well as providing an opportunity to compete in national competitions, participants benefited from the development of life skills and the promotion of self-discipline and respect.

In answer to a Member's question the Board were advised that the league

defined young people as being under the age of 25 and that players would be entered into competitions at an ability level where they would be able to compete.

Mr Foster provided details of the accounting information for the league. The Board agreed to award £375.

(iii) Bridgemary Centre

Consideration was given to an application for £716 in grant aid towards the cost of signage and a notice board for the hall, and a tree for the gardens of the facility.

The Sub-Board were advised that the facility was owned by Gosport Borough Council and managed by Bridgemary Community Sports College.

The Centre had requested a grant to improve signage to promote awareness and availability of the facility and a tree to make the grounds more attractive.

Members acknowledged that the sum of grant aid applied for exceeded 50 percent of the project cost. However Members felt that the request was for a modest sum and would form part of an overall larger project.

Members agreed to award £716.

(iv) Little Ship Mates Pre-School

Consideration was given to an application for £2275 grant aid towards the overall estimated cost of £4550 to purchase safer flooring.

Members were advised that the Pre-School fundraising committee were making good progress but that the Lee-on-the-Solent Community Centre were not currently in a position to be able to offer any financial aid.

In addition the Community Centre had requested that the flooring be removed from the site when no longer required and had advised that the insurance held by them would not cover use outside of the Pre-School.

The Chairman thanked the Pre-School for providing answers to the questions posed at the previous meeting of the Sub-board.

Members agreed to award £2275

(v) Lloyd Vine Leisure Health and Fitness Club (Individual)

Consideration was given to an application for £600 grant aid towards the overall cost of £2000 towards accommodation, flights and an entry fee for an individual

to compete at a World Power lifting title in New Delhi, India.

Members congratulated the individual concerned on his success in winning the World Title in his weight category.

Members were advised that the application was supported by the Group Leaders and an award of £600 was made.

(vi) Solent and Gosport Ice Hockey Club

Consideration was given to an application for £4000 towards the overall cost of £8050 to purchase equipment.

Members were of the view that the Club should apply to other local authorities for funding towards the project as only 20% of the Club's membership live in Gosport.

It was proposed and agreed to award £1000.

(vii) Big Noise Community Samba Band

Note: Councillor Chegwyn declared a personal interest in this item at this point in the meeting, remained in the room and took part in the voting and discussion there on.

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.

Stuart Hawkins represented the band and advised that it was a community band.

The band aimed to be accessible to everyone by keeping membership costs as low as possible. The subscription fee charged covered the cost of a Musical director, Public Liability Insurance and the hire of the rehearsal venue.

Income was received from performing at events; however as a community band they often performed at local events free of charge.

The Sub-Board were advised that funding was sought to help maintain and repair the instruments, particularly drum skins and sticks.

Members agreed to award £1000.

Grants Sub Board
19 November 2009

RESOLVED: That:

- (i) A grant of £864 be paid to Gosport Football Club;
- (ii) A grant of £375 be paid to Gosport and Fareham Snooker League;
- (iii) A grant of £716 be paid to The Bridgemark Centre;
- (iv) A grant of £2275 be paid to Little Shipmates Pre School ;
- (v) A grant of £600 be paid to Lloyd Vine Leisure Health and Fitness Club;
- (vi) A grant of £1000 be paid to Solent and Gosport Ice Hockey Club; and
- (vii) A grant of £1000 be paid to Big Noise Samba Band

The meeting concluded at 6.30pm.

CHAIRMAN