



Amenities, Leisure and Community Services
Tuesday 13th November
Sutton Coldfield Town Hall
7pm

Present:

Cllrs Ashley-Higgins, Griffin, Mosson, Passey, Pears, K Ward and S Ward as a non-voting observer.

In Attendance:

Olive O'Sullivan – Town Clerk and Mary Watkins – Administrative Officer.

There were 6 members of the public and no press present.

Cllr Pears invited members of the public to make comment or ask questions about the items on the agenda.

Frederick Pears from Plantsbrook School provided some background to the Community Grant application to be considered at the meeting. He asked Councillors to consider funding laptops for SEN (Special Education Needs) students to ensure they are not disadvantaged and to make a Sutton Coldfield a better place for the future generation.

25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Cummins and Ellis.

Resolved to note the apologies.

26 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Ashley-Higgins declared a non-pecuniary interest in Beacon Family Services as her children have accessed their services. Cllr Pears declared a potential non-pecuniary interest in Sutton Coldfield Arts and Recreational Trust (SCART).

27 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of Amenities, Leisure and Community Services held on Thursday 13th September be signed as a true record of the meeting.

28 Matters Arising

The Town Clerk advised that:

- Withy Hill Play Area – The consultation is being carried out on the scheme presented at last month's Committee meeting.
- Destination Play Area – Birmingham City Council are to submit a written report to Committee in January. This report will summarise the feasibility Study and present

a costed option for what could be provided within the existing footprint of the play area at Town Gate, Sutton Park.

- Falcon Lodge Community Plan – There will be a further date agreed for the final consultation on the Falcon Lodge Community Plan.

Resolved to note the report.

29 **Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee**

In October, Full Council considered the Community Development report which recommended that the Amenities, Leisure and Community Services Committee consider the establishment of a Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee to take forward the work programme.

Resolved to approve the establishment of a Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee.

Resolved that the Town Clerk draws up the draft Terms of Reference for the Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee, for Amenities, Leisure and Community Services Committee to consider at the January 2019 meeting.

30 **2019 Floral Displays**

The Town Clerk advised Committee that quotations had been sought in 2017 to test the market and that only two suppliers had been identified that could provide the full service. It was also reported that the Bloom working group would review the colour scheme for the 2019 florals and the detail on the implementation of the scheme.

Resolved to approve that the 2019 Floral Scheme be purchased from Birmingham City Council.

Resolved to recommend to Strategy and Resources Committee that the remaining earmarked reserve of £7,621 is carried forward for use with the 2019 florals budget and that in the event of a shortfall some of the £22,098 earmarked reserve for Britain in Bloom be vired into the 2019 florals budget.

31 **Community Grant Applications**

Cllr Pears stated that he was very pleased with the overwhelming response to the Community Grant scheme and in particular with the increase in the number applying for smaller amounts.

The Town Clerk advised that due to the volume of applications received, the timetable would need to be amended to give sufficient time for officers to complete the necessary checks on applications and for councillors to have more time to review applications prior to the Grants Panel meeting.

Given the number of applications received and competing demands on the budget available, the Town Clerk recommended that the scheme is further reviewed and in

particular the criteria for funding and how applications would be prioritised when there are more applications for funding than grant monies available.

Resolved that the Grant Scheme is further reviewed against the Strategic Plan priorities and the recommendations of the Community Development report.

Committee considered the recommendations of the Councillor Panel as detailed in 4.1 of the report (as per below).

Organisation	£
Chester Road Baptist Church (Part Funded)	2,000
Ark Community Church	4,000
13th Sutton Coldfield Guides	1,000
Sutton Coldfield Traditional Jazz Club (Part Funded)	500
Sutton Coldfield Civic Society	1,200
The Cancer Support Centre	9,980
Four Oaks Baptist Church (Part Funded)	3,350
FOLIO Sutton Coldfield	5,078.53
Wylde Green Neighbourhood Forum	340
Royal Sutton Coldfield Community Town Hall Trust	400
Total	27,848.53

Resolved to approve the grants listed above from the Devolved Grant budget.

Committee considered the recommendations of the Councillor Panel as detailed in 4.2 of the report (as per below).

Organisation	£
Boldmere Tennis Club (Part Funded)	3,595
Four Oaks Saints Cricket Club	8,392
Sutton Coldfield Recreational Trust	1,750
Total	13,737

Resolved to approve the grants listed above from the Sports Engagement budget.

Committee considered the recommendations of the Councillor Panel as detailed in 4.3 of the report (as per below).

Organisation	£
Square Peg Foundation CIC	1,580
Sutton Coldfield Accessible Community Games	7,588
Beacon Family Services	7,945
Total	17,113

Resolved to approve the grants listed above from the Social Inclusion budget.

Committee considered the recommendations of the Councillor Panel as detailed in 4.4 of the report (as per below).

Organisation	£
Plantsbrook School (Laptops for pupils with Special Education Needs) Funding of this Equipment should form part of the schools core priorities.	10,000
Coppice Primary School Project does not align with Town Council strategic priorities.	10,000
The Smilers Club The amount was disproportionately high for the number of people that would benefit from the project and insufficient evidence that all of the beneficiaries would be from Sutton Coldfield.	4,295
The Jericho Foundation No evidence of sustainability after the first year.	10,000
Corefit UK Ineligible for funding as they are a profit making company	10,000

Committee discussed the Plantsbrook School application and the need for further information from the School. Committee's view is that the School should be looking at the specific needs of the Special Educational Needs (SEN) department in the context of an overarching strategic plan for IT provision. Cllr Pears thanked Fred for his presentation in the public session and advised him to consider presenting to the School Governor for SEN to highlight the impact of underfunding.

Resolved that the application from Plantsbrook School be deferred and for the Town Clerk and Cllr Ashley-Higgins to meet with the school for further information.

Resolved to decline the grants from Coppice Primary School, the Smilers Club, The Jericho Foundation and Corefit UK for the reasons set out in 4.4 of the report.

Committee considered the recommendations of the Councillor Panel as detailed in 4.5 of the report (as per below).

Organisation	£
Beyond the Horizon Charity Pending a review of the Community Grant scheme.	4,600
Walmley Cricket and Sports Club Pending further information on the use of the grant and membership.	10,000

The Gap Sutton Coldfield Pending a review of the Community Grant scheme.	5,703
Our Place Community Hub Pending a review of the Community Grant scheme.	9,360
Holy Trinity Parish Church This application is for spend from April 2019. Deferred until after the 2019/20 Council budget setting in December 2018.	8,000
Erdington Gymnastics Club Pending further information on the membership of the club.	5,642.69

Resolved to defer the grants as listed above for the reasons stated above.

Committee considered the applications for the Central Community Grant Scheme.

The Town Clerk advised that the Bethany Community Outreach Foodbank is situated outside of Sutton Coldfield and that the scheme approved by Council does not permit funding for organisations outside of Sutton Coldfield, unless they can demonstrate a connection to a Community plan within Sutton Coldfield.

Resolved to recommend to Full Council approval of £14,400 for Pioneer Housing and Community Group for delivery of the Falcon Lodge Community Plan from the Community Plan Projects budget.

Resolved to decline the application from Bethany Community Outreach as it is not within the boundaries of Sutton Coldfield.

Resolved to approve a one-off charitable donation of £3,000 to the Bethany Community Outreach charity.

Resolved to recommend to Full Council the approval of £19,200 for the Royal Sutton Coldfield Community Town Hall Trust to be funded jointly from the Devolved Community Grant and Something for Everyone Events budgets.

32 Committee Budget 2019/20

Resolved to recommend the budget requirements for 2019/20 to Strategy and Resources Committee.

33 Strategic Plan Progress Report

The Town Clerk confirmed that agreements for defibrillators to be installed at Banners Gate Community Hall and Falcon Lodge Community Centre had now been

signed. Committee identified that next two locations to be progressed as Harvest Fields Community Centre and the Town Hall.

Resolved to note the report detailing performance to date against objectives.

34 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 17th January 2019, 7pm at the Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 7:57pm

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