

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
Wednesday 26th May 2010

PRESENT: Councillor M. Townsley in the Chair.

Councillors: J. Arbuckle, A. Barker, D. Windsor, P. Williams, K. Arbuckle, G. Kneeshaw, P. Dobson, S. Whitlock, R. Hardcastle, I. Scott. C. Cleasby.

In attendance: T. Ferry, J. Wadsworth, J. Relph, P. Sutcliffe and D. Parkin and M. Greensmith.

1. To accept apologies for absence – Apologies were received from Councillor S. Spencer

2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda
Councillor R. Hardcastle declared an interest in item 9d, grant application from Cookridge & Horsforth U3A as his wife is a member.

Councillor A. Barker declared an interest in item 9c, grant application from Broadgate Lane Allotment Association because of business customer links with this organisation.

Councillor P. Dobson declared an interest in item 9c, grant application from Broadgate Lane Allotment Association because he is on the waiting list to receive a plot on the allotment.

3. Election of Chair
Councillor Townsley asked Members to forward nominations for Chair.
Councillor Scott proposed Councillor J. Arbuckle, this was seconded by Councillor R. Hardcastle, all Members present voted in favour.
RESOLVED
That Councillor J. Arbuckle is elected as Chair of the Community Committee.

Councillor Scott asked for a vote of thanks for Councillor M. Townsley the outgoing Chair,
RESOLVED
That a vote of thanks be recorded for Councillor M. Townsley.

4. To consider questions and comments from members of the public at the Chairman's discretion.
There were no members of the public present.

5. Minutes of the previous meetings
RESOLVED – That the minutes of the last meeting held on the 24th March 2010 were received and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and were duly signed by the Chair.

6. Matters Arising from the minutes
Councillor K. Arbuckle reported on the editing group meeting with Mr Saville for the Horsforth Directory.
RESOLVED
To note Councillor Arbuckle report.

7. Terms of reference for the Community Committee
The Town Clerk reported that he has amended the amount of grant to be awarded in line with this Committees Resolution at the meeting on the 20th January 2010, from £300 to £500
Councillor R. Hardcastle proposed that the Terms of Reference be adopted, this was seconded by K. Arbuckle, all Members present were in favour.
RESOLVED
That the Terms of Reference be adopted.

8. Community Budget Update
RESOLVED
To note the budget update.

9. Grants From The Community Fund – To consider the following applications:

a. **Friends of Hall Park** – Band Concerts

J. Wadsworth spoke on this application for £600 to provide band concerts in Hall Park this summer. J. Wadsworth provided a background of other grant funding Friends of Hall Park have obtained for projects in Hall Park including the Japanese Garden. A programme of concerts was read out of other parks in Leeds and some parks have three to four bands per month. J. Wadsworth informed Members that in some areas of Leeds the Local Council provide all the funding for band concerts.

Councillor Barker asked how well used the park is when the band concerts are on. J. Wadsworth replied that it depends on weather, sometimes its 40 people other times it could be 100 people attending.

General queries were raised about the accounts of which no firm response could be provided.

Councillor Hardcastle asked why the grant application has increased this year. The Chair spoke on this and reminded Members that Friends of Hall Park in the past requested a grant for £600 for band concerts.

Councillor Dobson spoke on the benefits to the public of having the band concerts in the park, Members agreed with the benefits to the public.

Councillor R. Hardcastle proposed a grant of £500, this was seconded by Councillor I. Scott. All Members agreed with this proposal.

RESOLVED

That a grant of £500 be awarded To Friends of Hall Park in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, Section 145, to provide band concerts in Hall Park.

b. **Kerry Garth Residents** – Assistance with garden maintenance.

Joan Relph spoke on this application requesting a grant of £100 to purchase shrubs for a small communal garden at Kerry Garth flats. The management company has offered £250 towards the cost of this garden but to date only a few plants have been delivered and planted.

Councillor Barker asked J. Relph to confirm that the accounts presented were those of the management company, J. Relph confirmed this.

Members discussed this application and agreed that the spending of £100 was of benefit to the residents of the area.

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 £100 to assist the residents of Kerry Garth to purchase plants for the communal gardens at Kerry Garth.

c. **Broadgate Lane Allotment Association** – Assistance with fence installation project.

Peter Sutcliffe spoke on this application and explained that the installation of fencing has been an ongoing project with only two sides of the site now to be completed. He advised the Committee that the Association had obtained funding from West North West last year but a similar request this year was unsuccessful. However an application for £1000 to assist with the fencing from Parks & Countryside has been successful this year.

Councillor Barker addressed Mr Sutcliffe and advised him that he was aware of the allotment site. Councillor Barker asked Mr Sutcliffe if the intention of putting fencing around the allotments was to avoid fly tipping. Mr Sutcliffe responded that it will avoid fly tipping which is prevalent in this area, it will also enhance the security of the allotments overall.

Councillor Williams asked if consideration had been given to advertising on the fencing to raise funds? Mr Sutcliffe responded that the association had not considered advertising but will do so.

Members discussed this application and agreed that it was of real benefit to residents.

RESOLVED

That a grant of £500 be awarded to Broadgate Lane Allotment Association in accordance with section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, to provide recreational facilities.

d. **Cookridge & Horsforth University of the Third Age** – Assistance with Purchase of IT Equipment.

D. Parkin spoke on this application and told Members that Cookridge & Horsforth U3A November started in 2008 and has 222 members, of which 40% are Horsforth residents. D. Parkin explained that U3A's client group are older people and no longer in full time employment.

The group meet at Cookridge Village Hall and in member's houses.

Councillor Barker asked if they were aware of the Ilkley U3A. D. Parkin and the Cookridge & Horsforth U3A are aware of the Ilkley group, which has about 750 members.

Members discussed this application and agreed that it was a good cause which benefits the community. Concerns were raised about only 40% of Horsforth residents being involved in membership. Members agreed that a grant of 40% of the full grant application would be appropriate.

It was proposed by Councillor Scott and seconded by Councillor Barker that 40% of the grant application should be awarded, which is a grant of £200. The majority of Members agreed, with one abstention.

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 £200 to assist the Cookridge & Horsforth U3A to purchase IT equipment.

10. Honour Boards

F&GP Committee on 20th April 2010 decided that this item be dealt with by the F&GP Committee.

RESOLVED

To note that the F&GP Committee will deal with Honour Boards.

11. Regalia

Councillor K. Arbuckle reported that she has contacted a local jeweller and provided him with details of the Councils requirement for Regalia. The jeweller will provide costing and Councillor Arbuckle will report back to the next meeting.

Councillor Barker said the he would prefer that the Chain was returned to museum where it belongs.

The Town Clerk brought to Members attention that the next meeting of the Community Committee was not till the 27th October and asked if they could consider a working group to bring the Regalia requirements together for the 27th October.

Members discussed a working group and agreed to also include the requirement to obtain three tenders, and to include these in the report to the next meeting on the 27th October 2010.

RESOLVED

To form a Regalia Working Group and that Councillors I Scott, R Hardcastle S Whitaker, K Arbuckle and A. Barker be Members of this group.

That the working group bring the Regalia requirements together, including the three tenders, and report their findings to the next meeting on the 27th October 2010.

12. Items for future agenda

Regalia Working Group

Seating Working Group

The next meeting of the Community Committee is on Wednesday the 27th October 2010 at 7.30pm at the Council Office, Town Street