

# Decisions of the Chipping Barnet Area Committee

15 January 2015

Members Present:-

Councillor Stephen Sowerby (Chairman)

Councillor Bridget Perry (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Caroline Stock

Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb

Councillor Amy Trevethan

Councillor Philip Cohen

Councillor Andreas Ioannidis

## 1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 22 October 2014 be agreed as a correct record.

## 2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)

There were none.

## 3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor	Agenda Item	Nature of Interest
Pauline Coakley-Webb	Item 7 – Area Committee Budget Allocations.	Non-Pecuniary Interest as Councillor Coakley Webb is a trustee of the East Barnet Community Festival
	East Barnet Community Festival	Non-Pecuniary Interest as Councillor Coakley Webb is a trustee of the East Barnet Community Festival
	Friern Barnet Community Library	Non-Pecuniary Interest as Councillor Coakley Webb is a trustee of the Friern Barnet Community Library

## 4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

There were none.

## 5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)

There were none.

## 6. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

There were none.

## 7. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

The Chairman opened the meeting with a statement that due to an administrative error some applications had incorrectly stated that some Councillor's had sponsored applications when they had not.

Councillor Amy Trevathan confirmed that she had incorrectly been cited as a sponsor on some applications. She further raised concerns about applications not yet passed the due diligence test but which the Committee were expected to make a decisions on.

The Head of Governance clarified the following points raised by the Committee:

**1. Sponsor Councillors**

The report contained some misleading labelling in that not all Councillors listed as sponsors of applications were formal sponsors. It was noted that legal advice had been received to confirm that all members would have the right to vote on all of the applications, regardless of their status as a sponsor.

**1. Considering applications that have not passed the due diligence test**

Officers assessed the application against the guidance and conditions of grant and on that basis made recommendations to the Committee. Where applications had not passed the due diligence test but the Committee was minded to approve them there was an element of risk - the ultimate decision rested with the Committee.

The Head of Governance introduced the report and provided an overview of the applications and assessments process.

The Committee considered each application in turn. The Chairman introduced each application and invited discussion by the Committee. Where there were outstanding matters which required clarification, Committee Members asked questions of applicants present in the meeting, and responses were provided.

RESOLVED –

1. That following consideration of each of the applications the Committee approve/ refused the applications as set out Appendix 1 of the minutes.
2. That the Committee note total funds allocated is £48,796 with the remaining £51,204 to be rolled over to the next round of funding.

**8. MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE CHIPPING BARNET RESIDENTS FORUM**

There were none.

**9. ANY ITEM(S) THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT**

There were none.

The meeting finished at 9.50 pm

**CHIPPING BARNET AREA COMMITTEE - BUDGET ALLOCATIONS – 15 JANUARY 2015**

Applicant/organisation	Description	Amount applied for	Approved/Rejected, and any conditions
1. Exposure Organisation Ltd-	Media Production Training Encouraging young people especially those at risk of becoming victims of domestic violence to use media production as creative release.	£9,998	APPROVED subject to: 1. the project ensuring fair and open access, and that social work teams will be able to make referrals into it. 2. review by the council's safeguarding officers, of the safeguarding information by the applicant. 3. the conditions of grant as set out in Annex 3 of the report of officers. Final approval is delegated to the Chief Finance Officer (or other officer as nominated by the Chief Executive) subject to the receipt of any supplementary information which has been requested in relation to 1 and 2. above.
2. The Traveller Movement	Advocacy and parenting support for Gypsy Roma Traveller (GRT) To reduce the disproportionate number of schools exclusions give to GRT young people and to empower GRT parents to make more informed decisions around their child's education	£,2019	APPROVED subject to: 1. review by the council's safeguarding officers, of the safeguarding information by the applicant. 2. to the Conditions of Grant as set out in Annex 3 of the report of officers Final approval is delegated to the Chief Finance Officer (or other officer as nominated by the Chief Executive) subject to the receipt of any supplementary information which has been requested in relation to 1 above.
3. New Barnet Community Association	Improving safety and security New Barnet Community Centre - replacing access path that have deteriorated and updating to meet new safety standards fire exists .	£4,350	APPROVED subject to the Conditions of Grant as set out in Annex 3 of the report of officers

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4.	Barnet Community Projects	Start-up fund Seeking a start-up funds (for equipment etc) for the Arc Community Care at the Rainbow Centre on the Dollis Valley Estate	£4,947	<p>APPROVED subject :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. review by the council's safeguarding officers, of the safeguarding information by the applicant.</li> <li>2. to the Conditions of Grant as set out in Annex 3 of the report of officers</li> </ol> <p>Final approval is delegated to the Chief Finance Officer (or other officer as nominated by the Chief Executive) subject to the receipt of any supplementary information which has been requested in relation to 1 above.</p>
5.	St Mary the Virgin Church	Footpath repair Relaying of footpaths across churchyard	£5,000	<p>DEFERRED to the next round of Area Committee Budget applications as clarification is required as to whether the ongoing maintenance liability for the path lies with the Church or the Council</p>
6.	Barnet Elizabethans Rugby Football	Modernising facilities Total refurbishment of the gent's toilets at the club house	£4,800	<p>APPROVED subject :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. review by the council's safeguarding officers, of the safeguarding information by the applicant.</li> <li>2. to the Conditions of Grant as set out in Annex 3 of the report of officers</li> </ol> <p>Final approval is delegated to the Chief Finance Officer (or other officer as nominated by the Chief Executive) subject to the receipt of any supplementary information which has been requested in relation to 1 above.</p>

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7.	Friends of Friary Park	Table Tennis & Hopscotch Installation of a full sized concrete table tennis in Friary Park and the introduction of hopscotch layout within the same area	£3,675	APPROVED subject to:  1. approval from the Greenspaces Team that the table is of the appropriate quality.  2. the conditions of grant as set out in Annex 3 of the report.  Final approval is delegated to the Chief Finance Officer (or other officer as nominated by the Chief Executive) subject to the receipt of any supplementary information which has been requested in relation to 1. above.
8.	African Caribbean Development Foundation	Actives for youth at risk The project targets 13 to 24 year olds and focuses on linking financial literacy with enterprise development and life learning skills	£8,500	REFUSED for the following reasons:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insufficient information on how the project will be implemented</li> <li>• No budget breakdown being provided;</li> <li>• A lack of information on the structure of the curriculum and what it entails;</li> <li>• No supporting evidence of how other similar projects have been delivered and what was the outcome; and</li> <li>• How the scheme would be promoted, including a profile of the young people being targeted.</li> <li>• The scheme is based in two locations one of which falls outside the Chipping Barnet Area . The committee noted that the applicant could have made a joint application to the Hendon Area Committee thus halving the cost burden to the Chipping Barnet Area committee.</li> <li>• The applicant could not provide evidence that they had agreed usage of their proposed venues.</li> </ul> <p>The Committee noted that the applicant had agreed to withdraw the cost of the Mentor and Volunteer from their application</p>

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9.	Friern Barnet Community Library	ESOL and Computer classes Objective is to run 2 classes (i) ESOL aimed at parents of children in local schools (but still open to interested library users) and (ii) fortnightly computer classes	£5,000  Committee approved £2,500	<p>APPROVED £2,500 for a period of six months to allow the Library to monitor and review the on-going financial viability of the training offered. The Committee noted that if the training proved successful over a six month period the Library could reapply in the next funding round to the Chipping Barnet Area Committee for a further six months funding.</p> <p>Funding was approved subject to the following.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. receipt of a budget breakdown for the project.</li> <li>2. receipt of further information on the proposed outputs, such as number of sessions planned for each course and target number of attendees.</li> <li>3. review by the council's safeguarding officers, of the safeguarding information by the applicant.</li> <li>4. the Conditions of Grant as set out in Annex 3 of the report.</li> </ol> <p>Final approval is delegated to the Chief Finance Officer (or other officer as nominated by the Chief Executive) subject to the receipt of any supplementary information which has been requested in relation to 1, 2 and 3. Above.</p>
10.	Advocacy in Barnet	Community Matters – Knowledge Surgeries Aim of the project is support residents to age well, combat isolation and vulnerability that lead to depression and increased hospital admissions	£9,499	<p>REFUSED as the Council is currently tendering for a Borough-wide information, advice and advocacy service that aims to provide similar outcomes as those set out in the proposal and as such would duplicate a Council service. The Committee agreed it would be more prudent to defer consideration until the outcome of the tender exercise was known.</p>

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11.	Linden Groves	<p>Street play sessions for local children</p> <p>Aim of project is to provide street play sessions for local children and their families in the summer of 2015. This involves closing the host road for 3 hours to accommodate a 2 hour play session.</p>	£2,750	<p>REFUSED as the majority of the Committee considered that this type of event should be organised and funded by local residents. The applicant did confirm that the road closures have been specially chosen so as not impact on other residents.</p> <p>Voting was as follows:</p> <p>3 for</p> <p>3 against</p> <p>1 abstention</p> <p>The Chairman used his casting vote and voted to refuse the application.</p>
12.	Parkhurst Road Residents Association	<p>School for life</p> <p>Aim of the project is to incorporate various workshops targeted at all groups. Examples of activities include self-defence, fitness, gardening, art, music and community focused events</p>	£9,000	<p>REFUSED, as the majority of the Committee agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>that such an event could be organised and funded by local residents, as with the street parties for the Royal Wedding in 2011.</li> <li>a more comprehensive budget break down of how much the different activities were likely to cost was need.</li> </ul> <p>Concerns were raised by some of the Committee with regards to (i) high costs of the proposed event and (ii) whether an event benefiting a relatively small section of the Chipping Barnet area represented value for money.</p> <p>A number Committee felt the level of funding requested for a two day street party was very high and suggested the applicant explore other funding avenues such as local fund raising or sponsorship to help reduce costs.</p> <p>There was also no confirmation from the Council's Highway's Team that the road closures would not be an issue. The applicant confirmed that a number of locals business have been approached to run the various activities, but none confirmed.</p>

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				<p>Voting was as follows:  1 for  4 against  2 abstention</p>
13.	East Barnet Community Festival	Theatre in the Park Event takes place on Sunday afternoon in the Oak Hill Park as part of the East Barnet Festival	£1,300	<p>APPROVED subject to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the applicant working with a support organisation to make sure its safeguarding policy covers all relevant areas for the project and the review by the Council safeguarding officers of the final version of the safeguarding policy.</li> <li>Conditions of grant as set out in Annex 3 of the report of officers.</li> </ol> <p>Final approval is delegated to the Chief Finance Officer (or other officer as nominated by the Chief Executive) subject to the receipt of any supplementary information which has been requested in relation to 1 and 2. above. The Committee noted the following additional information:</p> <p>Cllr Coakley Webb, a trustee of East Barnet Community Festival, confirmed the entry fee as follows:  £12.00 for adults;  £10.00 for concession;  £6.00 for children;  £0.00 for children 4 and under</p> <p>The applicant advised the Committee that she had been in contact with Equality Register (<a href="http://equalityregister.co.uk">equalityregister.co.uk</a>) and was awaiting a meeting with a Mr Richard Gilbert who advising them on upgrading their safeguarding policies)</p> <p>Final approval is delegated to the Chief Finance Officer (or other officer as nominated by the Chief Executive) subject to the receipt of any supplementary information which has been requested in relation to 1, 2 and 3. above.</p>



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14.	East Barnet Community Festival	<p>Booking the organisation Kazzum Feedback received from surveys is that there is not much at the main Festival for young children. Kazzum (<a href="http://www.kazzum.org">www.kazzum.org</a>) is an organisation that specialises in dynamic work that bridges the gap between entertainment and education for young people.</p>	£850	<p>APPROVED subject to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the applicant working with a support organisation to make sure its safeguarding policy covers all relevant areas for the project and the review by the Council's safeguarding officers of the final version of the safeguarding policy.</li> <li>Conditions of grant as set out in Annex 3 of the report of officers.</li> </ol> <p>Final approval is delegated to the Chief Finance Officer (or other officer as nominated by the Chief Executive) subject to the receipt of any supplementary information which has been requested in relation to 1. above.</p> <p>The applicant advised the Committee that she had been in contact with Equality Register (<a href="http://equalityregister.co.uk">equalityregister.co.uk</a>) and was awaiting a meeting with a Mr Richard Gilbert who advising them on upgrading their safeguarding policies)</p>
15	East Barnet Town Centre Improvement	<p>Security measures and other improvements Security measures to protect the neighbourhood and business, plus other improvements such as plants, hanging baskets and better Christmas lights.</p>	£3,000	<p>Councillor Phil Cohen confirmed that the applicant had agreed to withdraw their application as the Council would be reviewing its use of CCTV in the locality and that this may cover the safety concerns. The Committee noted that the applicant may make an application to a future funding round on the other proposals detailed in her application.</p>
16.	Coppetts Wood Conservationists	<p>The organisation is seeking funding to purchase a large steel container for use as a tool storage unit on the Coppetts Wood LNR and the production of a database for two reserves. With the funding extensive wildlife survey records that have been held for the past forty years will be digitised</p>	£4,358	<p>APPROVED subject to the Conditions of Grant as set out in Annex 3 of the report of officers</p>

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17. AOPM – Communities for Youth Justice	Project will involve working with an identified family or specified child in Social Care. Primary beneficiary will be the child(ren) and family nominated by the Youth Offending Service.	£9,999	REFUSED due to the application failing the council's due diligence tests or contravening the conditions for funding.
18. Barnet Arts Council	"Victory" sculpture in Barnet Application is for exploration of other sites suitable to place visual and artistic work to commemorate local history.	£5,000	REFUSED due to the application failing the council's due diligence tests or contravening the conditions for funding.
19. Brunswick Park Primary and Nursery School.	Fencing in children's play equipment in Brunswick Park Application is for the installation of a fence around the children's play equipment which will protect the area from dogs.	£9,999	<p>APPROVED (reversal of officers recommendation that the application should not be allocated funding as it failed the council's due diligence tests or contravened the conditions for funding) subject to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. an agreement is put in place between the Council and applicant that future maintenance costs are to be met by the Brunswick Park Primary School.</li> <li>2. at least two quotes for the cost of the fence and installation are provided to the Council.</li> <li>3. Should the final cost come in under the approved budget, the residual funds are returned to the Council.</li> <li>4. the fence needs to be of the appropriate standard to be agreed with the Council's Greenspaces Team.</li> <li>5. the Conditions of Grant as set out in Annex 3 of the report of officers.</li> </ol> <p>Final approval is delegated to the Chief Finance Officer (or other officer as nominated by the Chief Executive) subject to the receipt of any supplementary information which has been requested in relation to 1, 2, 3 and 4. above.</p> <p>Officers reiterated that as the fence is in a council park, there was a risk that at some juncture in the future it would require some repair/maintenance. The risk in this case being</p>

				<p>that these costs would be met by the Council. Section 4 of the guidance for the Area Committee Budgets states that 'projects must not require maintenance from the Council, or future expenditure'.</p> <p>Mr White, Chairman of Governors, Brunswick Park Primary &amp; Nursery School confirmed that any costs incurred for maintenance/repair would be met by the School. He further confirmed that he believed this level of funding being requested would be sufficient to build the fence.</p>
20.	Hampden Way Nursery School	Purchase of a Mini Bus Application is for a grant to put towards the purchase of a minibus for the nursery	£9,999	REFUSED due to the application failing the council's due diligence tests or contravening the conditions for funding.

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