

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Leader's Portfolio Meeting held on
Monday, 20 April 2015 at 10.00 a.m.

Portfolio Holder: Ray Manning

Councillors in attendance:

Scrutiny and Overview Committee monitors: Lynda Harford

Opposition spokesmen: Bridget Smith

Also in attendance: Bunty Waters

Officers:

Patrick Adams

Senior Democratic Services Officer

Gemma Barron

Sustainable Communities & Partnerships Manager

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

3. COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS 2015/16

The Sustainable Communities and Partnerships Manager presented this report, which invited the Leader to consider applications for Community Chest Grants for 2015/16. It was understood that the comments from local councillors would be reported at the meeting.

Arrington Parish Council – new picnic tables and benches

Councillor Bridget Smith, as local member for Arrington, expressed her support for this application as Arrington was a small village with no other obvious meeting point apart from the local pub. The Leader expressed his support for this grant.

A Chain of Wildflowers – paying for facilitators

The Leader explained that he could not support this application, as it was for revenue expenditure and so did not meet the scheme's criteria. It was noted that both local members, Councillors Val Barrett and Jose Hales, were supportive of the application and it was hoped that another grant scheme could fund the project.

The George Long Charity for Swavesey Memorial Hall – new front door

It was noted the local member, Councillor Sue Ellington, supported this application. The Leader expressed his support for this project, which met the criteria.

1st Whittlesford & Duxford Scout Group – sporting equipment

It was noted that the local members, Councillors Mick Martin, Tony Orgee and Peter Topping, supported this application for sporting equipment. The Leader expressed his support for this project, which met the criteria.

Meldreth Pre-school – running costs

The Leader stated that this application for running costs did not meet the scheme's criteria

and so could not be supported. It was hoped that the application could benefit from the support of the Pre-School Learning Alliance or from Section 106 funds.

Grinnel Hill BMX Club – locks to secure the site

It was noted that the Grinnel Hill BMX Club had previously received grants from the scheme. The Leader suggested that it should be possible for the Club to purchase cheaper alternative locks. He supported the need for a single container lock.

Reboot Cambridge Community Interest Company – IT equipment

The Sustainable Communities and Partnerships Manager explained that units 1-10 were to be demolished and as the above organisation resided at 9a it would presumably need to secure a new site. The Leader stated that he fully supported this application on principle, but wanted assurance that the company had a secure location before awarding any funding.

Arrington Parish Council – notice boards

Councillor Bridget Smith, local member, explained that the notice boards were required in a village with poor internet access and an elderly population. The Leader supported the application, which met the criteria.

Dry Drayton Village Hall Management Committee – car park repair

Councillor Buntly Waters, local member, and Councillor Lynda Harford, local County Councillor, both supported the proposed car park refurbishment. The Leader supported the application, which met the criteria.

Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall & Recreational Ground Trustees – hall repair

The Sustainable Communities and Partnerships Manager explained that this project had been delayed in the past resulting in grant money having to be returned. However, it was noted that the works were definitely going ahead now and the project met the scheme's criteria. The Leader supported this application.

All Saints, Rampton Parochial Church Council – repair of footpath

In response to questioning, the Sustainable Communities and Partnerships Manager explained that the footpath provided access to the Church and unlike public footpaths was not the responsibility of the County Council. The Leader supported this application.

Horseheath Village Community Association – toilet refurbishment

It was noted that the refurbishment of the toilets would improve the community facility and make it easier to hire out the village hall. The Leader supported this application.

Waterbeach & Landbeach Action for Youth Project – acoustic sound boards

The Sustainable Community and Partnerships Manager stated that acoustic sound boards would allow all the rooms to be used at the same time, whilst currently loud noise in one room made any adjoining rooms unusable. Councillor Bridget Smith stated that Gamlingay Records had some acoustic sound boards, which they could sell to Waterbeach & Landbeach Action for Youth Project. The Leader supported this application in principle but requested that the applicant contact Gamlingay Records to ascertain whether suitable sound boards could be acquired at a cheaper price than quoted.

Castle Camps Bowls Club – purchase of a groomer/dethatcher

It was noted that the groomer/dethatcher would lead to an improved playing surface. The Leader supported this application.

The Leader **AGREED** the following grants:

Applicant	Village(s) affected	Project Description	Total Cost of project	Total applied for	Total Awarded
Arrington Parish Council	Arrington	Purchase of new picnic tables and benches	2,758	1,500.00	1,500.00
A Chain of Wildflowers	Melbourn, Meldreth	Conservation community events, workshops, promotion and photography	2,715	1,489.53	0 Did not meet the scheme's criteria
The George Long Charity for Swavesey Memorial Hall	Swavesey	New front door	1,130	630	630
1st Whittlesford & Duxford Scout Group	Duxford, Hinxtton, Ickleton, Thriplow & Whittlesford	Equipment to provide access to minority sports (fencing, archery, indoor caving)	21,324	1,500	1,500
Meldreth Preschool	Meldreth	Running costs	4,000	1,500	0 Did not meet the scheme's criteria
Grinnel Hill BMX Club	Melbourn, Meldreth, Shepreth, Barrington, Foxton	Upgrade top end locks to secure site	1,448	1,448.16	350 (for a container lock)
Reboot Cambridge Community Interest Company	Cottenham and other villages	IT equipment for resource centre to support employability/self employability project	27,000	1,500	Decision deferred
Arrington Parish Council	Arrington	Purchase two replacement notice boards	2,000	1,500	1,500
Dry Drayton Village Hall Management Committee	Dry Drayton	Village hall car park refurbishment	6,000	1,500	1,500
Wilbrahams Memorial Hall & Recreation	Great and Little Wilbraham	Memorial hall redevelopment	425,656	1,500	1,500

Ground Trustees					
All Saints, Rampton Parochial Church Council	Rampton, Cottenham, Willingham	Footpath repair and electrical upgrade	38,018	1,500	1,500
Horseheath Village Community Association	Horseheath	Toilet refurbishment	10,000	1,500	1,500
The Waterbeach and Landbeach Action for Youth Project (WAY)	Waterbeach Landbeach, Chittering, Milton, Cottenham	Acoustic sound boards for music and games room	1,425	1,424.80	1,424.80 agreed in principle, but cheaper boards may be available
Castle Camps Bowls Club	Castle Camps, Horseheath, Linton	Purchase of a 510 Groomer/Dethatcher	2,160	1,500	1,500

4. WORK PROGRAMME

The Leader **NOTED** the Work Programme.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting will be held on Thursday 21 May at 11am.

The Meeting ended at 10.30 a.m.
