

ANNEXE 4

MINUTES of the MEETING of the COMMUNITY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY GRANTS SUB- COMMITTEE held on 17 DECEMBER 2014 AT 9.00am

(To be read in conjunction with the Agenda for the meeting)

- * Cllr Jim Edwards
- * Cllr Brian Ellis
- * Cllr Patricia Ellis
- * Cllr Wyatt Ramsdale
- * Cllr Nick Williams

*Present

Also in attendance: Cllr Carole King,

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Jim Edwards was appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All members of the Sub-Committee were present.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cllr B Ellis declared a non-pecuniary interest as he was a member of Cranleigh Parish Council who manage the Cranleigh Youth Café.

Cllr P Ellis declared a non-pecuniary interest as she was a member of Cranleigh Parish Council who manage the Cranleigh Youth Café.

Cllr Edwards declared a non-pecuniary interest as he was the Waverley representative at the Orchard Club.

4. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

At 9.18am the Sub-Committee RESOLVED that, pursuant to Procedure Rule 20 and in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item 5, on the grounds that it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information (as defined by Section 100L of the Act) of the description specified in the revised Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, namely:

3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

5. INITIAL ALLOCATIONS SUGGESTED BY THE GRANTS PANEL

- 5.1 The Sub-Committee received the initial allocations suggested by the Grants Panel. Officers reported that four organisations previously funded through the Waverley Community Partnership grant process are now being funded under a Service Level Agreement. These organisations will not be considered as part of the Grants Process.
- 5.2 The Sub-Committee discussed the individual applications and the Grant Panel's proposed amounts, which are attached at Annexe 1 of the main report.
- 5.3 After considering all of the Grants Panel's initial proposals, the Sub-Committee made the following observations:

1. Brightwells Gostrey Centre

The Sub-Committee noted that the services offered by the Brightwells Gostrey Centre reflect the changing needs of the client and were pleased to note specific activities and staff training for dementia clients.

The Grants Panel recommendation was endorsed.

2. Farnham Assist

The Sub-Committee endorsed the amount proposed by the Grants Panel.

3. Age UK Waverley

The Sub-Committee were advised that the application covers both Age UK Waverley's Information and Advice Service and Rowleys 50+ centre. They considered the requests separately.

The Sub-Committee noted that Age UK Waverley also provide a gardening and handyman services, funded by Waverley Voluntary Grants partnership and Surrey County Council respectively. They expressed concern that that service users are centred in Cranleigh and noted that the same services are offered borough-wide by other organisations.

The Sub-Committee endorsed the recommendations of the Grants Panel for Age UK Waverley and noted that this would not affect the accessibility of these services to residents.

The Sub-Committee confirmed the Council's commitment to Rowleys and requested that officers work closely with Rowleys to ensure that they are not adversely affected by grant recommendations for Age UK Waverley.

The Sub-Committee endorsed the recommendations for Rowleys.

4. Voluntary Action South West Surrey
The Sub-Committee noted that this organisation has demonstrated successful working across the borough to enable voluntary organisations to access and source funding.

The Grants Panel recommendation was endorsed.
5. St Marks Community Centre
The Sub-Committee were pleased to note the good work undertaken by St Marks and commented particularly on their role administering a food bank.

The Grants Panel recommendation was endorsed.
6. Wrecclesham Community Centre
The Sub-Committee noted the good work undertaken at the centre. Officers advised that work has been undertaken on the building this year and agreed that this should be capitalised on to enable the centre to become self-financing in future years.

The Grants Panel recommendation was endorsed.
7. Jubilee Church
The Sub-Committee noted the good work undertaken through this organisation.

The Grants Panel recommendation was endorsed.
8. Farncombe Community Centre
The Sub-Committee were pleased to note that this organisation are investing in their building and working to diversify the services they offer.

The Grants Panel recommendation was endorsed.
9. Cranfold Job Seekers Club
The Sub-Committee noted the excellent work undertaken by this organisation and commended the model used to assist people into employment.

The Grants Panel recommendation was endorsed.
10. Mediation First
The Sub-Committee noted that this service is already funded by the Council through the planning service and the Housing Revenue Funding.

The Grants Panel recommendation was endorsed.
11. Help in Elstead
The Sub-Committee noted the valuable work undertaken by this organisation and endorsed the recommendation of the Grants Panel.

12. Surrey Save
The Sub-Committee noted the business plan and model for this organisation. They also noted the number of residents accessing the service and were concerned that the model did not seem to be reaching a higher number of residents. Officers reported that the Council financially assisted the setting up of Surrey Save and that they are now fully operating as a credit union. The Sub-Committee endorsed the values of credit unions but agreed that this organisation is now a self-sufficient financial organisation.

They requested that officers continue to working closely with the organisation and agreed the Grants Panel recommendation.

13. TALK
The Sub-Committee noted that TALK are in the process of changing their delivery model and that officers are in discussions with this organisation to support them through this transition period.

The Grants Panel recommendation was endorsed.

14. Sandy Hill Bungalow
The Sub-Committee noted the application is to support the development of the bungalow and endorsed the Grants Panel recommendation.

15. 3 Counties Money Advice
The Sub-Committee noted that the services offered by this organisation are also provided by other organisations and agreed with the Grants Panel recommendation.

16. Godalming Museum Trust
The Sub-Committee noted the financial position of this organisation and noted its ability to raise income as well as the additional financial support provided by the Council.

The Grants Panel recommendation was endorsed with one objection from the Sub-Committee.

17. Haslemere Educational Museum
The Sub-Committee noted the financial position of this organisation and were pleased to note that the Museum is working to safeguard their financial future.

The Sub-Committee agreed, by a majority vote, to endorse the Grants Panel recommendation.

18. Haslemere Hall Trust
The Sub-Committee noted the financial position of this organisation and agreed, by a majority vote, to endorse the Grants Panel recommendation.

19. Rural Life Centre
The Sub-Committee noted the financial position of this organisation and were pleased to note its ability to generate additional income through events and other activities. The Sub-Committee felt that they are demonstrating a good model of service delivery which is enabling them to be self-sufficient.
- The Sub-Committee therefore proposed, and agreed, that the recommendation be reduced to £1k.
20. Stopgap Dance Company
The Sub-Committee endorsed the Grants Panel recommendation.
21. 40 Degreez Centre for Young People
The Sub-Committee were pleased to note that this organisation is delivering an excellent service and are working to secure other streams of funding.
- The Sub-Committee agreed, with a majority vote, to endorse the Grants Panel recommendation.
22. Disability Challengers
The Sub-Committee endorsed the excellent of this organisation and noted that it provides a service to residents not available elsewhere in the borough.
- The Grants Panel recommendation was endorsed.
23. High Sheriff Awards
The Sub-Committee agreed the recommendation of the Grants Panel.
24. Cranleigh Youth Café
The Sub-Committee noted the contribution and commitment of Cranleigh Parish Council and felt that it is a well run and well used centre.
- The Grants Panel recommendation was endorsed.
25. A Place to be Youth Group
The Sub-Committee noted the excellent work undertaken by the organisation with limited resources. They were concerned that the Group was operating financially on a day to day basis and requested officers work with them to identify and assist them to pursue a long-term sustainable model.
- The recommendation of the Grants Panel was endorsed. A further recommendation was agreed that additional funding of up to £500 be made available to the group conditional on increased engagement with the local authority to pursue a long-term sustainable model.

The meeting concluded at 11.15am

Chairman