

GRANTS ASSESSMENT PANEL

Monday 21 November 2011

Present:- Councillor Mrs Cornes – in the Chair
Councillors Eagles, Mrs Heames and Miss Walklate

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs Johnson.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 6 September 2011 be approved as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Cornes declared an interest in the Community Chest application made by Audley Parish Council (member of the Parish Council) and left the meeting during its consideration when Councillor Miss Walklate was appointed to the Chair.

4. SMALL GRANTS

Consideration was given to two applications for assistance from the Small Grants scheme.

Resolved:- (a) That no grant be awarded in respect of the application submitted by Silverdale St Luke's Parochial Church Council (new stained glass windows) but that it be considered wholly for support as a Cultural Grant.

(b) That in respect of the application submitted by North Staffs Asperger/Autism Association (Social Club Project), a grant of £1000 be awarded to be paid in two instalments of £500 with the second payment being conditional upon applicants submitting satisfactory reports demonstrating that progress has been made during the first six months of the project.

5. CULTURAL GRANTS

Consideration was given to 3 Cultural Grant applications.

Resolved:- (a) That in respect of the application submitted by Silverdale St Luke's Parochial Church Council, a grant of £1200 be awarded towards the cash involved in installing a new stained glass window in the church with such grant being contained upon other funding, as detailed in the application, being secured, the applicants confirming that satisfactory measures will be implemented to protect the new window from vandalism.

(b) That in respect of the application submitted by Maer Village Hall – Maer, Chorlton and Blackbrook Social History Project, a grant of £1500 be

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awarded and the applicants be advised that the committee wishes to receive a progress report on the project to its June 2012 meeting.

(c) That in respect of the application submitted By Tonks Theatre Workshops, a grant of £600 be awarded towards the costs involved in equipment and costume hire when performing interactive theatre activities at three sheltered housing/residential schemes in the Borough. The applicants should also be advised of the Committee's requirement that the grant of £600 be used equally between the three venues.

6. COMMUNITY CHEST

The Committee considered a report informing Members of Community Chest applications that had been processed during the period April 2011 to November 2011.

The report also outlined applications for approval from:-

- Kidsgrove Town Council - Floral displays at a cost of £900
- Audley Parish Council - Upgrade of Footpath 66

Reference was also made to a document that had been prepared and which was to be forwarded to all those applying for Community Chest funding indicating that any equipment funded must be kept securely in a community building.

The Committee also received advice about the management responsibility of the Harriet Higgins Community Centre being transferred to Poolfields Residents Association and a suggestion that until the Association established itself in its new note the Community Chest function be carried out by the Management Committee of Westfield Community Centre where there was some experience in that role.

The Committee had no obligations to this arrangement indicating that if possible it should be implemented from 1 January 2012.

In conclusion, the Committee was advised that the annual review of Community Chest with the Locally Based Bodies would be undertaken in February 2012.

Resolved:- (a) That the Committee notes the applications received and processed during the period April – November 2011.

(b) That the application submitted by Kidsgrove Town Council in respect of floral displays be approved and a grant of £900 be awarded.

Councillor Miss Walklate in the Chair

(c) That the application submitted to Audley Parish Council in respect of repairs to Footpath 66 be approved and a grant of £500 be awarded.

MRS CORNES
Chair