

GRANTS ASSESSMENT PANEL

Monday, 14th December, 2015

Present:- Councillor Mrs Amelia Rout – in the Chair
Councillors Burgess, Cooper, Naylor, Walklate and Winfield

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest stated.

10. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 September, 2015 be agreed as a correct record.

11. PRESENTATION BY REVITALISE

At the previous meeting of the Panel an application had been considered by Revitalise. Members had deferred a decision and requested that a representative from the charity attend to give a presentation.

Andrew Baker, Trusts & Foundations Manager for Revitalise, attended to give a presentation which outlined the work of Revitalise (formerly Vitalise) a national charity that provides respite holiday breaks for people with disabilities and their carers in three centres in England. Members received a hand out of the slides and a copy of an Impact Report 2015.

Members were then invited to ask questions.

Cllr. Winfield asked how many people from Newcastle-under-Lyme use their services. Andrew replied that in the last year for which they have figures they had a total of 22 guests from the ST5 and ST7 postcode areas. Since this did not include the CW3 and TF9 postcode areas the number was probably higher.

Cllr. Naylor asked how Revitalise was funded. Andrew explained that the largest source of funding was from charges to guests, some of whom used their personal budgets to pay. In addition they receive funding from Local Authorities, Charitable Trusts, and increasingly from commissioning through CCGs.

Cllr. Cooper asked how much carers were charged for staying at their Centres. Andrew explained that the rates for carers were lower than the rates for disabled guests, and that some guests used the service to give their carer a break. He also explained that the charity have a fund which can be accessed by people who would otherwise be unable to afford to stay.

Cllr. Rout asked whether, if it was decided to award a grant, Revitalise would be able to ensure that funding was used for Newcastle-under-Lyme residents. Andrew replied that they would.

Andrew was thanked for his attendance, and Members discussed the application further.

Resolved: That the information be received and the comments noted

12. SPORTS GRANTS

(i) The Panel considered six applications for a Sports Grant.

<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>NASC</u>	<u>Awarded.</u>	<u>Comments.</u>
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	<u>Recommended</u>		
1 – Volleyball.	£360.00.	£360.00.	
2 – Skeet Shooting.	£1,000.00.	£1,000.00.	Award higher than maximum £800.00 for a gold award – agreed as an exception as per NASC recommendation.
3 – Football.	£0	£0	Applicant to resubmit as per NASC recommendation.
4 – Powerchair Football.	£800.00.	£800.00.	Award subject to the condition as per NASC recommendation.
5 – Cricket.	£800.00.	£800.00.	
6 – Cricket.	£300.00.	£300.00.	

(ii) Members expressed concern about the apparent low level of applications being received and grants approved.

Resolved: That a breakdown of applications received and grants awarded to date for 2015/16 with comparative figures for the same stage for 2014/15 be provided

Resolved: That Members receive a briefing at the next meeting giving a reminder of the criteria and classifications for Sports Grants.

13. COMMUNITY CHEST

The Panel considered a report advising of Community Chest applications processed to date for 2014/15.

Resolved: That the Panel notes the applications received and processed to date.

14. SMALL GRANTS

The Panel considered seven applications for Small Grants. The Panel noted the current expenditure on Green Grants.

Resolved:

<u>Applicant:</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Comment.</u>
Revitalise.	£2,000.00.	
All the Small Things CIC.	£1,500.00.	
Leycett Cricket Club.	£1,108.00.	Application was considered to be more appropriate for a Community Chest grant.
North Staffs Polish Day Care Centre.	Deferred.	Applicant to provide a breakdown on what their Big Lottery grant covers and description of the Support Officer role for which funding is sought.

Ayudante CIC. £800.00.

Shelton Swimming £1,000.00.
for Therapy.

Lifeworks £500.00. To be used on Training and awareness pack.
Staffordshire.

15. CULTURAL GRANTS

(i) The Panel considered four applications for Cultural Grants.

<u>Applicant.</u>	<u>Awarded.</u>	<u>Comment.</u>
Newcastle-under-Lyme Civic Society.	£1,000.00.	
Parish of Audley Medieval Society (PAMS).	£1,099.96.	
Newcastle-under-Lyme District Scouts.	£1,200.00.	
The Dorothy Clive Garden.	£1,200.00.	

16. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no Urgent Business.

COUNCILLOR MRS AMELIA ROUT
Chair