

Grants Sub Board
22 September 2010
A MEETING OF THE GRANTS SUB-BOARD
WAS HELD ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2010

Subject to Approval

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

It was reported that in accordance with Standing Orders, Councillor Hook had been nominated to replace Councillor Edwards for this meeting.

11. APOLOGIES

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

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Dickson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the application from the Gosport Allotment Holders and Gardeners Association, as Chairman of the Allotment Stakeholders Group.

Councillor Hook advised that in relation to the application from the Gosport and Fareham Netball Association Junior League, his daughter attended Bay House School, but confirmed that she did not play netball.

13. MINUTES OF THE SUB-BOARD HELD ON 23 JUNE 2010

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

14. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

15. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART II

16. REVENUE GRANT AID APPLICATIONS

The Sub-Board considered the joint report of the Financial Services Manager and Leisure & Corporate 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) Take Off Volunteers

Consideration was given to an application for £2,760 in grant aid towards the overall estimated start up costs of providing additional 'Choices' courses.

Christie Breen represented the group, and advised that 'Choices' courses were run to help people who were long term unemployed, suffered from depression and low self esteem. The aim of the group was to break down barriers to employment, to build confidence and help people integrate with their local community.

The group had already run two 'Choices' courses and were hoping, to run additional self-help courses. The group were fundraising by holding coffee mornings, craft events and car boot sales and were hoping to quantify the success of the group in order to be eligible to apply for additional funding from other sources.

A testimony from an attendee of the course who, as a result, was now a volunteer was read to Members.

Members were advised that referrals were made from, amongst others, the Jobcentre and the Shaw Trust. In addition, the group themselves would self promote with stalls in the High Street and Health Centres and General Practitioners were also keen on referring patients.

Members thanked the group on behalf of Gosport Borough Council for the work that they undertook and recognised the benefits of the courses to local residents.

Members agreed to award the full amount.

(ii) Music Fusion

Consideration was given to an application for £2318 in grant aid towards a Co-ordinator and Music Leader to run open access music activities in the Rowner area.

Mr Prowse was invited to address the Sub-Board. He advised that this particular Music Fusion project was currently funded by Children in Need. Funding was now being sought to ensure the project could continue into 2011/12.

Members were advised that the project worked with Youth Services to identify those children that would benefit from attending and that it brought in top level music professionals to the work with the young people.

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Members expressed concern that the application was for staffing costs and that these did not fall under the remit of the Grants Sub-Board.

Members welcomed the work that the group undertook, but acknowledged that a large sum of money was currently held by the group.

Members requested that the application be deferred until the financial year 2011/12, when an application could be resubmitted requesting a grant towards equipment as opposed to staffing costs, following consultation with officers as to the remit of financial support available from the Grants Sub-Board.

(iii) Gosport and Fareham Netball Association

Consideration was given to an application for £1695 in grant aid towards the cost of entering a junior team into the Hampshire league.

The organisation was represented by Emily Evans who advised that, in order for young players to be considered for the regional team trials, they must play in the Hampshire league that is run throughout the winter season in Basingstoke.

Members were advised that a substantial proportion of the costs would be to provide return transport to Basingstoke and a new kit for the team.

Members thanked the Association for the work that was undertaken with the young people and acknowledged the importance of participation in sport for children.

Members agreed that the Fareham and Gosport and Fareham Netball Association be awarded £1,695.

RESOLVED: That:

- (i) a grant of £2,760 be paid to Take Off Volunteers;
- (ii) no grant be paid to Music Fusion but they be advised to reapply in the financial year 2011/12; and
- (iii) a grant of £1,695 be paid to Gosport and Fareham Netball Association.

17. 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) Gosport Allotment Holders and Gardeners Association

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Consideration was given to an application for £1,302 in Capital Grant Aid towards the overall £2,604 for the replacement of the existing hut store, with a converted shipping container.

Jim More represented the Association; he advised that a replacement store was necessary for security and to provide better storage facilities.

Members acknowledged that allotments had recently become significantly more popular and agreed to award the full amount requested.

RESOLVED: That,

A grant of £1,302 be paid to Gosport Allotment Holders and Gardeners Association.

The meeting concluded at 6.53pm

CHAIRMAN