

## **South Cambridgeshire District Council**

Minutes of a meeting of the Grants Advisory Committee held on  
Friday, 28 May 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Jose Hales – Chair  
Councillor Sue Ellington – Vice-Chair

Councillors: Dr. Claire Daunton Bill Handley

Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Aaron Clarke	Democratic Services Officer
Jason Clarke	Programme Manager
Kathryn Hawkes	Programme Manager
Vicky Hoover	Compliance Officer

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

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

There was an apology for absence from Cllr Peter McDonald.

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Handley declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the Over Day Centre.

Cllr Jose Hales declared a non-pecuniary interest as a board member of the Melbourn Community Hub but stated that he would take no part in the vote on the item.

### **3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Grants Advisory Committee authorised the Chair to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held Friday 30 April 2021.

### **4. Criteria for grant awards for Dual Use Leisure Facilities**

The Committee noted that there were 11 Dual Use Facilities that could apply for funding, were the grant to be set-up and Members commented that this would be a good use of the relevant funding.

It was noted that the evaluation method for applications would be the same as was used by the Zero Carbon Communities Grant.

The Grants Advisory Committee recommended the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance to:

- I. agree the criteria and evaluation methodology for applications, with award recommendations made by officers and agreed by the Lead Member for Finance, as presented.

### **5. Gamlingay Guardians Community Warden Scheme update**

The Committee noted that Gamlingay Guardians had struggled during Covid because there had been a difficulty to attract members, partially due to a positive volunteer response during Covid.

It was commented that the group was restructuring their service to enable them to lower their costs and become more attractive to clients. It was noted that as such, the Guardians no longer required the money that had been ringfenced for them at the previous meeting of the Grants Advisory Committee on Friday 30 April 2021.

It was commented that while these schemes are often aimed at older people, that they are there to support all vulnerable people.

Grants Advisory Committee recommended to the Lead Member for Finance, the following:

- I. to continue to support the service in accordance with the new proposal, i.e. fewer client contacts, reduced fees (and with no requirement for additional funding); and
- II. to re-assign the c. £8k funding that was ring-fenced for the Gamlingay Guardians Community Warden Scheme and use it instead towards the agreed increase in Service Support Grants for 2022-25 (along with the remaining unspent Mobile Warden Scheme funding agreed at GAC 30 April 2021).

## **6. Community Chest: Funding Applications**

To follow.

## **7. Covid Recovery Grant Applications**

To follow.

## **8. Date of next meeting**

Friday 25 June 2021 at 2:00pm.

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**The Meeting ended at 1.00 p.m.**

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