

# Minutes

OF A MEETING OF THE

## Community Grants Panel

HELD AT 10.00 AM ON THURSDAY 5 JANUARY 2017

MEETING ROOM 1, MILTON PARK

### Present

David Dodds (Chairman)

Pat Dawe, Stefan Gawrysiak, Imran Lokhon, Anthony Nash, Alan Thompson and Richard Pullen

### Officers

Carole Cumming, Jayne Bolton, Matthew Gaskin and Susan Harbour

### Also present

Elizabeth Gillespie, Cabinet member for development management, building control and housing, and grants.

### 27 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Jeanette Matelot and Paul Harrison.

### 28 Declarations of interest

Imran Lokhon declared a potential interest in the application from South Oxfordshire Food and Education Alliance (SOFEA) as he had delivered business training for them previously.

Stefan Gawrysiak declared a potential interest in the application from NOMAD as a member of a fundraising team for the organisation. He also declared a potential interest for The Chiltern Centre for Disabled Children as a former board trustee.

Richard Pullen declared a potential interest in the application from the Earth Trust, having been associated with events run by the organisation.

### 29 Minutes

**RESOLVED:** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 04 October 2016 as a correct record and agree that the Chairman signs them as such.



Listening Learning Leading

### **30 Bids for funding for revenue grants and officer recommendations**

The officers presented their reports detailing the applications from each project and gave provisional scores, recommended grants and an explanation of the project and how they meet the South Oxfordshire District Council Revenue Grants Policy from 2017/8 to 2020/21.

The panel heard addresses from representatives of the applicants and were given the opportunity to ask questions of the speakers.

#### **LIFE 2009**

Lucie Scurlock and a senior support worker spoke in support of the application and received questions from the panel.

#### **South and Vale Carers Centre**

John Tabor spoke in support of the application and received questions from the panel.

#### **Riverside Counselling Service**

Becky Saunders spoke in support of the application and received questions from the panel and officers.

#### **Community First Oxfordshire**

Toby Warren spoke in support of the application and received questions from the panel.

#### **AgeUK Oxfordshire**

Penny Fulis and Ruth Swift, Head of Community Development, spoke in support of the application and received questions from the panel.

#### **TRAIN**

Brian McNamee and Alice Dore spoke in support of the application and received questions from the panel.

#### **Nomad Youth and Community Project**

Sue Prior and Tim Prior spoke in support of the application and received questions from the panel.

#### **Style Acre**

Chris Ingram and Philippa Stannard spoke in support of the application and received questions from the panel.

#### **Henley Rowing Club**

No speaker represented the organisation. The panel received an email which was considered at the decision stage.

### **Thomley**

Warren Koehler spoke in support of the application and received questions from the panel.

### **Oxfordshire Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Centre**

Lisa Ward spoke in support of the application and received questions from the panel.

### **My Life My Choice**

Bryan Michell and Shaun Picken spoke in support of the application and received questions from the panel.

### **South Oxfordshire Food and Education Alliance (SOFEA)**

Tim Kennell spoke in support of the application and received questions from the panel.

### **Berinsfield Information and Volunteer Centre**

Pam Brenan spoke in support of the application and received questions from the panel.

### **Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire**

Colin Campbell spoke in support of the application and received questions from the panel.

### **The Chiltern Centre for Disabled Children**

Jen Ainsley spoke in support of the application and was available for questions.

### **Oxfordshire Association for the Blind**

Laura Howdill and Ana Novakovic spoke in support of the application and received questions from the panel.

### **RESTORE**

Martin Realey spoke in support of the application and received questions from the panel.

### **A2Dominion Housing Group Ltd**

Michelle Charlesworth and Olivia Walls spoke in support of the application and received questions from the panel.

### **Earth Trust**

No speaker represented the organisation.

### **Fish Volunteer Centre**

Clive Mills and Geoff Ward spoke in support of the application and received questions from the panel.

## **31 Panel review scores**

The panel considered the applications, taking into account the report of the grants officer on each application and the presentations from the registered public speakers.

Using the scoring matrix set out in the policy, the grant officer's provisional scores and any additional information received at the meeting, the panel awarded scores for each application.

After discussion and advice from officers where appropriate, the panel agreed that the officer's scores were fair. The grants officer's recommended scores for all applications was adopted.

**RESOLVED:** to recommend the Cabinet member for Grants accepts the officer's suggested scores for each project.

## **32 Award recommendations**

Having confirmed the score recommendations, the panel discussed the amount of grants that should be awarded to each project. After deliberation, they concluded that the award recommendations suggested by officers were appropriate in every case and confirmed their recommendation to the Cabinet member is to award grants in line with the officer's report. All the information is contained in the agenda pack for this meeting.

**RESOLVED:** to recommend that the Cabinet member for grants makes the following awards subject to Council making budget provision in the 2017/18 budget:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Grant</b>
Nomad Youth & Community Project	Core costs to deliver Nomad Youth & Community Services	£80,000
Style Acre	Style Acre - Didcot Day Service	£66,000
Fish Volunteer Centre	Employ an office manager	£12,000
Oxfordshire Sexual Abuse & Rape Crisis Centre	Oxfordshire Sexual Abuse & Rape Crisis Centre	£52,500
Oxfordshire Association for the Blind	Information, Advice and Support for Visually Impaired People and their Carers in South Oxfordshire	£25,000
Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire	Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire (support for families with young children)	£66,706
Community First Oxfordshire	Community mobilisation service	£74,250
Riverside Counselling Service	Riverside Counselling Service and The Space Counselling Service for Young People	£65,000
South Oxfordshire Food and Education Alliance	We work with (young) people to build their employability, whilst providing nutritious food for those in need.	£94,000
My Life My Choice	Every Voice Counts - self-advocacy support groups for people with learning disabilities	£16,840
The Chiltern Centre for Disabled Children*	Short Break Respite Care	£100,000
Thomley	Volunteering can make the difference	£97,500
Age UK Oxfordshire	Connecting Communities	£93,289
South & Vale Carers Centre	South Oxfordshire Young Carers Well-being Project	£83,508
Berinsfield Information and Volunteer Centre	Berinsfield Information & Volunteer Centre	£56,814
Train	TRAIN Youth Work on Didcot's streets	£79,297
RESTORE	Gardening Specialist to Support Recovery from Mental Illness at Restore's Fleet Meadow Recovery Group	0
A2Dominion Housing Group Ltd	South and Vale Domestic Abuse Outreach Project	0
Earth Trust	Volunteering Development Programme – Engaging South Oxfordshire	0
MS Therapy Centre Oxfordshire	Core funding of the MS Therapy Centre (Oxfordshire)	0
Henley Rowing Club	Henley Rowing Club OutReach Programme	0
LIFE 2009	Didcot Life	0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,062,703</b>

The meeting closed at 2.15 pm

Chairman

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