

## **SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Leader's Portfolio Meeting held on  
Thursday, 24 September 2015 at 10.00 a.m.

Portfolio Holder: Ray Manning

### **Councillors in attendance:**

Scrutiny and Overview Committee monitors: Lynda Harford

Opposition spokesmen: Bridget Smith

Also in attendance: Anna Bradnam, Hazel Smith and Bunty Waters

### **Officers:**

Patrick Adams	Senior Democratic Services Officer
Gemma Barron	Sustainable Communities & Partnerships Manager
Kirstin Donaldson	Development Officer
Clare Gibbons	Development Officer
Kirsty Human	Programme Manager

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

None.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

### **3. SERVICE SUPPORT GRANTS TO THE COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR**

The Development Officer presented this item which proposed a three year programme for Service Support Grant funding, 2016/17-2018/19 to the Community and Voluntary sector. The Development Officer explained that the Council was in the third year of the three year Service Support Grant fund and so it was time for a review. The general welfare advice budget had been reduced by 15% in year 3 of the current programme, which has been observed in the proposed programme and historical inflationary pressures have also been taken into account.

The Leader explained that by pledging grants for three years instead of just one, the Council allowed community and voluntary organisations to plan for the future.

#### **Fit to Learn**

In response to questioning, the Development Officer explained that the Fit to Learn project aimed to help pre-school children from deprived backgrounds to develop their strength, co-ordination, language and communication skills.

#### **Independent Living**

The Sustainable Communities and Partnerships Manager explained that evidence from Care Network and Age UK supported the effectiveness of befriending schemes and the Council was working in partnership with the County Council on this issue.

#### **Mobile Warden Scheme**

It was noted that the Mobile Warden Scheme was funded by a different budget which was under the auspices of the Environmental Services Portfolio Holder.

The Leader

**AGREED**

- A) To a further three year programme of the Service Support Grant fund (subject to three year funding agreements) to run from April 2016 to March 2019.
- B) To approve the reworked priorities for the Service Support Grant fund and agreed the proposed schedule for the application process.

**4. COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS 2015/16**

The Development Officer presented this report, which invited the Leader to consider applications for Community Chest Grants for 2015/16. The Leader explained that as there were insufficient funds to award grants of £1,500 to all applicants, the maximum that he would award was £1,000. He examined each application in turn.

**Comberton Crusaders Football Club – football goals**

The Leader noted that this was an expanding club and the application met the scheme's criteria. It had the support of the local member Councillor Scott and the Youth Council. The Leader agreed to award a grant of £1,000.

**Whittlesford Warriors Football Club – football goals and corner flags**

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

**Linton Parish Council – rebuilding of flint wall**

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

**Litlington Village Hall Committee – to purchase kitchen equipment**

The Leader noted that the application met the scheme's criteria and had the support of both the Youth Council and local member Councillor McCraith. The Leader agreed to award a grant of £1,000.

**Toft People's Hall Management Committee – to purchase theatre lights**

The Leader noted that the application met the scheme's criteria and had the support of both the Youth Council and local member Councillor Hawkins. The Leader agreed to award a grant of £1,000.

**Hinxton Parish Council – build a disabled access ramp**

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

**Fowlmere Recreation Ground and Village Hall Committee – to replace village hall kitchen**

The Leader noted that the application met the scheme's criteria and agreed to award a grant of £1,000.

**Linton Village Cricket Club – to purchase a new pitch roller**

The Leader noted that the application met the scheme's criteria and had the support of the Youth Council, Councillor Batchelor and Councillor Hickford. The Leader agreed to award a grant of £1,000.

**Six Mile Bottom Sports and Social Club – to refurbish village hall**

The Leader noted that the application met the scheme's criteria and agreed to award a grant of £1,000.

**Trustee's of the Willy's Almshouses Fen Ditton – to reinstate iron railings**

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

**Royston and District Volunteer Centre – to update database**

The Development Officer explained that approximately 45% of those who contacted the Centre lived in the District. The Leader suggested that this application did not meet the scheme's criteria as it was neither a start-up cost nor a capital cost. The Leader decided not to award a grant to this applicant.

**Dry Drayton Parish Council – for two noticeboards**

The Leader noted that the application met the scheme's criteria and agreed to award a grant of £1,000.

**Stevens Close Sheltered Housing Scheme Residents Group – for plants**

The Leader noted that the application met the scheme's criteria and agreed to award a grant of £200.

**Waterbeach Parish Council – raise edges of bowling green**

The Leader noted that the application met the scheme's criteria and had the support of both the Youth Council and local member Councillor Johnson. The Leader agreed to award a grant of £1,000.

**Great Wilbraham Parish Council – two benches for parish cemetery**

The Leader noted that the application met the scheme's criteria and had the support of the Youth Council. The Leader agreed to award a grant of £897.

**Willingham Parish Council – three picnic benches**

It was noted that the Deputy Leader had already approved this application in principle. The Leader noted that the application met the scheme's criteria and with no objections from the councillors present he agreed to award a grant of £1,000.

The Leader **AGREED** the following grants:

Applicant	Village(s) affected	Project Description	Total Cost of project (£)	Total applied for (£)	Total Awarded (£)
Comberton Crusaders Football Club	Comberton	To purchase football goals	1,428.49	1,400.00	1,000.00
Whittlesford Warriors Football Club	Whittlesford Duxford Thriplow Hauxton Ickleton	To purchase goals and corner flags necessitated by club expansion	5,392.00	1,500.00	1,000.00

Linton Parish Council	Linton	To rebuild flint wall in Grade 1 listed churchyard	3,283.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Litlington Village Hall Committee	Litlington	To purchase new kitchen equipment: cooker fridge, dishwasher	5,500.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Toft People's Hall Management Committee	Toft (Comberton, Hardwick, Eversden)	To purchase six LED theatre lights and mounting bars	1,251.14	1,250.00	1,000.00
Hinxton Parish Council	Hinxton	To build a disabled access ramp from car park into village hall	3,840.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Fowlmere Recreation Ground and Village Hall Committee	Fowlmere	To replace kitchen in village hall	5,705.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Linton Village Cricket Club	Linton	To purchase a new pitch roller	4,950.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Six Mile Bottom Sports and Social Club	Linton, Wilbrahams	To refurbish the Village Hall to meet security and fire regs	8,000.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Trustees of the Willy's Almshouses Fen Ditton	Fen Ditton	To reinstate iron railings in front of the Almshouses	13,363.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Royston and District Volunteer Centre	45% of users are from South Cambs	To update database to match volunteers with opportunities	1,040.00	1,040.00	0 (not capital spend so not eligible for grant scheme)

Dry Drayton Parish Council	Dry Drayton	To purchase two replacement noticeboards for each end of geographically divide village	1,675.23	1,500.00	1,000.00
Stevens Close Sheltered Housing Scheme Residents Group	Cottenham	To purchased slabs, shrubs/plants, roses bird bath and compost	200.00	200.00	200.00
Waterbeach Parish Council	Waterbeach	To have the edges raised around the village bowls green	5,990.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Great Wilbraham Parish Council	Great Wilbraham	To purchase two benches for parish cemetery	1,345.50	897.00	897.00
Willingham Parish Council	Willingham	To purchase three picnic benches	1568.48	1500.00	1,000.00

## 5. SUSTAINABLE PARISH ENERGY PARTNERSHIP

The Development Officer introduced this report by explaining that a public consultation on the Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership had taken place and the Leader needed to decide whether to continue the scheme with no changes, amend the scheme to reflect the outcomes of the public consultation or to disband the scheme.

The Leader explained that he fully supported the setting up of a dedicated webpage to assist residents who wished to investigate options with regard to sustainable energy. However, he stated that the Partnership was formed in 2009 and the original intention was that it should run for three years. He suggested that as the Government's rules and tariffs had changed, the Partnership had run its course and should be disbanded at the end of the financial year.

Councillor Bridget Smith stated that the Partnership had been a success, was something the Council should be proud of and should be maintained.

The Leader

**AGREED**

- A) To establish a dedicated webpage that brings together all of the Council's sustainability work in one place and signpost to relevant organisations' websites.
- B) To disband the Sustainable Energy Partnership at the end of March 2016.

**6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Leader agreed to hold the next meetings will on:

- Monday 19 October at 3:30pm
- Thursday 12 November at 4pm

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**The Meeting ended at 11.00 a.m.**

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