

Grants Sub Board
23 June 2010
A MEETING OF THE GRANTS SUB-BOARD
WAS HELD ON 23 JUNE 2010

The Mayor (Councillor Allen) (ex-officio), Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Hook) (ex-officio), Councillors Carter, C K (P), Chegwyn (P), Dickson (P), Edwards (P), Geddes (P) and Mrs Searle

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of The Mayor and Councillors Hook and Mrs Searle.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2010/11

RESOLVED: That Councillor Dickson be appointed as Chairman of the Grants Sub Board for the Municipal Year 2010/11.

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2010/11

RESOLVED: That Councillor Geddes be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Grants Sub Board for the Municipal Year 2010/11.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Chegwyn declared a personal interest in the second Revenue Grant Aid urgent item – Grange Infant School.

5. MINUTES OF THE SUB-BOARD HELD ON 24 FEBRUARY 2010

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

6. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART II

8. REVENUE GRANT AID APPLICATIONS

The Sub-Board considered the joint report of the Financial Services Manager and

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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) Relate Portsmouth & District

Consideration was given to an application for £5000 in grant aid towards the overall estimated cost funding of the organisation for 2010-2011.

The report was deferred from the previous Grant Sub Board held on 24th February 2010. There were no representatives from Relate.

Members questioned why the organisation required more funding when they had £76,806 in unrestricted funds and £33,692 in restricted funds. Although the Members agreed to award the organisation £5000 in principle, they wished for Relate Portsmouth and District to come back to the Chair of the Board with further information regarding the above question.

(ii) Elson Junior School Orchestra

Consideration was given to an application for £2000 in grant aid towards 3 Stentor student cellos and violin classes for all year three pupils.

The school was represented by Carole Gratton who outlined the 'Wider Opportunities for All' initiative. From September 2010 all children from the Gosport area would be able to join the Elson Junior Orchestra, making the scheme a community project.

Members commented that the project was a huge investment in the future of Gosport and thanked the School for their hard work.

Members agreed to award the full amount requested.

(iii) Fareham & Gosport Child Accident Prevention

Consideration was given to an application for £1500 in grant aid towards the cost of developing a story telling experience and storybook with child accident prevention messages.

The organisation was represented by Kathryn Cornish who outlined the work of the Fareham & Gosport Child Accident Prevention Group. The story book would be ready for October with performances between October 2010 and March 2012 at 5 children centres throughout Gosport.

It was noted by Members that the Revenue Grant Aid is not to fund staff costs however £6,122 of the total covered staff costs, leaving only £900 for props and materials. The Board was only able to consider 50% of the remaining £900.

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However the Board observed that this was not a strict rule and as this was a good cause which would benefit many Gosport children, an amount of £1,000 was proposed.

Members agreed to award the Fareham and Gosport Child Accident Prevention Group £1,000.

(iv) The Bivol Trust

Consideration was given to an application for £2000 grant aid towards the estimated cost of £11,470 for the running of the Art Group run by the Bivol Trust.

The organisation was represented by Gary Dickson who outlined the work of the Bivol Trust and informed the Board that two groups were run on a weekly basis with a third of the members from the Gosport area.

Again it was noted that a large proportion of the total cost of the project was for staffing. However as Members supported the organisation and its work, Members proposed a £1,000 grant instead of £2,000.

Members agreed to award £1,000 to the Bivol Trust.

(v) Rowner Carnival

Consideration was given to an application for £1,687 in grant aid towards the overall estimated cost of £3,393 for the Rowner Carnival to be held on Saturday, 10 July 2010.

The organisation was represented by John Gill who provided details of the project for which grant aid was being requested. He noted that although they would only be able to complete half of the route, due to Rowner building works, the cost of the project had risen.

Members agreed to award the full amount requested.

(vi) Gosport Lloyd Vine Leisure Fitness Centre (individual)

Consideration was given to an individual application for £663 in grant aid towards the overall estimated cost of £1,326 to attend the World Powerlifting Championship in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Unfortunately Dean Bowring was unable to attend but an email was circulated from him which outlined his progress so far this year and his commitments for the rest of the year.

Members wished to continue their support for Dean Bowring and agreed to award the full amount requested.

(vii) Ashcroft Rowner Street Dance

Consideration was given to an application for £1,476 towards the overall estimated total cost of £2,952 to continue street dance classes.

The centre was represented by Charlotte Constantine who outlined the street dance work in support of the application.

It was noted that a large proportion of the cost of the project would be staffing costs and 50% of the non staffing costs would only be £216. Councillors agreed that this was a good project and a grant of £500 was proposed.

Members agreed to award £500 to the Ashcroft Rowner Street Dance group.

(viii) Gosport District Explorer Scout Unit

Consideration was given to an application for £800 towards an overall estimated cost of £2,745 to allow 15 to 20 Explorers to attend Gilwell24 camp and 15 Gosport District 'Viking' Explorer Scouts to complete their Queen Scouts Award.

The Explorer Scout Unit was represented by Gary Seymour, who provided the background to the application. The Explorer Scout's unit goal was to provide a variety of outdoor activities. 15 Gosport District 'Viking' Explorer Scouts wished to complete their Queen Scouts Award, which was highly unusual as typically only 15/16 from Hampshire alone participate in this award every year. It was noted that the remainder of the costs would be covered by fundraising.

Members agreed to award the full amount requested.

(ix) Gosport BMX Club (individual)

Consideration was given to an application for £500 in grant aid to assist an individual from the club to attend regional and national series BMX events.

The organisation was represented by Darren Fells and Doug Ewing (father of Jamal Ewing, the individual concerned), who provided details of the project for which grant aid was being requested. Jamal had achieved great success and is 9th nationally in his category. However this result was misleading as he had attended one national event where he came second but had been unable to attend other events, hence his ranking had slipped. It was hoped that the funding would be as beneficial to Jamal as it was for the individual whom funding was given last year who now had sponsorship from an American BMX clothing company.

Members agreed to award the full amount requested.

(x) Area Performance Centre South West (individual)

Consideration was given to an application for £510 in grant aid to assist an individual from the above organisation towards an overall estimated total cost of £1,021 to attend coaching sessions and international events.

Mr and Mrs Milligan and Lauren Milligan, the individual concerned, provided details of the project for which grant aid was being requested.

Members agreed to award the full amount requested.

RESOLVED: That:

- (i) a grant of £5,000 be paid to Relate Portsmouth & District in principle, however Members asked for Relate to inform the Board why the grant was needed, when Relate seemed to be in a healthy financial position;
- (ii) a grant of £2,000 be paid to Elson Junior School Orchestra;
- (iii) a grant of £1,000 be paid to Fareham and Gosport Child Accident Prevention;
- (iv) a grant of £1,000 be paid to The Bivol Trust;
- (v) a grant of £1,697 be paid to Rowner Carnival;
- (vi) a grant of £663 be paid to Lloyd Vine Leisure Fitness Centre;
- (vii) a grant of £500 be paid to Ashcroft Rowner Street Dance;
- (viii) a grant of £800 be paid to Gosport District Explorer Scout Unit;
- (xi) a grant of £500 be paid to Gosport BMX Club; and
- (x) a grant of £510 be paid to Area Performance Centre South West.

9. URGENT REVENUE GRANT AID APPLICATIONS

(i) Addiaid

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 above application.

Consideration was given to an application for £1,500 in grant aid to assist the running costs of the care support group.

The organisation was represented by Derry Sinclair and Barbara Cooper who provided further information about the group. They noted that due to lack of funds the Fareham branch was closed recently.

Members thanked the group, on behalf of the Council, for their hard work in the

community.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £1,500 be paid to Addiaid.

(ii) Grange Infant School

Note: Councillor Chegwyn declared a personal interest in this item, remained in the meeting room and took no further part in the voting.

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 £2,500 in grant aid to help fund 'Circus for Schools' run a series of workshops at Grange Infant School.

Grange Infant School was represented by Sam Myers who outlined the priorities of cohesion in the school and the wider community.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £2,500 be paid to Grange Infant School.

(iii) BMX Club – National Event

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 £1,000 to assist the staging of the above national event.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £1,000 be paid to the BMX club.

10. CAPITAL 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 'B') concerning applications for Capital Grant Aid.

(i) St Mary's Church, Alverstoke

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Consideration was given to an application for £1,000 in Capital Grant Aid towards the overall £150,000 for the modification of the Church to make it more welcoming and versatile for use by the Church and the community.

St Mary's Church was represented by Brian Russell who provided further information on why the grant was being sought. It was noted that there had been lengthy discussions with the congregation regarding the changes proposed. Other grants towards this project had been requested from Veolia Trust Autumn 2010, Garfield Weston Foundation and the Bernard Sunley Foundation.

Members agreed to award the full amount requested.

(ii) Motiv8

Consideration was given to an application for £15,000 in Capital Grant Aid towards the overall £46,030 for the internal and external works of the premises on Toronto Place.

The organisation was represented by Steve Nash who provided further information on why the grant was being sought. Their main aim was to reduce the number of young people being introduced into the criminal system. The move to Toronto Place will create a sustainable venue for long term projects as their current portacabin at the Salvation Army base was no longer suitable. Grants have been received from Community Cohesion (May 2010), Gosport Mayor (May 2010) and the Motiv8 Central Fund. Grants had been requested from the Youth Inclusion Fund and Hampshire County Council Extended Services.

Members thanked Motiv8 for their hard work in the community.

Members agreed to award Motiv8 £15,000, however the Sub Board asked officers to investigate whether there are separate budgets from which the £15,000 can be funded and not just from the Grants Sub Board. Steve Nash suggested the rate of rent paid to the Council could be one area of investigation. Officers would report back to the next Sub Board meeting with their findings.

RESOLVED: That,

a grant of £1,000 be paid to St Mary's Church, Alverstoke.
a grant of £15,000 be paid to Motiv8.

The meeting concluded at 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN