

South Cambridgeshire District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Grants Advisory Committee held on
Friday, 25 September 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Jose Hales – Chair
Councillor Clare Delderfield – Vice-Chair

Councillors: Sue Ellington Peter McDonald
Bill Handley

Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Aaron Clarke Democratic Services Officer
Jay Clarke Programme Manager
Jon London Development Officer
Lesley McFarlane Development Officer (Health Specialist)

Councillor John Williams (Lead Cabinet Member for Finance) was in attendance, by invitation.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Claire Daunton sent an Apology for Absence and was substituted by Councillor Bill Handley.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Sue Ellington declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda items 5 and 6 but stated that she came to the matter afresh. Councillor Ellington also declared that although the Swavesey Memorial Hall had submitted an application to the Community Chest Grant that she, as local Member, had nothing to do with the application.

Councillor Bill Handley declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 5 as the local Member for Over & Willingham.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Grants Advisory Committee authorised the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held Friday 28 August 2020.

4. Community Chest: Funding Applications

Referen ce	CC- 2020- 179	Deferral
Name of Organis ation	Global Learning Idea Exchange (GLIE)	
Organis	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (application pending)	

ation Type			
CCVS Registered	No		
Parish	Steeple Morden		
Land Owner	N/A		
Project Type	Equipment/capital purchase		
Docume ntation Status	Incomplete		
Project	Hook Cards & accompanying Design Time Educational Resource		
<p>This application had been deferred at two previous Grants advisory committee meetings. Members requested the applicant explain the project in their own words. The description of project as given by GLIE: "Hook Cards are designed to compliment the great teaching and learning that takes place in school. They subtly encourage learners to discuss and consider issues regarding sustainability and equality, in turn building compassion. The county and district plan highlights its determination to assist communities becoming more sustainable, building the skills required for that to happen. I wholeheartedly feel that the most impactful way for that to happen is through schools. Our Hook Cards and the resources/ assistance we provide for free will no doubt build skills and knowledge regarding this. Schools can decide the time they can commit to implementing our resources, be it a 15 minute discursive activity per week to an actual lesson within classes weekly timetable. The resources we produce all evolve around our Hook Cards. It is our intention, should our application be granted, that 100 South Cambs schools and community groups will receive a pack of Hook Cards, highlighted as courtesy of the district council. With the cards, I will include an invite for schools to access free online learning/ training that will show how they can teach their children how they can live sustainably and become fair, inclusive and active members of their community and society. "</p>			
Total Project Cost:	£637.68		Total Applied For: £637.68
Decisio n:	Reject		Grant Amount N/A
<p>This application was rejected by the council as there was a lack of evidence that schools would welcome or use the hook cards.</p>			

Reference	MNLMS NRW	New Application
Name of Organisation	Orchard Road Community Group	
Organisation Type	Unconstituted Community Group (ORCG)	
CCVS Register	No	

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Parish	Histon & Impington			
Land Owner	South Cambridgeshire District Council			
Project Type	Equipment/capital purchase			
Docume ntation Status	Incomplete			
Project (officer Summa ry)	Orchard road community play area			
Following the successful improvement of another small area of public land in the village the Orchard Road Community Group has created a clean usable space from the grass area in orchard road and have already placed 5 picnic benches on one end of that space . The applicant stated that as a neighbourhood they are keeping the area clean and tidy and cutting the grass weekly so the area can be enjoyed by all members of the public. This grant is to fund the purchase, delivery and installation of x2 50-litre litter bins. These bins will be emptied by the ORCG. The applicant expects that if the bins prove useful and used the parish council will take on emptying them in the future. £110 had already been raised towards this project by donations from local residents.				
Total Project Cost:	£270.00		Total Applied For:	£160.00
Decisio n:	Defer		Grant Amount	N/A
This application was Deferred pending information as to why this is not being funded by housing, and also because of questions about general members of the public being responsible for emptying bins.				

Referen ce	FCHWG XSJ		New Application
Name of Organis ation	The George Long Charity for Swavesey Memorial Hall		
Organis ation Type	Charity No: 204145		
CCVS Register ed	Yes		
Parish	Swavesey		
Land Owner	The George Long Charity for Swavesey Memorial Hall		

Project Type	Equipment/capital purchase			
Docume ntation Status	Incomplete			
Project (officer Summa ry)	Memorial Hall Cycle Shelter			
<p>This application is for the purchase, delivery and erection of a cycle shelter in the car-park of the hall, converting one car parking space into 10 cycle spaces. The applicant states that the hall's usual users agree that a cycle shelter would be an asset to the hall (Users include diverse groups such as WI, Meridian Quilters, Messy Pups, Tang So Doo Club, Playtimers). The village extends beyond a comfortable walking distance in one direction, which prompts users to drive. The charity hopes that a proper cycle shelter will encourage residents to leave their cars at home. The Charity states that the Hall is easily accessible by bike from surrounding villages using existing cycle paths. They have applied to FCC Communities Foundation (www.fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk) for up to £2000 and the Charity itself would fund the difference and VAT of £1604.00</p>				
Total Project Cost:	£4,604.40		Total Applied For:	£1,000.00
Decisio n:	Support		Grant Amount	£1,000
This application was supported by the Committee.				

Reference	QQHQX WBT		New Application
Name of Organisation	Milton Colts Football Club		
Organisation Type	Community Group		
CCVS Registered	No		
Parish	Milton		
Land Owner	Milton Parish Council		
Project Type	Equipment/capital purchase		
Documentation Status	Incomplete		
Project (officer Summa	Milton Colts FC - Renovation of pitches at North Lodge Park Milton		

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<p>This application is for the part funding of a Perrot Rollcart Travelling Sprinkler, to provide irrigation and allow maintenance actions on the football pitches at North Lodge Park, Milton. The maintenance actions include Vertidrainage, Fertilising & Overseeding of the pitches. The applicant feels that with the right irrigation the pitches can return to an improved condition allowing more games of football to be played by the children of the village and avoiding multiple cancellation of fixtures. According to the applicant the pitches were recently inspected by Cambridgeshire FA who rated the pitches as poor due to the hard nature of the ground and the poor/sparse grass covering. £400 has been raised already.</p>				
Total Project Cost:	£1430.82		Total Applied For:	£1,000.00
Decision:	Defer		Grant Amount	N/A
<p>The Grants Advisory Committee feels that as Milton Parish Council owns and operates this land they should at least match fund grants that go towards it's maintenance and upkeep.</p>				

5. Mobile Warden Scheme Expansion - Grant Applications

Grants Advisory Committee were advised that to determine demand across the District an age cut-off of 70 years + was applied, however, it was noted that the schemes were open to all residents regardless of age as criteria was based more on vulnerability and need.

It was noted that long term funding was a concern for parishes setting up mobile warden schemes once the initial two-year funding from the district council expires. It was remarked that villages were concerned about increased costs particularly where schemes include more than one parish and if a partner village were to withdraw from the scheme. It was noted that the Council would attempt to assist should this occur, potentially integrating the village into a separate scheme. It was also noted that the scheme would expand the Mobile Warden Schemes to an additional 20 parishes.

It was **agreed** that Lesley McFarlane would draw up a map to illustrate mobile warden coverage.

The Grants Advisory Committee was asked to review the report and agree to award grant funding to the parishes of Gamlingay, Longstanton and the joint scheme for Lolworth and Fen Drayton.

With regard to the grant awards, Grants Advisory Committee recommended to the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance that:

- The grant amount be awarded to each of the parishes in full.

With regard to the surplus grant funding, Grants Advisory Committee recommended to the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance to:

- Run a second round of grant funding to attract additional parishes to set up

new schemes;

As such, it was **agreed** that Lesley McFarlane would bring a report back to the Committee detailing the best way to do this.

It was also **agreed** for Lesley McFarlane to bring a report back to Committee on the impact of Covid-19 on the costs for Mobile Warden Schemes

6. Mobile Warden Scheme Expansion - Procurement Outcome

The Grants Advisory Committee was asked to review the report and formally recommend the decision to award the delivery of the service to Age UK.

Grants Advisory Committee recommended to the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance to:

- Formally recommend to Cabinet that all Lots (minus Gamlingay) be awarded to Age UK for the delivery of a Mobile Warden Scheme in each area.

7. Date of next meeting

Friday 30 October 2020 at 10:00am

The Meeting ended at 11.40 a.m.
