

## **SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Leader's Portfolio Meeting held on  
Monday, 19 October 2015 at 3.30 p.m.

Portfolio Holder: Ray Manning

### **Councillors in attendance:**

Also in attendance: Anna Bradnam and Hazel Smith

### **Officers:**

Patrick Adams	Senior Democratic Services Officer
Gemma Barron	Sustainable Communities & Partnerships Manager
Kirstin Donaldson	Development Officer

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

None.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2015 were agreed as a correct record, subject to the following amendments:

- The last sentence of the first paragraph on minute 3 was amended to read: "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."
- In the paragraph under the heading "Fit to Learn" the word "strength" was added after the word "co-ordination".
- The paragraph under the heading "Independent Living" was amended to read "... supported the effectiveness of befriending schemes and the Council was working in partnership".

The Leader explained that he had taken the decision to pass responsibility for the Sustainable Energy Partnership and the wider issue of tackling the effects of climate change to the Corporate and Customer Services portfolio. The decision to establish a webpage to bring together all of the Council's sustainability work in one place and signpost to relevant organisations' website still stood, whilst the decision to disband the Sustainable Energy Partnership at the end of March 2016 had been rescinded.

### **3. WESTON COLVILLE COMMUNITY LED PLAN PRESENTATION - TO BE CONFIRMED**

In the absence of a representative from Weston Colville, this item was withdrawn from the agenda.

### **4. COMMUNITY CHEST: FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

The Development Officer presented this report, which invited the Leader to consider applications for Community Chest Grants for 2015/16. The Sustainable Communities and Partnerships Manager explained that an applicant had returned £1,500 to the scheme's budget after a project had not gone ahead. As a consequence the funds available increased to £3,008.25. The Leader explained that the maximum he would award to each

applicant was £1,000, as there were insufficient funds to award grants of £1,500 to all applicants and the maximum awarded at September's meeting was also £1,000. The Leader examined each application in turn.

**Caxton Parish Council – “thank you for driving carefully” signs**

The Leader noted that there were other funding streams available for these signs, the Council had rejected similar applications in the past and there were plans to amend the scheme's criteria to exclude the funding of such signage. The Leader decided not to award a grant to this applicant.

**Great and Little Abington Parochial Church Council – to repair radiators**

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

**Linton Action for Youth – to repair leaking roof**

The Leader noted that this application met the scheme's criteria and agreed to award a grant of £460.

**Steeple Morden Parish Council – to repair and refurbish the war memorial**

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

The Sustainable Communities and Partnerships Manager reported that the 2015/16 scheme was now closed. Any new applications would have to be considered from 5 April 2016.

The Leader **AGREED** the following grants:

Applicant	Village(s) affected	Project Description	Total Cost of project (£)	Total applied for (£)	Total Awarded (£)
Caxton Parish Council	Caxton	To purchase four “thank you for driving carefully” signs for village	1,264.00	1,264.00	0
Great and Little Abington Parochial Church Council	Great and Little Abington	To replace and repair two heating radiators	2,566.80	1,500.00	1,000.00
Linton Action for Youth	Linton	To repair leaking roof	460.00	460.00	460.00
Steeple Morden Parish Council	Steeple Morden, Odsey	To repair and refurbish the war memorial	3,350.00	1,500.00	1,000.00

**5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Those present noted that the next meeting will be held on Thursday 12 November 2015 at 4pm.

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**The Meeting ended at 3.45 p.m.**

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