



Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Grants Committee held in the Council Chamber at Arms Everytne House on Thursday 12 October 2017 at **6.00 pm**

Present

Councillors: R Parker (Chair), J R Potts (Vice-Chair), O Potts, M Richardson, D Walls

Also in Attendance:

Councillor K Nisbet

Officers:

M Wilkinson, Deputy Town Clerk
A McCabe, Office Manager
M Hawthorne, Committee Clerk

Members of the Public: 5

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1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Councillors: A Cartie, K Ellis, L Rickerby, S Stanger. J Hughes, Town Clerk.
2	DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS AND GRANTS OF DISPENSATION Councillor Parker declared a non-pecuniary interest in Elswick Old Arms as an honorary member. Councillor Walls declared a non-pecuniary interest in Newsham Matters. Councillor Richardson declared a non-pecuniary interest in ICCQ.

3	MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 4 JULY 2017 Committee agreed to ADOPT the minutes.
3.1	MATTERS ARISING <u>CVA</u> A letter was received from Thom Bradley asking Committee to increase the amount of the grant awarded. After careful consideration the Committee decided that the amount will not be increased.
4	TO DISCUSS APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR COMMUNITY CENTRE FUNDING Councillor J R Potts said that none of the new applications qualify as community centres therefore they will be considered under community support. At the last meeting of the Community Grants Committee it was agreed that if there were no more community centre applications the remaining £25,000 would be incorporated into the community support grant fund.
5	TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS REFERRED FROM MEETING OF 4 JULY 2017 <u>Friends of Ridley Park</u> Friends of Ridley Park presented detailed information to Committee on the work they carry out and confirmed NCC have provided some support. It was agreed that a Community Grant of £2,000 is made to Friends of Ridley Park. <u>Blyth Town Football Club</u> Ms Orr was in attendance and clarified that Blyth Town Football Club are a separate business from Blyth Town AFC. She gave an overview of the club and how it operates. The request for funding is to help secure a member of staff to work in the community centre. It was agreed that a Community Grant of £5,000 is made to Blyth Town Football Club.

	<p><u>ICCO</u></p> <p>Councillor Richardson left the room for the consideration of this application. Councillor Nisbet confirmed the grant application is to support the Memory Café. It was noted that a written response had been received in relation to the questions asked from the previous Committee.</p> <p>It was agreed that a Community Grant of £3,500 is made to ICCQ.</p> <p><u>Community First Inclusion</u></p> <p>Deferred until the next Committee in February 2018.</p>
6	<p>TO RECONSIDER THE APPLICATION FROM BLYTH HEARTS MARCHING DISPLAY BAND</p> <p>It was noted that the accounts have now been received by the Council.</p> <p>The Committee reconsidered the application and decided not to award a grant.</p> <p>It was clarified that people do not have to be a registered charity to apply for a grant. The Deputy Town Clerk said that he is looking at a different way of categorising when people get their money from and what they spend it on for the next Committee meeting.</p>
7	<p>TO CONSIDER NEW APPLICATIONS</p> <p><u>Elswick (Blyth) All Arms Branch Royal Artillery</u></p> <p>Councillor Parker left the room for the consideration of this application.</p> <p>Committee considered the application and asked Councillor Parker to return to answer some pertinent questions.</p> <p>It was agreed that a Community Grant of £2,000 is made to support the memory garden subject to confirmation from NCC that they have given approval.</p>

	<p><u>Blyth Cricket Club</u></p> <p>It was agreed that a Community Grant of £2,167 is made to Blyth Cricket Club.</p> <p><u>Citizens Advice Northumberland</u></p> <p>It was agreed to defer a decision until February 2018 when more information will be available regarding the future of the Citizens Advice Bureau in Blyth.</p> <p><u>Newsham Matters</u></p> <p>It was agreed to defer a decision until February 2018. The Committee would like more information about how different organisations integrate with Newsham Matters, including costs for each group.</p> <p><u>Blyth Battery Volunteers</u></p> <p>It was agreed that a Community Grant of £6,000 is made to the Blyth Battery Volunteers.</p>
8	<p>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting of the Community Grants Committee will be held on Thursday, 13 February 2018 in the Council Chamber.</p>

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