



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Grants Committee** held in the Council Chamber at Arms Everytne House on Tuesday 4 July 2017 at **6.00 pm**

**Present**

Councillors: R Parker (Chair), J R Potts (Vice-Chair), A Cartie, K Ellis, O Potts, M Richardson, L Rickerby, S Stanger, D Walls

**Also in Attendance:**

Councillor K Nisbet

**Officers:**

J Hughes, Town Clerk  
A McCabe, Office Manager  
M Hawthorne, Committee Clerk

The Chair opened the meeting by stating he had arranged an earlier start date due to the number of applicants wishing to be included in the Community Centre funding. He added that Committee had to decide whether the applications should be considered under Community Centre funding or Community Support Grants. The Chair commented that he would like to set up a small working group to review the criteria and grant application forms as there appears to be some information required in order to make informed decisions.

No	
1	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>  None.
2	<b>DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS AND GRANTS OF DISPENSATION</b>  Councillors JR and O Potts declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Isabella Centre.

	<p>Councillor Cartie declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Buffalo Centre and a pecuniary interest in the Cowpen Quay Community Association.</p> <p>Councillor Ellis declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Briardale Centre. Councillor Ellis was also lobbied on another matter before the Committee tonight (Blyth Town Football Club).</p> <p>Councillor Walls declared a non-pecuniary interest in Newsham Residents Association.</p>
3	<p><b>MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2017</b></p> <p>Committee agreed to ADOPT the minutes.</p>
3.1	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>
4.	<p><b>APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED FOR COMMUNITY CENTRE FUNDS</b></p> <p>The Chair invited the Committee to share their views on the applications received for grants under this heading. Councillor J R Potts reported that there is no legal definition of a Community Centre. It was noted that the form states "community centre/association", which may be misleading.</p> <p>The Committee looked at the applications and agreed:</p> <p>Ridley Tennis Club – not a Community Centre. To be considered under the community support grant.</p> <p>Friends of Ridley Park – to be considered under the community support grant.</p> <p>Newsham and New Delaval Youth Forum - to be considered under the community support grant.</p> <p>New Delaval and Newsham Residents Association - to be considered under the community support grant.</p> <p>Blyth Town Football Club - to be considered under the community support grant.</p>

5	<p><b>ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY CENTRE GRANTS</b></p> <p>The Chair then moved on to look at the applications from the three community centres, Cowpen Quay, Isabella and Briardale.</p> <p><b>Isabella</b></p> <p>Councillor JR and O Potts left the room for the consideration of this application.</p> <p>It was agreed that a Community Grant of £25,000 is made to the Isabella Centre.</p> <p><b>Buffalo</b></p> <p>Councillor Cartie left the room for the consideration of this application.</p> <p>It was agreed that a Community Grant of £25,000 is made to the Buffalo Centre.</p> <p><b>Briardale</b></p> <p>Councillor Ellis left the room for the consideration of this application.</p> <p>It was agreed that a Community Grant of £25,000 is made to the Briardale Centre.</p>
6	<p><b>ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANTS</b></p> <p>Committee considered the list of applications and agreed there were some which did not meet the criteria and some where a decision should be deferred until the next Committee as further information is required. Please see below for details:</p> <p><u>Blyth Hearts Marching Display Band</u></p> <p>Did not meet the criteria.</p> <p><u>Friends of Ridley Park</u></p> <p>Deferred. Committee would like to know if an approach has been made to NCC to see if they can assist with the information boards.</p>

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Deferred. Chair commented that he would like to have more feedback on the other projects they have been involved in. Councillor Rickerby would like to know if an approach has been made to the Alzheimer Society for support.

Community First Inclusion

Deferred. Committee would like to have sight of the accounts which were not included in the application.

Blyth Town Football Club

Deferred. The Committee would like to have a better understanding of how the club operates and whether they are separate from the business of Blyth Town AFC.

Blyth Ridley Tennis Club

It was agreed that a Community Grant of £264 is made to the Tennis Club.

Newsham & New Delaval Youth Forum

It was agreed that a Community Grant of £5,000 is made to the Newsham and New Delaval Youth Forum.

New Delaval & Newsham Residents Association

It was agreed that a Community Grant of £5,000 is made to New Delaval and Newsham Residents Association.

Headway Arts

It was agreed that a Community Grant of £5,000 is made to Headway Arts.

Blyth Valley Scouts

It was agreed that a Community Grant of £500 is made to Blyth Valley Scouts.

Beach Hut Radio

It was agreed that a Community Grant of £2,000 is made to Beach Hut Radio.

Blyth Valley Disabled Forum

It was agreed that a Community Grant of £4,064 is made to Blyth Valley Disabled Forum.

Blyth Star Enterprise

It was agreed that a Community Grant of £3000 is made to Blyth Star Enterprise.

Northumberland Domestic Abuse Services

It was agreed that a Community Grant of £5000 is made to the Domestic Abuse.

Bliss Mediation Service

It was agreed that a Community Grant of £5000 is made to the Bliss One Stop Shop.

People & Drugs Silx Teen Bar

It was agreed that a Community Grant of £5,000 is made to the Drugs Silx Teen Bar.

Escape Family Support Ltd

It was agreed that a Community Grant of £3000 is made to Escape.

Community and Voluntary Action Blyth Valley

It was agreed that a Community Grant of £10,000 is made to the CVA.

It was agreed to look at it at the deferred applications at the next meeting of the Community Grants Committee in October where people will be invited to provide further information.

The Committee considered the Chair's proposal to set up a small working group to review the criteria etc. However it was felt that the whole Committee should be involved in this piece of work. Councillor J R Potts suggesting using the Community Grants Committee meeting on Tuesday, 13 February 2018. This will ensure that any changes are agreed and in place in time for new grant applications in 2018.

	Councillor J R Potts commented that the remainder of the community centre funding should be transferred to projects if no further requests are received made by October and this was agreed.
7	<b>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</b>  The next meeting of the Community Grants Committee will be held on Thursday, 12 October 2017 in the Council Chamber.

## **MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE**

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