



Devizes Town Council

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Community & Civic Resources Committee

You are summonsed to attend a meeting of the Community & Civic Resources Committee at the following, place and date.

Date: Tuesday, 7 October 2014

Time: Immediately after the Planning Committee Meeting

Venue: Council Chamber, Town Hall, St John's Street, Devizes

Enquiries: Town Hall - Tel: 01380 722160

The Town Mayor (Councillor Mrs Bridewell)

Chairman: Councillor East

Councillors: Brewer
Geddes
Nash

Mrs Burton
Giraud-Saunders
Smith

Evans
Hopkins

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the Community and Civic Resources Committee Meetings held 26 August and a special on 23 September 2014 which have been circulated alongside the agenda.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST

To receive any disclosure(s) of interest by a Councillor or an officer in matters to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with provisions of Sections 94 or 117 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the National Code of Local Government Conduct.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At the Chairman's discretion, members of the public attending the meeting will be allowed to ask questions, make a statement or address the Council upon a matter of concern to that person which is relevant to the Council. A time limit of 5 minutes per person will be permitted, but this may be extended at the Chairman's discretion and a maximum period of 20 minutes has been allocated by the Council for this item of business

5. NARRATIVE INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AUGUST 2014

5 MONTHS THEREFORE 42%

INCOME

1. First half of Precept received from Wiltshire Council during April 2014
2. HLF income grant received July 2014. Higher than budgeted.

EXPENDITURE

3. 2014 Twinning costs higher than budget and £600 incurred for transportation of a Sarsen stone to Germany. We may recover part of this as Stadt Waiblingen have applied for a grant which will partially cover these additional costs.
4. Free use by All in One Catering £3.5K year to date. No budget against this cost heading. Grant to WANHS, Devizes Community Hospital and Drews Pond Wood fully expended in July 2014.
5. Festival Free Use fully expended in first quarter of the financial year. Actual £6.65K, budget £6K. carnival Grant and Carnival Free Use now fully expended. DOCA grant 50% of full year expended in initial 4 months.
6. Water rates in respect of Memorial Fountain £189 year to date. No specific budget provision.
7. Devizes Leisure Centre invoiced quarterly. Initial invoice only received from Wiltshire Council.
8. Hillworth Project costs negated by ongoing HLF grant claims. Activity costs more evident in Summer months.
9. Earlier expenditure during Summer months regarding Plants, Seeds and Bulbs, watering contract and Trees and Woodland.
10. Large expenditure on Ventilation and Air Conditioning system. Ear marked Reserve will be brought forward in future months to negate expenditure when fully expended.

Large items of capital Spend regarding The Chequers Garden and Albion Place will appear later in the financial Year.

6. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAID

A Schedule of Accounts Paid is attached for information (doc 6/1 – doc 6/2).

7. REPORT FROM INSPECTOR ARMSTRONG

Providing there are no operational issues Inspector Armstrong will attend the meeting. Please advise in advance if there are any questions which require answering,

8. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – WILTSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

A meeting of the Wiltshire Association of Local Councils was held on Monday 22 Sept 2014. The meeting was chaired by Cllr D Roberts and 8 other Councillors were present and the county secretary Katie Fielding recorded the minutes.

There was one vacancy on the finance and general purposes committee which was filled by Mrs P Winchcombe (vice president) of W.A.L.C.

The date for the A.G.M. was set for 23rd October 2014 to be held in the Wessex room Corn Exchange Devizes. Meeting to start at 7pm and in the absence of the president the vice president will take the chair.

The committee was informed that W.A.L.C. is looking forward to moving into the new offices at the end of October, which is on the Hopton Estate.

If you have any questions for the next meeting please let me know.

Cllr Albert Wooldridge, WALC Rep.

9. REPORT FOR INFORMATION - NOTES FROM COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP – COUNCILLOR PETER EVANS

Rotherstone - Avon Terrace

Following consultations with residents and agreement from Devizes Town Council to support the scheme, the next step is to consult with the Police to see if they would support the scheme.

If the Police support the scheme then put in a TRO, this would allow any other residents in the area the opportunity to comment on the scheme.

Pedestrian crossing at Bath Road

An A361 crossing on Bath Road Devizes

Pedestrian crossing report for putting in a new crossing has been completed and ready for consideration by the Town Council. The cost of a crossing would be about £40K and it is likely that if agreed, a substantive bid would need to be put in to help fund it.

10. REPORT FOR INFORMATION - ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Following complaints received by Councillor Mrs Evans about anti-social behaviour caused by homeless people living in the wood behind the cemetery a meeting to discuss the problem was organised and the notes of that meeting are attached. No further meetings have been organised, however actions will be advised once complete (doc 10/1).

11. REPORT FOR DECISION – WIDENING OF THE CANAL TOWPATH FROM LONDON ROAD TO THE CEMETERY BRIDGE

Recommendation

That the committee forms a view on proposals to widen the canal towpath from London Road to the cemetery bridge which it will pass on to the Area Board.

Purpose of the Report

To form a view on proposals to widen the canal towpath from London Road to the cemetery bridge

Background

At the Area Board meeting a decision about providing funding for the proposed widening of the canal towpath was deferred until the November meeting.

The Devizes Transport Strategy dated September 2012 set out the challenges facing the town and possible solutions to dealing with both traffic congestion and excessive CO₂ emissions. This cycle scheme forms part of that strategy.

The initiative is designed to provide an accessible cycle route into town using the canal towpath which will involve the widening of the towpath between London Road bridge to the cemetery bridge to a width of 2.1m and then resurface it with a bonded gravel. Doc 11/1 is plan of the cycle proposed route

The cost of the project is £226,000 with value of partnership funding currently identified at £60,000. Docs 11/2 –11/3 set out the funding need in more detail

In the area board agenda it is noted that the Town Council will be asked for its view on the project.

Options Considered

The committee are asked to give its opinion on the proposals which will be passed on to the Area Board members

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are unaware of any Finance and Resource implication for the Town Council associated with this decision

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The Council will be considering this matter under its power of General Competence

Environmental Implications

Officers are unaware of any environmental implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Risk Assessment

Officers are unaware of any risk implication for the Town Council associated with this decision.

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder act 1998.

12. REPORT FOR DECISION - COMMUNITY GRANT AWARDS OCTOBER 2014

Recommendation

That the Community & Civic Resources Committee supports the recommendations of the working party as outlined in the list below and that any remaining budget for community grants be set aside and used for considering further applications prior to year-end.

Purpose of the Report

To consider giving financial support through grant funding to benefit local people through local, district or national organisations.

Background

This year 21 applications for funding have been received.

At the Community & Civic Resources Committee held on the 13th of May 2014 it was agreed to convene a cross party representational working party to consider all of the forthcoming applications. Members of the working party met on Tuesday 30th September to consider the grant applications received within this civic year.

The working party recommends that the following organisations should be awarded the amounts of funds listed below:

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Applicant	Brief Description of application	Amount of grant recommended
ALZHEIMERS SUPPORT	Running costs for club at Sidmouth Street	£200
ARTS TOGETHER	Art material and food for weekly meetings	Nil
DEVIZES BLIND & PARTIALLY SIGHTED CLUB	Provision of monthly outing during Summer months	£100
DEVIZES & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR THE DISABLED	Purchase of paints to redecorate part of the centre	£200
DEVIZES & DISTRICT LINK	Continuation of services for local community	£200
DEVIZES & DITRICT TUESDAY ELDERLY HANDICAPPED CLUB	General running costs of the organisation	£200
DEVIZES OPENDOOR	General running costs of the organisation	£100
DEVIZES OVER 50'S CLUB	Christmas Dinner or outing	£50
DEVIZES TELEVISION	Upgrade equipment and improve student facilities	Nil
FIRST STAGES	Help towards venue hire costs for performances	Nil
KENNET & AVON CANAL TRUST	Buy materials for insulation of new museum roof	£150
KENNET FURNITURE REFURBIZ	Production of 5000 leaflets	Nil
MARKET LAVINGTON OLD SCHOOL DAY	Enhance life of elderly or isolated	Nil
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS THERAPY CENTRE (WESSEX) LTD	Travel fund to help the cost of travel for therapies	Nil
RELATE MID WILTSHIRE	Contribution towards bursary scheme	Nil
ROWDE COMMUNITY SHOP	To benefit the residents of Rowde	Nil
SPLITZ SUPPORT SERVICES	Funding towards shortfall in Buddy scheme budget	Nil
VITALISE	Provision of respite care	Nil

Applicant	Brief Description of application	Amount of grant recommended
WAIBLINGEN WAY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	Grant towards community garden & Easter Egg hunt	£200
WILTSHIRE BLIND ASSOCIATION – DEVIZES CRAFT CLUB	Support, enhance and reduce the isolation and loneliness suffered by visually impaired people	£100
WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST	Secure homes of elderly, vulnerable and disadvantaged residents	£200

Implications & Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

A budget is set aside each financial year for the purposes of allocating general/community grants. For 2014 – 2015 this was set at £3000. If the recommendations of the working party are agreed the total sum of the grants allocated within this financial year will be £1700 leaving a balance of £1300 for late or urgent applications.

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The statutory provision (section 137) enables a local council each year to spend up to an amount of £5.40 per local government elected listed in the Register of Electors on anything, which in the Council's opinion is in the interest of all or some of the inhabitants.

Environmental Implications

Officers are not aware of any environmental issues arising from this report.

Risk Assessment

Officers are not aware of any risks arising from this report other than the organisations listed above rely on volunteers, grants and contributions to remain solvent and therefore actively involved with the Devizes community.

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder act 1998.

13. REPORT FOR DECISION – REPRESENTATION ON THE NEW LOCAL YOUTH NETWORK

Recommendation

It is recommended that a Town Council member is appointed to sit on Wiltshire Councils' new Local Youth Network for the Devizes Area.

Purpose of the Report

To agree the Town Council's representative on the new Local Youth Network

Background

At the recent Area Board meeting, an overview was given in an attempt to explain how youth services within the Wiltshire Council area will be delivered in an attempt to reduce the current financial budget.

Historical, many of Wiltshire Council's youth activities have been delivered through its own dedicated staff using youth clubs and one to one intervention. Whilst it is now recognised that the service still has a role to play in supporting the most vulnerable children in the county, it has been decided that its wider youth programme can be delivered by established youth organisations with some financial assistance from the part of the council youth budget via a new grant mechanism.

To help monitor and evaluate the needs and aspirations of young peoples in terms of service provision, the former Youth Advisory Groups (YAGs) have become Local Youth Networks (LYNs). Devizes Town Council has historically had a member repetitive on the Devizes YAG and we are advised that should the Town Council wish, this representation can be transferred to the Devizes LYN.

Councillor Johnson is currently the Council's representative on the YAG and would welcome the opportunity to continue his youth work through the LYN.

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide if they wish the Town Council to have representation on the new Local Youth Network for the Devizes area.

If the committee does decide to have representation on the Devizes LYN, it further needs to decide if they wish to appoint Councillor Johnson as the Council's representative or make an alternative appointment.

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are unaware of any Finance and Resource implication for the Council associated with this decision

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The Council will be considering this matter under its power of General Competence

Environmental Implications

Officers are unaware of any environmental implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Risk Assessment

Officers are unaware of any risk implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder act 1998.

14. QUESTION TIME

A short time is allowed at the discretion of the Chairman for councillors to ask questions on matters which are not on the current agenda but which are related to matters which have been previously discussed on an agenda relevant to the committee.

At least 24 hours' notice must be given to officers of the intended question. All other matters should be raised on an agenda and the request should be submitted through the Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK