

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
Wednesday 20th January 2010

PRESENT: Councillor M. Townsley in the Chair
Councillors: K. Arbuckle, J. Arbuckle, R. Hardcastle, P. Williams, S. Whitlock, G. Kneeshaw,

In attendance: T. Ferry, Councillor T. Crossfield, Mr Herbert, Mr Fray, P. Earl and D. Campbell.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from Councillors: D. Windsor,
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Councillors K. Arbuckle, J. Arbuckle and S. Whitlock declared an interest in agenda item 9(a), Good Citizen Award because of personally knowing the nominee.
3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – There were no members of the public who wished to address the Committee.
4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
RESOLVED – That the minutes of the last meeting held on the 14th October 2009 were received and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and were duly signed by the Chair.
5. MATERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
 - a. Minute 6, The Town Clerk advised Members that the grant of £300 has still to be paid to Horsforth in Bloom.
RESOLVED – That this grant be paid before the end of this financial year.
 - b. Minute 7, The Chair asked the Town Clerk if ownership and maintenance of the proposed new footpath at Hunger Hill Wood had been established. The Town Clerk advised Members that Leeds City Council instructed Friends of Hunger Hill Woods that in both cases Leeds City Council are responsible.
RSOLVED – To note the ownership and future maintenance of the proposed footpath in Hunger Hills Woods.
6. COMMUNITY BUDGET UPDATE
The Town Clerk presented an update of the budget.
RESOLVED – That this item be noted.
7. GRANTS FROM THE COMMUNITY FUND
 - a. **St Margaret's Parish Church Beer Festival Application for £300.**
Mr Herbert spoke on this grant and explained to Members that the beer festival is being held to raise funds to reduce the existing amount of loan from individuals which were taken out to help build the Parish Centre. The individual loans are currently at £9000.

Accounts for the 2009 beer festival were requested and Members were advised that these are currently being prepared with the Church end of year accounts. Mr Herbert provided Members with a verbal broad account of income for the 2009 beer festival with a profit made of approximately £7,300. Mr Herbert went on to explain that it is hoped to carry on the festival when the loans are all paid off and to donate about 50% of the profits to charity.

Members discussed this application and established that approximately 1200 residents attended the 2009 festival and that local trades also benefited from the event. It was agreed by Members to provide the full grant of £300.

RESOLVED – That the Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure of £300 to assist the beer festival with their running costs.

b. Lee Lane Retirement Group application for £300.

Mr Hardacer spoke on this grant and explained to Members that the group has recently agreed to amalgamate with another local group on the 28th January 2010. He went on to explain the existing group's activities to Members.

Members discussed this application and it was agreed not to award a grant at this time and to advise Lee Lane Retirement Group that they can re-apply for a grant when they have amalgamated if they so wish. The new group should also be advised to provide clear objectives of what the grant is for and to provide their new constitution.

RESOLVED – Lee Lane Retirement Group to be informed that their application for a grant of £300 is not to be awarded at this time, and that they can re-apply if they so wish when they amalgamate.

c. Horsforth Competitive Festival of Music and Dance application for £300.

Pat Earl spoke to Members on this grant application and explained that the competition has now been running for 67 years and benefits the youth of Horsforth. The festival is run by 8 volunteers and last year it attracted 1800 entrants. Running costs are high with St Margaret's Hall costing £38.25 per hour and £5 per hour for the kitchen. This year fees are being increased to bring them in line with other festivals.

Members discussed this application and it was agreed that it provided young people in Horsforth with an annual event which has now become a Horsforth Institution. All Members agreed to support this grant and provide the £300 requested.

RESOLVED – To grant £300 to assist with the running of the Horsforth Competitive Festival of Music and Dance and to use the power of the Local Government Act 1972, s145.

d. Cragghill & Woodside Residents Group Application for £300.

Diane Campbell spoke on this application and explained to Members that this is a new group formed for the Cragghill & Woodside residents as a result of the recent St Joseph's Development and the demolishing of two Victorians buildings on that site. The groups function is to act as a voice for the residents of the area and to preserve the conservation area from poor or over development. Activities carried out to date are leaflet drops and surveys. The grant is required to assist with costs for meeting once a month, hire of a meeting room, stationary and of setting up a basic website. It was also confirmed that the group has a draft constitution, appointed officers and a bank account.

Members discussed conservation areas in Horsforth and agreed that groups such as this are an effective way of ensuring some form of monitoring and control is maintained and agreed that by providing this grant the residents and conservation of this area would benefit.

RESOLVED – That the Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure of £300 to assist with the running costs of the Cragghill & Woodside Residents Group.

8. GRIT BIN & GRIT FOR SALISBURY MEWS

Councillor T. Crossfield attended this meeting to request the provision of a grit bin and grit for Salisbury Mews and provided Members with the background to the request.

Councillor Hardcastle informed Members that he did not believe this was the Committee to decide on this request. Members discussed this point and agreed that the Community Committee would deal with the request.

A general discussion took place about the provision of grit bins in the Horsforth area. The Town Clerk informed Members that there is a criteria to which each street in Horsforth must meet before Highways will provide such a bin. Also that currently there are 39 Grit bins located in Horsforth and are serviced by Leeds City Council Highways.

Members discussed the merits of raising the provision of other grit bins in Horsforth and agreed that as a separate item this should be put forward for the next F&GP meeting.

Members then agreed to decide if this request should be provided and established that the cost would be no more than £250. Six Members agreed to grant this request, with Councillor R. Hardcastle not approving because he believed it would set a precedent.

RESOLVED

- a. That a Grit Bin and Grit be provided as a 'One Off' purchase for Salisbury Mews at a cost of £250 and that the power of the Highways Act 1980, ss43 and 50 be used.
- b. That the provision of grit bins in Horsforth is to be brought to the next F&GP meeting.
- c. To record Councillor R. Hardcastle's objection.

9. GOOD CITIZENS AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Three nominations were presented to Members as attachments to the agenda.

a. Hilary Margaret Taylor

Nominated by Barbara McLaren and seconded by Josie Ashbee.

Members discussed this nomination and agreed that the nominee has provided an outstanding service to the Horsforth community.

RESOLVED – That Hilary Margaret Taylor be awarded the Good Citizens Award and for it to be presented at the next Full Council meeting on the 24th February 2010.

b. Jane Bray

Nominated by Nick Hughes and seconded by Derek Bulmer.

c. Ettie O'Toole

Nominated by Nick Hughes and seconded by Derek Bulmer.

Members discussed both Jan Bray and Ettie O'Toole's nominations together as they were nominated by the same people and are providing a service for the same Beaver Colony. It was felt that the two nominees did not meet the criteria required to receive a Good Citizens Award.

RESOLVED – That Jane Bray and Ettie O'Toole will not receive the Good Citizens Award.

10. PRODUCTION & DELIVERY TIMETABLE FOR THE SPRING NEWSLETTER & 2010 DIRECTORY

The production and delivery timetables were presented to Members as attachments to the agenda. Members were asked to note both timetables for the production of the Newsletter and Directory.

Members were also asked to note the date for which the Editing Group should meet with Mark Saville, this should be prior to the 19th February. The Town Clerk was asked to arrange a suitable date for this group to meet.

RESOLVED – That the Town Clerk arrange a date for the editing group of the newsletter and Mark Saville prior to the 19th February 2010.

11. COMMUNITY GRANTS

Members were asked to consider the individual amount of future community grants awarded. Currently the maximum grant the Community Committee can award is £300. Members discussed this and agreed that the award has been £300 for a long time and that its value has eroded over that time.

Members agreed that £500 is a more realistic award but should note that this would be the limit and by having this amount as the limit it provides the Committee with the flexibility to reduce a grant request if it was thought to be necessary.

RESOLVED – That the amount of individual grants awarded from the Community Fund is increased to £500 with effect from the AGM 2010.

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- a. To be forwarded to the F&GP Agenda – Grit bins & grit
- b. Honour board for good citizen's award
- c. Honour board for deceased members
- d. Regalia

The next meeting of the Community Committee is on Wednesday 24th March 2010 at 7.30pm at the Council Office, Town Street.

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