

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet Member for Communities and Health**
held on Monday, 24th April, 2017 in Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor P Bates

Officers in attendance:

Lynsey Cooper - Community Resilience Manager

Tina Jones – Community Resilience Manager

Liz Wilson – Community Resilience Officer

Cherry Foreman – Democratic Services Officer

30 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

32 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

No members of the public were present.

33 POLICY FOR THE ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Policy for the Allocation of Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations 2017/18 deals with the allocation of community grants which are awarded to defined Organisations following an application process and against set criteria. There are conditions requiring that Organisations report back to the Council upon expenditure of the grant and to enable further appropriate conditions to be imposed. The decision making process had previously been delegated to the Portfolio Holder in order to ensure that decisions could be made expeditiously and at the appropriate level.

It was reported that the majority of the changes were minor; the main one related to the removal of the Community-led Planning Grants category as no applications had been made to it since 2014/15 when there was only one.

Adoption of the revised Policy would enable the continuation of the scheme in the 2017/18 financial year.

RESOLVED

That approval be given to adopt the amended Policy for the Allocation of Community Grants for the financial year of 2017/18.

34 ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY GRANTS FIRST ROUND

The Portfolio Holder was asked to determine the award of Community Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations which met the criteria approved by Cheshire East Council. The Council recognised the valuable input that the Voluntary and Community Sector brings to the quality of life in the community and grants were awarded to those organisations which met the Council's Residents First Outcomes.

It was reported that this was the first round of grants for 2017/18 and recommendations totalling £37,031 were being made in line with Cheshire East Council's Policy for the Allocation of Community Grants. The applications were being considered following the approval of the Policy for the Allocation of Community Grants dated April 2017 and it was noted that the changes to the Policy had made no difference to the outcomes of the grant applications.

In all 28 grants were recommended to be awarded, contributing to £249,566 of project costs; the reasons for the decisions are listed in full in the report.

RESOLVED

That approval be given for the community grants to be awarded, declined or deferred as follows:

Events

Wild Rumpus CIC	Awarded £1,000
SWC Scouts – Milldale Campsite	Declined
Congleton Community Projects	Awarded £165
Musical Moments	Declined
Nantwich Food and Drink Festival Limited	Awarded £1,000
Nantwich Film Club	Awarded £900
Organisation Caring for Ethnic and All Nations	Declined
Radway Community Group	Declined
Knutsford Promenades Association	Awarded £1,000
Ernest Cope Centre	Awarded £1,000
Total	£5,065

Activities

Disley Arts Society	Awarded £300
Project INC	Awarded £500

Congleton Pentecostal Church	Awarded £340
The Reporters Academy	Awarded £1,000
Macclesfield Junior Netball Club	Awarded £1,000
The Alderley Edge Orchestra	Awarded £500
Changing Lanes (Cheshire) CIC	Declined
Haslington Amateur Theatrical Society	Awarded £396
Central Cheshire Buddies Scheme	Awarded £200
Warrior Martial Arts	Awarded £750
Crewe FC	Awarded £300
Poole Methodist Church and Quiet Garden	Awarded £1,000
Friends for Leisure	Awarded £1,000
Poynton Golden Memories Group	Awarded £880
Saint Michaels Entertainers	Declined
Friends of St Barnabas	Deferred
SOL Theatre School	Declined
Total	£8,166

Facilities

Broad Lane Coffee Club	Declined
Sandbach Cricket Club	Awarded £3,000
1 st Handforth Scout Group	Awarded £2,500
Nether Alderley Primary Academy	Declined
Friends of Stanley Hall Park	Deferred
Canalside's Phase One Training	Awarded £3,000
Macclesfield Town Ladies Football Team	Awarded £2,000
Team Chongi Academy	Declined
Crewe Heritage Centre	Awarded £3,000
Rode Heath Village Hall	Awarded £1,000
Holmes Chapel Community Preschool	Declined
Wheelock Methodist Church	Declined
Christ Church Alsager	Awarded £3,000
The Wishing Well Project	Awarded £3,300
Friends of Prestbury Youth Club	Declined
Goostrey Preschool	Awarded £3,000
Total	£23,800

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 10.45 am