

GRANTS ASSESSMENT PANEL

Thursday, 3rd March, 2016

Present:- Councillor Mrs Amelia Rout – in the Chair

Councillors Burgess, Cooper, Winfield and Wing

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest stated.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 December, 2015 be agreed as a correct record.**3. SPORTS GRANTS**

The Panel considered six applications, with the Newcastle Advisory Sports Council recommendations.

Applicant.	Requested.	NASC recommendation.	Awarded.	Comments.
1) Canoeing.	£800.00.	£1,000.00.	£1,000.00.	Award higher than maximum as an exception due to high costs of sport and achievement levels of athlete.
2) Cricket.	£800.00.	£800.00.	£800.00.	
3) Cricket.	£800.00.	£800.00.	£800.00.	
4) Cricket.	£200.00.	£200.00.	£200.00.	
5) Cricket.	£800.00.	£800.00.	£800.00.	
6) Cricket.	£800.00.	£800.00.	£800.00.	

The total of grants awarded at £4,400.00 leaves £10,340.00 in the budget. With Sports Grants this can be carried forward to 2016/17.

The Panel requested that Officers provided a reminder of the different tiers of Sports Grants with the report for the next meeting.

The Panel requested that a copy of applications be e-mailed to Members a week before meetings.

Resolved: That the information be received and the comments noted.**4. COMMUNITY CHEST**

One Community Chest application, from a Locally Based Body, Audley Rural Parish Council, was referred to the Panel for decision. It was resolved to approve their application for £350.00 for High Vis jackets for community use.

A total of 87 applications were received during the year at a total of £55,835.99. 64 grants were awarded at a total of £36,110.00, leaving £6,890.00 unspent. This cannot be carried forward.

It was noted that 2 of the Locally Based Bodies had significant levels of underspend.

Resolved: That the information be received and the comments noted.

5. **SMALL GRANTS**

The Partnerships Officer reported that the 1000 Lives Project, who had been awarded a grant at the December 2015 Panel meeting, had their first Newcastle Event coming up on 22nd March 2016 – information would be e-mailed to the Panel members.

The Panel considered nine applications, including one that had been deferred from the previous meeting.

Applicant.	Applied.	Awarded.	Comments.
North Staffs Polish Day Care Centre.	£2,000.00.	£400.00.	
Sporting Communities CIC.	£1,990.00.	£0.	More appropriate for Community Chest.
Moseley Railway Trust.	£2,000.00.	£400.00.	
Food Fest 16.	£600.00.	£0.	Cultural Grant application takes precedence.
Alice Charity.	£2,000.00.	£845.26	Payment contingent on applicant providing a breakdown of costs.
Keele Community First Responders.	£653.33.	£200.00.	
Dyslexia Association of Staffordshire.	£1,960.00.	£750.00.	Invite to apply again in 2016/17.
435 Air Training Corps.	£2,000.00.	£0.	Insufficient match funding – a 2016/17 application possible.
Disability Solutions.	£1,300.00.	£500.00.	Invite to apply again in 2016/17.

It was noted that these awards meant that the balance in the budget was £0.

The Green Grant expenditure was noted.

Resolved: That the information be received and the comments noted.

6. **CULTURAL GRANTS**

The Panel considered six applications for Cultural Grants.

Applicant.	Applied.	Awarded.	Comments.
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Circus Starr CIC.	£1,200.00.	£800.00.	Payment contingent on proof of local support.
Food Fest 16.	£800.00.	£300.00.	
Women's Community Forum.	£1,200.00.	£600.00.	Payment contingent of proof of match funding.
Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Crier.	£1,200.00.	£600.00.	
Go Kidsgrove.	£1,200.00.	£900.00.	Applicant advised to also apply for a Green Grant.
Caudwell Children.	£1,000.00.	£0	

It was noted that these awards meant that the balance in the budget was £0.

Resolved: That the information be received and the comments noted.

7. **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no Urgent Business.

COUNCILLOR MRS AMELIA ROUT
Chair