

## **SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Leader's Portfolio Meeting held on  
Wednesday, 27 August 2014 at 1.00 p.m.

Portfolio Holder: Ray Manning

### **Councillors in attendance:**

Scrutiny and Overview Committee monitors: Lynda Harford

Also in attendance: James Hockney and Aidan Van de Weyer

### **Officers:**

Patrick Adams  
Gemma Barron

Senior Democratic Services Officer  
Sustainable Communities & Partnerships Manager

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

None.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2014 were agreed as a correct record.

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

The Sustainable Communities and Partnerships Manager presented this report, which invited the Leader to consider the latest applications for funding from the Council's Community Chest grant funding scheme. It was noted that at the previous meeting the Leader had decided that all future Community Chest grants should be awarded at his Portfolio Holder meetings.

The Leader stated that if all the applications were agreed the budget would be overspent by £1,872 and he was hoping to fund a commemoration of VJ day from this budget. The Sustainable Communities and Partnerships Manager explained that some previously committed grants were likely to be repaid and she agreed to provide an update on the budgetary position at the next meeting.

The Leader considered each grant application in turn.

**Cambridge Junior Cycling Club:** It was noted that this club had not yet provided the Council with details of its organisation, such as its constitution and mission statement. The Leader suggested that as a district-wide initiative this project was likely to have access to alternative funding. On these grounds he decided that this project should not be prioritised and no grant be awarded.

**Centre 33:** It was noted that whilst community grants could be used for training materials this application included the funding of the costs of the trainer, which was not eligible. Whilst it was agreed that it was important to provide child protection training, it was noted that alternative training for a small number of delegates was already available. It was also suggested that this district-wide initiative was likely to have access to alternative funding. On these grounds the Leader decided that no grant be awarded.

**1st Whittlesford & Duxford Scout Group:** Whilst the proposed grant for new equipment was supported it was considered that the new "white goods" including a dishwasher were

not essential. Therefore the Leader decided that only a £690 grant for the new equipment be awarded, instead of the total £1,500 requested.

**Great and Little Eversden Parish Council:** It was noted that there was insufficient funding in the community grants budget to provide all parish buildings with defibrillators and that other parish councils had decided to purchase their own equipment. It was also suggested that it was the responsibility of parish councils to fund and train volunteers in the use of such equipment and that this was not an area that the District Council should be involved in. The Leader decided that no grant be awarded.

**Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative:** It was noted that other voluntary organisations had benefitted from the donation of IT equipment that were surplus to the Council's requirements. The Leader therefore decided to award a grant of £1,000, £500 less than requested, on the expectation that the organisation could receive second-hand IT equipment from the Council.

The Leader decided to award the total grant applied for to the other nine applicants.

The Leader **AGREED** to award the following grant amounts:

<b>Name of applicant</b>	<b>Village(s) affected</b>	<b>Project description</b>	<b>Total applied for (£)</b>	<b>Total agreed (£)</b>
Elsworth Sports Club	Elsworth	To purchase a replacement cricket square roller	1,500	1,500
The George Long Charity for Swavesey Memorial Hall	Swavesey	To replace the hall floor	1,500	1,500
Cambridge Junior Cycling Club	District-wide	Purchase of bicycles	1,500	<b>0</b>
Eltisley Parish Council	Eltisley	Purchase and installation of a pod-swing at Pocket Park	1,500	1,500
Grinnel Hill BMX Club	Melbourn	Purchase of a lawnmower	1,500	1,500
Comberton Tennis Club	Comberton	To build a new court gate and improve the existing pavilion	1,400	1,400
1st Whittlesford & Duxford Scout Group	Whittlesford and Duxford	To purchase equipment, including white goods for new club	1,500	<b>690</b>
Centre 33	District-wide	Child Protection Training	1,224	<b>0</b>
Gamlingay Football Club	Gamlingay	Installation of officials' shower room at the Ecohub	1,000	1,000
Cottenham United Sports and Social Club	Cottenham	Re-carpet clubhouse	834	834
Hinxton Parish	Hinxton	Replace village hall	1,500	1,500

Council		roof		
Great and Little Eversden Parish Council	Eversdens	Purchase of a Defibrillator for the pavilion	1,000	<b>0</b>
Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative	Shelford and Stapleford	Purchase of audio visual equipment, sports equipment and other resources.	1,499.03	<b>1,000</b>
St Mary's Church, Guilden Morden	Guilden Morden	New kitchen and toilet facilities	1,500	1,500
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>13,924</b>

#### 4. GRANT FUNDING SOFTWARE

The Sustainable Communities and Partnerships Manager presented this report, which detailed the annual usage figures for the web-based Open 4 Community (branded as GrantGrabber in South Cambridgeshire) and recommended that the Leader agree to extend the licence from December for a further two years.

It was noted that as at least £50,000 had been secured for organisations in the District in the trial year, the fee of £8,835 for a two year licence represented excellent value for money.

The Leader

**AGREED** to support the continued investment in Open 4 Community (GrantGrabber) for the period 1 December 2014 to 30 November 2016, by deciding to purchase a two-year licence.

#### 5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting will be held on:

- Thursday 25 September at 9am

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**The Meeting ended at 1.40 p.m.**

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