

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder's Meeting held on
Tuesday, 17 October 2017 at 6.00 p.m.

Portfolio Holder: Simon Edwards

Councillors in attendance:

Opposition spokesmen: Hazel Smith

Also in attendance:

Officers:

Gemma Barron

Elizabeth Davy

Ian Senior

Head of Sustainable Communities and Wellbeing

Project Officer

Democratic Services Officer

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder signed, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 22 August 2017.

3. COMMUNITY CHEST: FUNDING APPLICATIONS

The Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder considered a report summarising recent applications for funding from the Community Chest grant funding scheme.

Officers presented the applications one by one. Those present discussed three in particular.

Cambridge Sea Cadets and Royal Marine Cadets

The Portfolio Holder noted that, although the Group was based in Cambridge, seven of its nine members lived in South Cambridgeshire. The Group was undertaking a recruitment drive within South Cambridgeshire Village Colleges with the aim of increasing membership to about 50. The Portfolio Holder asked officers to explore the possibility that equipment bought with Community Chest funds should display stickers indicating financial support from South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Hatley Parish Council

The Portfolio Holder observed that the application from Hatley Parish Council related to the kind of project the Community Chest would fund. However, because Hatley Parish Council was small, with limited funds of its own, and because the project would benefit the entire village, the Portfolio Holder was minded to make an exception in this case. Councillor Hazel Smith pointed out that Hatley lacked many of the community facilities found in larger villages, which would attract funding.

ESOL Café

Those present discussed the benefit to communities in South Cambridgeshire. Councillor Smith described the Café's aims as worthy, but the Portfolio Holder had concerns about value for money. The Head of Sustainable Communities and Wellbeing said that the Council would seek feedback from those using the Café's services with a view to

assessing the Café's role in combatting social isolation.

The Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder **agreed** the following Community Chest funding:

| Name of applicant | Project description | Total cost of project (£) | Total awarded (£) |
|--|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Cambridge Sea Cadets & Royal Marine Cadets | Purchase of trailers | £1,000 | £1,000 |
| 1 st Papworth Scout Group | Purchase of tents | £1045.50 | £1,000 |
| Hatley Parish Council | Website Development | £1,500 | £500 |
| Ladybird Preschool | Sensory Garden | £1,218 | £1,000 |
| Sing Papworth | Keyboard & choir folders | £895 | £895 |
| ESOL Cafe | International Women in the community – English, Exercise & First Aid Tuition | £500 | £500 |
| Cambourne Parish Council | Replacement sports equipment | £1,654.50 | £827 |
| All Saints Melbourn Community Hall | Hall Stereo Sound System | £399 | £399 |
| 1 st Whittlesford & Duxford Scout Group | Purchase of pioneering poles | £2,296 | £1,000 |
| Friends of Pendragon Primary School | Purchase of picnic tables | £1,134 | £1,000 |
| Bar Hill Parish Council | Purchase of seating & shrubs for the play area | £2,000 | £1,000 |

4. WORK PROGRAMME

Those present noted the Work Programme attached to the agenda.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder meeting had been scheduled for Tuesday 21 November 2017 at 6.00pm.

The Meeting ended at 6.30 p.m.
