

## **SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Grants Advisory Committee held on  
Friday, 22 February 2019 at 10.00 a.m.

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

Councillors: Dr. Claire Daunton Peter McDonald  
Peter Topping (substitute)

Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting:  
Gemma Barron (Head of Sustainable Communities and Wellbeing) and Ian Senior  
(Democratic Services Officer)

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

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Sue Ellington sent Apologies for Absence. Councillor Peter Topping substituted but was not present for the Community Grants item.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Jose Hales declared a pecuniary interest in Minute 5 (Mobile Warden Scheme) because his wife is paid as Manager of the scheme in Melbourn. He left the room during consideration of the item, took no part in the debate, and did not vote. Councillor Hales is himself is a trustee of that Scheme.

### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Grants Advisory Committee authorised the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2019, subject to the following:

#### **Minute 7 – Elite Athlete Awards Scheme**

Delete “Councillor Dr. Claire Daunton...directed more generally...” and replace with “Councillor Dr. Claire Daunton pointed out that there were talented musicians (and others) who could be described as elite.”

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

The Grants Advisory Committee considered applications deferred from the meeting held on 25 January 2019 and new applications received between 1 January and 31 January 2019.

After discussing each application in detail, the Grants Advisory Committee made **recommendations** as follows to the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Village(s) affected</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Total applied for (£)</b>	<b>Total recommended (£)</b>	<b>Additional conditions/ comments</b>
Cambourne United Football Club	Cambourne	Provide new equipment for FA's new 'Just Play' project	1,000.00	954.76	Grant awarded for equipment only
1 <sup>st</sup> Over St Mary's Scout Group	Over	Purchase of new tents for camping events	1,000.00	1,000.00	
St Catherine's Parochial Church Council	Litlington	Installation of kitchen and toilet facility	1,000.00	Deferred	
Footprints Café Ltd	Sawston	Sound proof panels to enhance acoustics in training room café	1,000.00	Deferred	Further documentation needed
Willingham Action Group	Willingham	Purchase and install bird boxes	354.19	354.19	
Histon and Impington Communications Community Interest Company	Histon and Impington	Develop and create a new online "hub" for news in Histon and Impington	1,000.00	Defer	More info needed on relationship to PC
Heathfield Area Recreation Trust	Thriplow (Heathfield)	Purchase a marquee to support a new youth club	1,000.00	1,000.00	

The Connections Bus Service	Cottenham	Provide a 10-week babysitting course for students in Cottenham	1,000.00	Nil	On-going revenue costs are outside scope of scheme
Cambridge Past, Present and Future	Stapelford	Purchase materials for outdoor education program	995.50	995.50	

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**Councillor Peter Topping  
joined the meeting after the  
conclusion of Minute no. 4**

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## **5. MOBILE WARDEN SCHEME GRANT FUNDING 2019/20**

Councillor Jose Hales declared a pecuniary interest in this item because his wife is paid as Manager of the scheme in Melbourn. He left the room during its consideration, took no part in the debate, and did not vote. Councillor Hales is himself is a trustee of that Scheme.

Councillor Clare Delderfield took the Chair for this item.

The Grants Advisory Committee considered a report seeking its recommendation as to the level of grant funding to be awarded to local Mobile and Community Warden Schemes, subject to budget approval, as part of the Council's scheme of grants to the voluntary sector for 2019-20.

In response to a question from Councillor Dr. Claire Daunton, the Head of Sustainable Communities and Wellbeing undertook to investigate the cost implications of South Cambridgeshire District Council helping to ensure the payment to wardens of a living wage. In response to a question from Councillor Peter McDonald, the Head of Sustainable Communities and Wellbeing confirmed that officers were exploring the potential for maintaining a contingency fund.

Members endorsed paragraph 15 of the report from the Director of Housing, Health and Environmental Services, and indicated a preference for Option (b) in paragraph 17.

The Grants Advisory Committee **recommended** that

1. subject to Council approval of the Budget, the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance fund local mobile and community warden schemes in 2019-20 as follows:

Scheme	Grant Awarded 2019/20 (£)	Amount Awarded 2018/19 (£)	Reason(s)
Histon & Impington (Age UK)	2,520	2,520	Increase from 2018/19 due to additional new schemes.
Swavesey (Age UK)	1,240	1,240	
Small Villages (Age UK)	3,040	3,040	
Teversham (Age UK)	1,600	1,600	
Waterbeach (Age UK)	1,300	n/a	
Linton (Age UK)	2,500	2,500	
Stapleford (Age UK)	1,000	n/a	
Cottenham	1,800	1,200	Uplift to reflect low reserves and increased client charge.
Harston	1,250	1,250	
Haslingfield	250	250	
Melbourn	2,200	2,200	
Milton	2,155	2,155	
The Mordens & Litlington	2,155	2,155	
Great Shelford	1,000	n/a	Great Shelford has not applied every year. They last applied in

			2016/17.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,410</b>	<b>20,110</b>	

2. the Mobile and Community Wardens Scheme be reviewed in six months' time.

## 6. ELITE ATHLETE AWARD SCHEME: 2018/19 REVIEW

The Grants Advisory Committee considered a report on the Elite Athlete Award Scheme with a view to making sure that either that Scheme or any alternative reflects Council priorities.

Members engaged in discussion focussing on

- Alternative uses for the funding available
- Public perception of South Cambridgeshire District Council's support for excellence in sport
- The part played by the Elite Athletes Award Scheme in the context of the Council's overall responsibility for ensuring wellbeing
- The reduced importance of the existing Scheme within the Business Plan, and the availability of other sources of funding

Councillor John Williams (Lead Cabinet Member for Finance) indicated that the Cabinet's informal opinion was that the Elite Athletes Award Scheme should be discontinued.

The Grants Advisory Committee **recommended** to Cabinet

- By four votes to one (with Councillor Peter Topping voting for retention) that the Elite Athletes Award Scheme be discontinued;
- That the £10,000 set aside for 2018-19 be carried forward into 2019-20; and
- That it, the Grants Advisory Committee, be requested to further consider and recommend how the £10,000 funding carried forward from 2018-19 and the £10,000 funding for 2019-20 might best be reallocated in line with the new Business Plan priorities.

## 7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Grants Advisory Committee noted that its next scheduled meeting would be on Friday 29 March 2019 starting at 10.00am.

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**The Meeting ended at 11.05 a.m.**

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