



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community Grants Committee held in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House, Quay Road, Blyth NE24 2AS on Thursday 12th February 2015 at 6.30pm.

Present:

Councillors:

Councillor J R Potts, Councillor O Potts, Councillor A Cartie, Councillor B W Elliott, Councillor K Nisbet and Councillor M Parker.

Non Committee Members:

Councillor R Parker

Officers:

Sue Noddings – Town Clerk (Corporate Services)

Liam Forsyth – Committee Clerk

Alison McCabe – Office Manager

Members of the public: 6

41/15/01: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Bruce, Councillor K Ellis and Councillor A Gibbs-Barton.

42/15/02: DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND GRANT DISPENSATIONS

Councillor K Nisbet declared an interest in the application from ICCQ.

Councillor O Potts declared an interest in the application from Blyth Valley Disabled Forum as she had attended the organisation's Annual General Meeting.

Councillor B W Elliott declared an interest in the application from Blyth All Weather Lifeboat.

43/15/03: MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 16 OCTOBER 2014

Councillor J R Potts enquired as to whether there was an update regarding the proposal for Crofton Field. The Town Clerk (Corporate Services) informed the Committee that the proposal had been withdrawn.

Councillor B W Elliott sought clarification regarding the approval of his Councillors Small Scheme Funding. Councillor J R Potts provided clarification regarding the scheme and noted that the expenditure had been agreed by the Committee and subsequent Council.

The Minutes of the Community Grants Committee held on the 16th October 2014 were **AGREED** by the Committee and signed by the Chair.

44/15/04: APPLICATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND

Councillor J R Potts provided an outline for this item. It was noted that each individual application was to be considered prior to a decision being made.

Following the discussion of the applications, the following Grants were awarded:

ICCQ etc LTD were **AWARDED** £5,355 towards the projects outlined in the application.

Newsham and New Delaval Bowls Club were **AWARDED** £5,000 towards a water system and boards around the greens.

Blyth Valley Disabled Forum Young People's Project was **AWARDED** £2,808 to assist the running costs of transport.

Community and Voluntary Action Blyth Valley were **AWARDED** £3,000 in order to support a consultation project to provide evidence and information on local issues and needs in Blyth.

Blyth RFC – Minis (U7/8's) were **AWARDED** £3,574 for training equipment, safety equipment and rugby kit.

No awards were made to the following organisations:

Blyth All Weather Lifeboat

Central Methodist Church

Bad Apples North East CIC

St Wilfrid's RCVA Primary School

Blyth Town Team Ltd.

45/15/05: COUNCILLOR'S ALLOWANCE PROPOSALS

Councillor J R Potts provided an outline for this item. A reminder was given that all Councillors who wish to make use of their Small Schemes Allowance must do so via the Community Grants Committee.

Following the consideration of the Committee the following allocation of small schemes funding was **AGREED**:

Councillor J Reid – South Beach Community Centre – to assist in emergency works to upgrade the kitchen area - **£1,000**

Councillor O Potts and Councillor J R Potts – to provide planters x 2 (brick built) including soil, planting, maintenance, next to bus shelters in Ogle Drive and West Court – **£1,000 per Councillor (£2,000)**

Councillor A Cartie and Councillor A Turnbull – to provide planter/s (inc planting in Ward Area (location to be confirmed) - **£445.50 per Councillor (£891).**

Councillor G Thompson – to provide funds for a play group based at St Bede's Church to Whitehouse or Byker Farm - **£500.**

Councillor C Bruce – to enhance the planting and re-paint pergolas in Bowes Street area - **£1,000.**

Councillor K Ellis and Councillor D Rutter – for the installation of CCTV at the Briardale Community Centre - **£438.48 per Councillor (£876.96)**

Councillor J R Potts noted that this was the final chance for Councillors to make use of the Small Schemes Allowance for the financial year 2014/2015.

46/15/06: REVIEW OF GRANT APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND FORMS

The Chair, Councillor J R Potts provided an outline for this item. It was noted that from the previous Meetings, areas raised included potential for a point scoring mechanism and changes to the application forms.

Following on from discussion of the item by the Committee. The Committee **AGREED** that in order to ensure the allocation of Councillors Small Schemes have been completed within the financial year that the October Meeting of the Community Grants (2nd Meeting of the year) is to be the final Meeting for Councillors submissions.

47/15/07: ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR URGENT ATTENTION

None.

48/15/08: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was **AGREED** that the next Meeting of the Community Grants Committee is to be held on Tuesday 7 July 2015. The deadline for applications to be received is the 30 June 2015.

Meeting Closed at 19.45

MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE:

Councillor J R Potts (Chair)
Councillor O Potts (Vice-Chair)
Councillor C Bruce
Councillor A Cartie
Councillor B Elliot
Councillor K Ellis
Councillor A Gibbs-Barton
Councillor K Nisbet
Councillor M Parker