

## **SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Leader's Portfolio Meeting held on  
Thursday, 23 July 2015 at 11.00 a.m.

Portfolio Holder: Ray Manning

### **Councillors in attendance:**

Opposition spokesmen: Bridget Smith

Also in attendance: Anna Bradnam, Janet Lockwood and Bunty Waters

### **Officers:**

Patrick Adams	Senior Democratic Services Officer
Gemma Barron	Sustainable Communities & Partnerships Manager
Kirstin Donaldson	Project Officer
Mike Hill	Health and Environmental Services Director

### **1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Anna Bradnam declared a non-pecuniary interest as Secretary of the Friends of Milton Country Park.

### **2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

### **3. COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS**

The Sustainable Communities and Partnerships Manager presented this report, which invited the Leader to consider applications for Community Chest Grants for 2015/16. The Leader announced that there had been agreement between himself, the Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder and the Executive Director to vire an extra £10,000 to this grant scheme from the Business Efficiency Reserve.

#### **Grants to Milton**

The Leader noted that the Council's policies restricted each parish to a maximum of five Community Chest grants for the year and Milton had already received four grants for 2015/16. The Leader suggested that as Milton Country Park clearly benefitted many people from outside the parish of Milton one extra grant should be permitted. All councillors present agreed with this approach.

#### **Cambridge Sports Lake Trust (Milton Country Park) – redecking a pedestrian bridge**

The Leader noted that the bridge was an access route for cyclists, pedestrians and vehicles. The application met the criteria and had the support of both local members. The Leader awarded a grant of £1,500.

#### **Cambridge Sports Lake Trust (Milton Country Park) – to help facilitate all-ability biking**

The Leader noted that part of the application was for £348 of advertising, which did not meet the scheme's criteria. The Leader noted that the application had the support of the local member and the request for adaptive equipment met the scheme's criteria. The Leader awarded a grant of £567, which was £348 less than the amount requested.

**Cambridge Junior Cycling Club (Milton Country Park) – storage shed**

The Leader noted that this application had been received after the other two Milton applications and he considered that as the parish of Milton had already received one more than the maximum of five community chest grants a year, this request for a grant should be rejected.

**Robinson Hall – Chairs**

The Leader noted that the application met the scheme's criteria and had the support of both local members and the County Councillor. The Leader agreed to award a grant of £1,191.

**Bassingbourn Cricket Club – pitch refurbishment**

The Leader noted that Bassingbourn Cricket Club had a large membership and the grant had the support of the local member. The application met the scheme's criteria and the Leader agreed to award a grant of £640.

**Eltisley Parish Council – speed warning sign**

The Leader noted that this application did not have the support of the local member. The Leader suggested that other funding streams were available for this application and that traffic control was a County Council function. The Leader rejected this application.

**Eltisley Cricket Club – new roller**

The Leader noted that this application met the scheme's criteria and had the support of the local member. The Leader agreed to award a grant of £1,500.

**St Peter's Church – Improving facilities – disabled toilet**

The Leader noted that this application met the scheme's criteria and St Peter's Church was used by the wider community. The Leader agreed to award a grant of £1,500.

**Linton Heights Junior School – new kitchen**

The Leader noted that there was little evidence that the new facility would be available for wider community use. The Leader considered that other funding streams could be available for the school, including those from the County Council, and he rejected the application.

**The Countryside Restoration Trust – new noticeboards and signs**

The Leader noted that this application had the support of the local member and met the scheme's criteria. The leader agreed to award a grant of £1,000.

**Elsworth Sports Club – storage container**

The Leader noted that this application had the support of both local members and met the scheme's criteria. The leader agreed to award a grant of £1,500.

**Fulbourn Pre-School – repair work**

The Leader noted that this application had the support of the local member and met the scheme's criteria. The Leader agreed to award a grant of £350.

**Harston Parish Council – new village noticeboard**

The Leader noted that the local member supported this application, which met the scheme's criteria. The Leader agreed to award a grant of £996.80.

**Melbourn Village College – new computer equipment**

The Leader noted that there was no evidence that the wider community would benefit from this equipment and he rejected the application.

**1<sup>st</sup> Over St Mary's Scout Group – build fire pits**

The Leader noted that quotes for the work had not yet been received by the Council. Councillors present expressed surprise at the quoted cost for this project. The Leader deferred making a decision until quotes for the work were received from the applicant.

**Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust – parking area**

The Leader noted that this project would benefit the wider the community. It had the support of the local member and met the scheme's criteria. The Leader agreed to award a grant of £1,500.

**Linton Infants Parent Teacher Friends Association – playground equipment**

The Leader noted that there was no evidence that this project would benefit the wider community and other funding streams could be available. The Leader rejected the application.

The Leader **AGREED** the following grants:

Applicant	Village(s) affected	Project Description	Total Cost of project (£)	Total applied for (£)	Total Awarded (£)
Robinson Hall	Lolworth, Bar Hill, Boxworth	To purchase chairs for the village hall.	1,191.00	1,191.00	1,191.00
Cambridge Junior Cycling Club	Milton	Purchase and installation of 20ft by 10ft shed for storage and maintenance sessions	2,400.00	1,200.00	0
Bassinbourn Cricket Club	Bassingbourn, Litlington, Shingay, Melbourn, Meldreth	Wicket refurbishment – as part of larger refurbishment plans for youth cricket club	840.00	640.00	640.00
Eltisley Parish Council	Eltisley	To purchase a mobile flashing, speed warning sign	4,000.00	1,500.00	0
Eltisley Cricket Club	Eltisley	To purchase a new pitch roller	2,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
St Peter's Church	Horningsea	Improving church facilities/ installing a new disabled toilet	114,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00

Linton Heights Junior School	Linton	To install a new kitchen in the Domestic Science area, to provide children and community cookery	6851.48	1,500	0
The Countryside Restoration Trust	Barton	To replace old and damaged notice boards and guided walk signs for community recreation and learning	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Elsworth Sports Club	Elsworth	To purchase a shipping container (to be clad) to provide secure storage for groundcare equipment	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Fulbourn Pre-School	Fulbourn	To make repairs to outdoor Wendy house and purchase books and bookcases for the space	350.00	350.00	350.00
Harston Parish Council	Harston	To replace village noticeboard	996.80	996.80	996.80
Melbourn Village College	Melbourn	To purchase computer numeric control equipment for use in technology subjects	4,600.00	1,500.00	0
1 <sup>st</sup> Over St Mary's Scout Group	Over	To build fire pits that allow the group to teach basic fire lighting and cooking in safe environment	2,000.00	1,500.00	0 (deferred)
Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust	Whaddon	To provide a parking area for the playground	16,700	1,500.00	1,500.00

Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust	Milton	To purchase multiple items associated with all-ability biking: an adaptive seat, ramp for container to allow wheelchair bike access. Also a sign, noticeboard, allan keys, volunteer tshirts, magnetic postcards (for public £348)	915.00	915.00	567.00
Linton Infants Parent Teacher Friends Association	Linton	To purchase playground equipment	32,000.00	1,500.00	0
Cambridge Sports Lakes Trust	Milton (Entire District)	Re-decking a pedestrian bridge (badly damaged accident hazard)	8,861.70	1,500.00	1,500.00

#### 4. GRANTS MONITORING REPORT

The Sustainable Communities and Partnerships Manager presented this report, which examined the delivery of grant programmes funded by the Council during the last six months of 2014/15 and invited the Leader to approve the continued provision of grant assistance.

The Leader

**NOTED** the delivery of all other grant programmes within the scope of this report, as currently delivered.

The Leader

**APPROVED** the continued provision of grant assistance to the current grant recipients supports through the Service Support Grant fund (subject to three year funding agreements) as agreed at the Joint Portfolio Holder Meeting on 23 September 2013.

#### 5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Leader agreed to hold his next portfolio meeting on Thursday 24 September at 10:30am.

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**The Meeting ended at 1.00 p.m.**

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