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Monday, 3rd March, 2014

Present:- Councillor Mrs Joan Winfield – in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Burnett, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Rout and Miss Walklate

Also in attendance- Mr R Wiles (Partnerships Officer), Mrs T Mason (Culture and Arts Manager), Mr P Whalan (Democratic Services) and Mr A Razaq (Housing Strategy Officer).

1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Resolved: That the minutes of this Committee held on 9 December 2014 be approved as a correct record.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none

3. **VOLUNTARY HOMELESSNESS GRANTS**

Resolved:

That the following Voluntary Homelessness Grants be awarded:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>£</u>
Arch-Elizabeth House Advice Service	2525.02
Arch-Move On and Stay Put Fund	2000.00
Re-Start-Saltbox	1500.00

(b) That no grants be awarded in respect of the applications submitted by The Lyme Trust, YMCA and ADS-Addiction Dependency Services-One Stop Service.

(c) That a further round of applications be sought and considered from voluntary organisations in mid 2014.

4. **COMMUNITY CHEST**

The Panel considered a report (and a supplementary report) advising of Community Chest applications processed during the period April 2013 to March 2014.

The Panel gave its support to those applications made by Maer and Aston Parish Council relating to restoration works to a war Memorial and interior re-decoration of the Village Hall.

Resolved:

(a) That the Panel notes the applications received and processed during April 2013 to March 2014.

- (b) That the Panel supports the two applications referred to above made by Maer and Aston Parish Council.

5. SMALL GRANTS

The Panel considered 12 Small grant applications.

Resolved:

- (a) That the following Small Grants be awarded:-

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>£</u>
The Alice Charity	1,750.00
North Staffs Pensioners Convention	1,000.00
DEAFvibe	1,500.00
Challenge North Staffs	1,230.00
Action on Hearing Loss	1,500.00
Orme Centre Amateur Boxing Club	1,800.00
North Staffs Special Adventure Playground	1,000.00

- (b) That no Small Grant be awarded in respect of the applications submitted by Samaritans of Stoke & Newcastle and Red Street Community Centre Management Committee

- (c) That no Small Grant be awarded in respect of the applications submitted by St.Lukes PTFA, Disability Solutions and Status Grow but that in each case the applicants be advised to make applications to the Food Poverty and Health Fund.

- (d) That no assistance be offered to Status Grow from the Small Grants Fund but that consideration be given to assistance being offered from the Cultural Grant budget.

6. CULTURAL GRANTS

The Panel considered ten Cultural Grant applications.

Resolved:

- (a) That the following Cultural Grants be awarded:-

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>£</u>
Friends of Talke	1500.00
North Staffs Symphony Orchestra	1000.00
238(Squadron) ATC	330.00
Newcastle Festival of Music, Speech & Drama	1500.00
Parish of Audley Medieval Society	660.00
Keele Drama Society	750.00
Status Grow (originally Small Grant application)	702.50

(b) That further in respect of the application made by North Staffs Symphony Orchestra the applicant be also advised to seek assistance from the Community Chest via Marsh hall Community Centre.

(c) That no grant be awarded in respect of the application submitted by Clayton Pre-School Playgroup and that the applicant be advised to seek assistance from the Community Chest.

(d) That no grant be awarded in respect of the applications submitted by Fluxx and St. Mary's Catholic Primary PTA.

7. **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was none

COUNCILLOR MRS JOAN WINFIELD
Chair