Eyres Monsell Community Meeting

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10:00 am, Wednesday, 17 October 2012 Held at: Town Hall, Town Hall Square, Leicester

Councillors in Attendance

Councillor Virginia Cleaver
Councillor Rory Palmer



1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Palmer was elected Chair for the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Beverley Hall, Jean Dutfield and Adrian Russell.

Councillor Palmer welcomed everyone to the budget meeting, which was a new feature to consider Community Meeting funding applications.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Cleaver disclosed and Other Disclosable Interest in funding application from Pink Lizard Cohesion Project, as a family member had contact with the organisation, and she would not take part in consideration of application.

Councillor Cleaver also disclosed an Other Disclosable Interest in the two funding applications submitted by Rolleston Primary School as she was a School Governor at the school, and she would not take part in consideration of the applications.

In accordance with the Council's new Code of Conduct these interest were not considered so significant that they were likely to prejudice Members' judgement of the public interest. The Members were not, therefore, required to withdraw from the meeting during discussion on these items.

4. APPLICATION FOR GRANTS APPROVED UNDER FAST TRACK PROCEDURES

The following budget requests were included on the agenda for formally noting as it had been agreed by Councillors in-between meetings to enable the project to take place.

(i) Saffron Neighbourhood Management Board - Community Foodbank - £250

RESOLVED:

that the previously agreed funding be noted.

(ii) Southfields Community Association - Diamond Jubilee Celebration - £500

RESOLVED:

that the previously agreed funding be noted.

(iii) Wayne Natzel and Eyres Monsell Events Committee – Picnic on the Park (Family Fun Day) - £500

RESOLVED:

that the previously agreed funding be noted.

5. GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL

Application 1

Pink Lizard Cohesion Project - Pink Lizard Developing Youth - £3,225

The meeting was informed the application had been presented before, and discussions had taken place with the organisation. It was agreed to support the application on the basis of match funding to contributions made from Evington and Freemen Wards funding.

AGREED:

that the application be supported to the value of £750.00.

Application 2

Rolleston Primary School – Installation of Traffic Bollards - £500

Road safety was considered to be a big priority, and it was noted that Transport budget was under pressure. The meeting was informed that other wards has funded schemes of a similar nature.

AGREED:

that the application be supported to the value of £500.00.

Application 3

Vicky Hudson - Family Exercise to Music Session - £480

It was noted that participants were from Eyres Monsell Ward, but was on the geographic boundary of other wards. It was suggested that 50% of the finding be supported up front, and that a review of the attendance logs was made after three events to establish the attendees home location, and the situation reviewed.

AGREED:

that 50% of the funding be supported to the value of £240, and attendance at the session be reviewed.

Application 4

Monsell Arts Group - Providing Arts to Eyres Monsell - £500

The amount requested was a contribution to the total cost. Councillors stated the project was a good opportunity for the community but requested a written report be provided by the group to Councillors on the project.

AGREED:

that the application be supported to the value of £500.00.

Application 5

St. Christopher's Friendship Group – Social Stimulation and Visual Awareness - £500

It was noted that the group operated on the border of the Ward, but agreed it was a well-attended group that had operated for 20-plus years. The Councillors agreed to support the funding application but requested that an application be presented in the future to Freemen Ward Community Meeting funding.

AGREED:

that the application be supported to the value of £500.00, but a future funding application be presented to Freemen Ward.

Application 6

Groundwork Leicester and Leicestershire – Eyres Monsell Community Garden - £500

Councillors discussed the detailed application and agreed that Groundwork Leicester and Leicestershire was a well-recognised organisation. They noted that the funding application was a small percentage of the overall funding.

AGREED:

that the application be supported to the value of £500.00.

Application 7

Steve Jones – Gardening / Orchard Scheme - £500

Councillors noted that the funding application was one of two submitted by Rolleston Primary School, and that the PTA should consider fundraising for projects.

AGREED:

that the application be supported to the value of £500.00.

Application 8

Saffron Neighbourhood Management Board on behalf of the event steering group – Saffron Neighbourhood Celebration Event - £200 (joint bid with Freemen Ward – total bid £700)

Councillors discussed and agreed to fund the application.

AGREED:

that the application be supported to the value of £200.00.

Application 9

Sgt. Andy Partridge, Leicestershire Constabulary – Joint HMP / Police project Actions Have Consequences crime prevention education in schools - £100 (joint bid with Freemen Ward – total bid £150)

Councillors stated the work in schools was well received and a worthwhile project.

AGREED:

that the application be supported to the value of £100.00.

Application 10

Goldhill Jr Management Group – Sound Around Project - £300 (joint bid with Freemen Ward – total bid £600)

The funding application was to provide audio equipment for use by Youth Groups. Councillors discussed and agreed to fund the application.

AGREED:

that the application be supported to the value of £300.00.

Applications not supported

Application 1 Saffron Support for Elderly People – Luncheon Club Refit

The application was withdrawn as the organisation was disbanding.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Councillors stated that the deadline for applications to be next considered was December 31st 2012. A budget meeting would be arranged for January 2013.

7. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10.15am.