

South Cambridgeshire District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Grants Advisory Committee held on
Friday, 25 February 2022 at 11.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Sue Ellington – Vice-Chair

Councillors: Dr. Claire Daunton Bill Handley

Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Siobhan Mellon (Development Officer - Climate and Environment), Rebecca Weymouth-Wood (SSWS Waste Policy Manager), Eleanor Haines (Climate & Environment Project Officer), Emma Dyer (Project Officer - Climate and Environment) and Aaron Clarke (Democratic Services Officer)

Councillors Martin Cahn and John Williams (Lead Cabinet Member for Finance) were in attendance remotely, by invitation.

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Jose Hales and Peter McDonald.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Bill Handley declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the application from Saint Mary and All Saints' Church, as the ward member for Over & Willingham.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Grants Advisory Committee authorised the Chair to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held Monday 31 January 2022.

4. Zero Carbon Communities Grant Scheme Options

It was noted that this was the fourth round of the Zero Carbon Communities Grant Scheme.

It was remarked that the Zero Carbon Communities Grant scheme would enable Parish Councils and community groups within South Cambridgeshire to set up their own projects to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and engage their communities on climate change issues.

It was stated that there would be £120,544 available in funding for 2022/23. It was remarked that each group would have their project scored under two categories, carbon emission reduction and community engagement on climate change, to be split in weighting 70/30. It was noted that this should make it easier for applications to score well versus the previous thematic system.

A change to the funding timescale was proposed to allow applicants to measure

and report back on outcomes from their projects. After review, it was determined there would be no change to the funding amounts offered to applicants.

GAC recommended to the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance to:

- Ringfence £15,000 to procure a Community Climate Leader Training programme to enable it to operate in the coming year, and shape applications for the following year.
- Split the remaining funding between CO2e emission reduction projects and community engagement projects (a 70:30 split proposed owing to CO2e emission reduction projects costing more).
- Projects to be required to demonstrate the degree of CO2e reduction or the number of individuals that were been engaged, and the depth of engagement in their applications. This would provide a more comparative method for scoring applications.
- Projects to be given 12 months to spend the funding after which projects must confirm that the funds have been spent to maintain momentum. An end of project report would be required 6 months following the completion of the project to enable monitoring and measurement of project outcomes.

5. Community Chest: Funding Applications

The Grants Advisory Committee reviewed all Community Chest applications received between 15 January 2021 and 12 February 2022.

After consideration of these applications, the Committee recommended to the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance that:

1. Duxford Community Centre (NRVBQ SXH) be approved and funded at the full amount requested of £2,000
2. Heydon Parish Council (MVTWHBMH), be approved and funded at the full amount requested of £2,000
3. Histon & Impington Communications CIC (FGHKVFCD), be approved and funded at the full amount requested of £2,000
4. Saint Mary and All Saints' Church, Willingham (NPTZHRVK) be approved and funded at the full amount requested of £1,752.41

6. Date of next meeting

Friday 25 March 2022, at 10:00am.

The Meeting ended at 11.50 a.m.
