

Grants to Outside Organisations Sub-Committee – 10 May 2007

Minutes of the meeting of the **Grants to Outside Organisations Sub-Committee** held on **10 May 2007** when there were present:-

Cllr T G Cutmore
Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn
Cllr K J Gordon
Cllr R A Oatham

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs M J Webster.

SUBSTITUTES

Cllr P F A Webster.

OFFICERS PRESENT

S Pitts – Community Planning Officer
J Bostock – Principal Committee Administrator

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr T G Cutmore was appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn declared a personal interest in the grant application from the Royal Association for the Deaf by virtue involvement with that organisation and took no part in the discussion.

3 TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Sub-Committee noted its Terms of Reference.

4 GRANTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

The Sub Committee proceeded to determine the remaining applications for financial assistance. A copy of the report on grants to outside organisations submitted to the Policy, Finance and Strategic Performance Committee at its meeting on 19 April 2007 together with a copy of the related Minute had been provided.

It was noted that:-

- The value for money that can be associated with each organisation had been a key driver in the development of initial recommendations.

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- Service Level Agreements would be developed for the seven organisations identified in the report to the Policy, Finance and Strategic Performance Committee if funding is agreed (the Policy, Finance and Strategic Performance Committee had already agreed funding for the Citizens Advice Bureau).

It was observed that, in terms of informing the future, it could be of value for Service Level Agreements to be reviewed as they are developed. It was also observed that it can be useful to have an awareness of the levels of monies raised by an organisation that is specifically applied to their objectives.

The Sub-Committee proceeded to consider each application in detail, being mindful of the organisation's accounts where appropriate and the overall budget available. Grant awards were agreed as follows:-

Organisation	Grant Award
Barling Magna Evergreens Club	£110
Essex Racially Equality Council	£700
A motion that there be no grant on the basis that clients could seek similar advice from the Citizens Advice Bureau, moved by Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn and seconded by Cllr P F A Webster, was lost on a show of hands. The grant of £700 was agreed on a motion moved by Cllr T G Cutmore and seconded by Cllr R A Oatham.	
Footprints Community Group	£2,000
Cllr K J Gordon declared a personal interest in this application by virtue of his involvement with the group. In agreeing the motion for £2,000, moved by Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn and seconded by Cllr P F A Webster, the Sub-Committee was mindful of the organisation's intention to develop an additional facility for a younger group.	
Great Wakering OAP Club	£100
Hockley and Hawkwell Old People's Welfare Committee	£2,700
Hullbridge Pensioners Fellowship	£110
Hullbridge Senior Citizens Welfare Council	£2,200
In agreeing the award which was moved by Cllr K J Gordon and seconded by Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn, the Sub-Committee was mindful of the varying levels of attendees at the various Old Peoples Welfare Organisations.	

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Old Peoples Welfare Committee for Rochford		£3,500
In agreeing the award, which was moved by Cllr K J Gordon and seconded by Cllr R A Oatham, it was observed that the lease associated with the property used by this organisation would no doubt be part of a review of leases agreed by the Policy, Finance and Strategic Performance Committee.		
Pensioners Good Fellowship Association		£250
Rayleigh, Rochford and District Association for Voluntary Service (RAVS)		Deferred
The Sub-Committee recognised that arrangements relating to the voluntary sector needed to be a focus for the Council and that RAVS, as an umbrella organisation, was related to that focus. It was agreed that it would be appropriate to obtain detailed information from RAVS on both its accounts and the nature of its operations across the District, including plans for the next 2/3 years and how the organisation's work compares with that of other similar organisations. It would also be appropriate to give specific consideration to the Service Level Agreement that would be associated with a grant award. The Community Planning Officer confirmed that questions of the organisation could be developed in consultation with Members of the Sub-Committee.		
Rayleigh Age Concern		£2,500
Rayleigh No. 1 Club		£250
Rayleigh Open Door Service		£400
Rayleigh Physically Handicapped Club		£1,200
In agreeing the award, which was moved by Cllr P F A Webster and seconded by Cllr T G Cutmore, the Sub-Committee was mindful of the number of Club attendees.		
Rochford District Access Committee for the Disabled		£400
Royal Association for the Deaf		£700
Note: Cllr R A Oatham declared a personal interest in this item by virtue of a family member being deaf. The award was agreed on a motion moved by Cllr P F A Webster and seconded by Cllr K J Gordon.		
Rochford Sports Council		£3,750

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Historical Society of Rayleigh		£100
This award was granted subject to it being ring fenced for specific application to the windmill.		
Canewdon Summer Playscheme		£200

The Sub-Committee agreed that, in view of the need for further information on some Service Level Agreement detail and the application from the Rayleigh, Rochford and District Association for Voluntary Service, it would be appropriate for consideration to be given to re-forming the Sub-Committee in the new Municipal Year to conclude the final elements of the required work.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Chairman

Date

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