

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the BEST VALUE, SCRUTINY AND BRIDPORT AND WEST BAY TOWN PLAN SUB COMMITTEE of Bridport Town Council held at Mountfield, Bridport on Tuesday 4 September 2012 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT Cllr Miss S.A. Brown

 Cllrs: G.J. Ackerman Mrs M.J. Ray
 E.T. Colfox (from 10.10) D.G. Rickard
 C.M. Ray Ms S.J. Williams

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

Prior to consideration of the grant applications, representatives of the four larger organisations, funded separately by the Town Council, gave a presentation on the activities of their organisations. Nick Neale of the Leisure Centre, Emily Hicks of the Museum, Martin Paley of the Citizens' Advice Bureau and Polly Gifford of the Arts Centre each addressed the Sub Committee and summarised their work over the past year and their aspirations for the coming year.

13. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Cllr Ms G.E. Summers.

14. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Best Value, Scrutiny and Bridport and West Bay Town Plan Sub Committee held on 12 June 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

With reference to the Code of Conduct, the following interests were declared under Appendix B of the Code – non-pecuniary interests and, in accordance with paragraph 12 of the Code, the members concerned did not vote on the specified items. When, and if, the specific application was discussed separately, they also left the room during the decision making discussion on that application.

A.1 - Bridport and West Dorset Sports Trust Management Committee (Leisure Centre) - Cllr E.T. Colfox.

A.2 - Bridport Museum Trust – Cllrs: G.J. Ackerman, Miss S.A. Brown and Ms S.J. Williams.

A4 - Bridport Arts Centre Management Committee – Cllrs: Cllr E.T. Colfox and Cllr C.M. Ray.

B7 - Chancery House Day Centre - Cllr G.J. Ackerman.

B12 - Chamber Orchestra - Cllr Miss S.A. Brown.

B16 - The Sir John Colfox Trust - Cllr C.M. Ray.

B22 - Bridport Area Development Trust - Cllr Ms S.J. Williams.

16. **GRANTS 2012**

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2576.

The Sub Committee considered each grant in turn, having regard to the Town Council's agreed criteria for grants and the application forms submitted.

Following discussion of each grant, it was RECOMMENDED -

(a) that the following grants be approved, marked with the appropriate power:

Organisation	Grant	Power to make the award
Larger Organisations		
	£	
Leisure Centre	4,750	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19(3)
Museum	3,750	Power of Wellbeing
Citizens' Advice Bureau	5,000	Local Government Act 1972 s 142(2)(A)
Arts Centre	6,000	Local Government Act 1972 s145
Service Level Agreement grants total	19,500	Budget - £16,500
Smaller Organisations		
	£	
Disabled Carers and Friends Club – assistance with meeting costs.	100	Power of Wellbeing
Life Education Wessex – health and drug advice for primary age children.	250	Power of Wellbeing
First Dorset Credit Union – advertising campaign.	250	Power of Wellbeing
Axe Valley and West Dorset Ring and Ride – community transport.	250	Local Government & Rating Act 1997 s27
Age Concern, Chancery House – replacement catering oven. *	750	Power of Wellbeing
'You Trust' – graffiti project at West Rivers House. **	250	Power of Wellbeing
Barracudas Swimming Club – running of the 2012 black buoy cup.	200	Power of Wellbeing
Respite and Recovery UK – courses for carers in Bridport.	250	Power of Wellbeing
Bridport Bandits – transport costs to tracks less affected by bad weather.	250	Power of Wellbeing
Bridport Chamber Orchestra – classical music for young people.	200	Local Government Act 1972 s145
Millennium Advice and Information Centre – fund second support worker.	250	Power of Wellbeing
Victim Support – volunteers training.	250	Power of Wellbeing
Allington Hill Volunteers - play trail project.	500	Power of Wellbeing

The Sir John Colfox Trust –reading initiative for young people.	225	Power of Wellbeing
Bridport Community Land Trust – start up funding to aid provision of affordable housing.***	300	Power of Wellbeing
Skills Training, Bridport – start up funding for administration and communications.****	300	Power of Wellbeing
Hughes Unit Group Supporters - support for service users group and awareness raising	200	Power of Wellbeing
Youth Dance, Arts Centre – Dance activities for young people.	250	Local Government Act 1972 s145
Small Things, Arts Centre – arts event for 3-8 years.	250	Local Government Act 1972 s145
Total Small Grants	5,275	Budget - £9,785

* Chancery House Day Centre – that 50% of the actual cost of the catering oven, or £750, whichever is the smaller, be awarded.

** the application for the You Trust project was awarded £250 for materials.

*** Bridport Community Land Trust – subject to confirmation on the constitution.

****Skills Training Bridport – subject to confirmation of support from skills training providers and partners.

(b) that the following applications be not supported at this time:

- Bridport2Seattle2016 funding (£250) for an American football tour, as it was noted that the visit would not be made until 2016. The aims of the project were supported but the Town Council’s potential funding should be considered nearer the time of the proposed visit.
- St Mary’s CE VC Primary School (£100) towards an after school club, as it was considered that this did not meet the criteria of the grants scheme.

(c) that in view of the Town Council’s ongoing support for the Literary and Scientific Institute project, the application from the Bridport Area Development Trust (£2,000) for this scheme be considered separately by the Finance and General Purposes Committee, as part of a wider report on support for the project.

(d) that in respect of approved applications from national and county bodies, it was on the understanding that the money was ring-fenced for Bridport only,

(e) that for those grants shown above, being recommended under the Power of Wellbeing, it was considered that the expenditure in each case will achieve any one or more of the following three objectives:

- 1) the promotion or improvement of the economic well-being of the area
- 2) the promotion or improvement of the social well-being of the area
- 3) the promotion or improvement of the environmental well-being of the area

(or persons in its area) having regard to the principal councils' community strategies.

The meeting closed at **12:05 p.m.**

The next meeting of this Sub Committee will be on 11 December 2012 at 11am