

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL 2019 AT 7.15PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GREENACRE CENTRE, STOTFOLD

Committee Members present: B Collier (Vice-Chairman)

Mrs A Clarey

S Hayes

Mrs M Cooper

B Saunders

Also present: Councillors Mrs S Bundock, S Dhaliwal and C Phelps, and the Town Clerk – Mrs K Elliott-Turner

16/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cooper and Mrs Hyde.

17/19 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS INTERESTS ON MATTERS CONTAINED IN THE AGENDA

- Councillor Saunders declared an interest in the grant application from Stotfold Guides, as he is Chairman of the Mossman Centre Committee (Guide building) and his wife is Treasurer of the Mossman Centre and Brownie leader.
- Councillor Hayes declared an interest in the grant application from Stotfold Guides as his wife is President of Stotfold Guides.
- Councillor Mrs Clarey declared an interest in the grant application from St Mary's Academy as she is a community governor.

Members were reminded that if at any time during the meeting they feel they have an interest in an item being discussed, they should declare it at that point.

18/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS, COMMENTS & RESPONSES

None present.

19/19 CLERK'S REPORT, CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION

Nothing to report.

20/19 GRANT APPLICATIONS & FEEDBACK FORMS RECEIVED

Members noted grant feedback forms from:

- Magpas Air Ambulance, £1,000 towards purchase of fuel towards air ambulance helicopter
- Keech Hospice Care, £500 towards children's 24 hour advice line

Feedback forms are still awaited from other grant recipients; these will be chased.

Members considered new applications for funding (budget available £12,000).

Grants are awarded where the money is to be used for the direct benefit of the area, or part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants, and benefit obtained must be commensurate with the expenditure incurred. The decision of whether benefit would be in the interest of the area, or its inhabitants, and whether it would be commensurate with the expenditure incurred is made by the Council. Grants are awarded at the Council's discretion.

Members were reminded that as the Council has adopted the General Power of Wellbeing, no consideration into available powers is required. However, we may not go against any existing power which specifically prohibits something.

Councillors Saunders and Hayes left the room whilst the application from Stotfold Guides was considered.

RECOMMENDED that the following grants are approved:

Organisation	Purpose of Grant	Amount Awarded
Autism Bedfordshire	Social activity and support group for autistic children – materials and equipment purchases for Bedfordshire session	£300
St Mary's Church of England Academy	X2 storage units for science class resources (project to gain quality standard Science Mark)	£696.90
Stotfold & District Children's Centre	Training costs to provide Children and Young Person's Adverse Childhood Experiences Recovery Toolkit	£1,500

Due to the two declarations of interests regarding the application from Stotfold Guides, the meeting was then inquorate for consideration of that item. Their application will therefore be put to full Council for consideration at their next meeting.

The application from Howard Cottage Tenants Association for £1,100 for a seaside trip for tenants and families was turned down. We have not been provided with sufficient evidence as to how many Stotfold families this will benefit, it is not clear whether the sum requested is the difference in cost and income or if it would be to subsidise a trip for a particular number of people. Therefore, at this time the application is not considered commensurate with the benefit it aims to provide to Stotfold.

The application from Blue Sky Young People's Community Interest Company (CIC) for £900 set-up costs for the CIC was also turned down. This CIC does have a charity number and was set up in February this year. It was noted that their purpose mirrors the work already carried out in Stotfold by Grand Union Housing Youth Participation Team who provide support for our young residents and their families through mentoring at our local schools, youth and family work in the community, and also work by the Stotfold & District Children's Centre. It is also not clear whether the proposed work of the CIC will solely benefit Stotfold or be part of a wider project. It is suggested that they contact Grand Union Housing's Youth Participation Team (Nicola King) to see if they can support their existing work.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED that the grant applications from Howard Cottage Tenants Association and Blue Sky Young People's Community Interest Company are not awarded, for the reasons noted above.

21/19 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, RELEVANT TO THIS COMMITTEE ONLY

Nothing to report.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45pm

CHAIRMAN

DATED