

HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: *COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS*

MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2019

PRESENT: Cllrs Andrews, Foxton, Hey, Hornsey, Kenyon (Chair), Oliver, Stevens, Tyler and Wilcox.

NOT PRESENT: Cllr Powell

IN ATTENDANCE: Tracy Morriss (Deputy Town Clerk) and Cllr Milln as an observer.

CD2019/20.50 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Boulter and Tillett.

CD2019/20.51 SUBSTITUTES

Cllr Andrews was substituting for Cllr Tillett.

CD2019/20.52 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made under the Herefordshire Code of Conduct pursuant to the Localism Act 2011.

Cllr Tyler declared a non-pecuniary interest in the River Carnival.

CD2019/20.53 GRANT COMPLETION FORMS

BORDERLINES FILM FESTIVAL CIC – FILM FESTIVAL 2019 (Grant awarded November 2018, £3,000.00)

Members noted the completion form had been received and the grant had been spent in accordance with the grant award.

HEREFORD MAKE – DIGITAL SUPPORT IT EQUIPMENT (Grant awarded January 2018, £3,000.00)

Members noted the completion form had been received and the grant had been spent in accordance with the grant award.

HEREFORD MUSEUMS SERVICE SUPPORT GROUP – LEGO BRICK HISTORY (Grant awarded February 2019, £3,000.00)

Members noted the completion form had been received and the grant had been spent in accordance with the grant award.

HEREFORD YOGA CIC – ACCESSIBLE TOILETS (Grant awarded November 2015, £3,000.00)

Members noted the completion form had been received however felt it should have been received sooner, and the grant had been spent in accordance with the grant award.

REACH OUT – REACH RADIO (Grant awarded July 2018, £10,000.00)

Members noted the completion form had been received and the grant had been spent in accordance with the grant award. Members felt it would be interesting to get feedback on listener numbers once the station goes live.

Cllrs Milln and Foxtan arrived at 10:10am.

CD2019/20.54 ANNUAL REPORT/ ANNUAL FUNDING AWARD

HEREFORD IN BLOOM (HIB) – Annual Report

Members received a presentation from the representatives of this group, Kevin Knipe, George Thomas, Richard Weston and Paul Hodges, who explained using a map, which areas they already plant and which areas they wish to improve in the future. They explained that they aim to use planters made of recycled plastics and have a number of ideas to appeal to children.

At the conclusion of the presentation, comments, questions and discussions covered:

- Thanking HIB for the excellent work they do in the City, including inviting them to the Mayor's parlour.
- Issues around engagement with Highways England regarding the Edgar Street/Newtown Road roundabout – HIB are hoping for a meeting in the next few weeks. Other ideas to avoid having to regularly access roundabouts include erecting a flag or sculpture. Discussions with Herefordshire Council also already in hand.
- HIB asked Cllrs to engage more by letting them know about planting projects in their ward areas.
- Question over species of plants that are used, especially in relation to reducing costs – a number discussed are already being investigated to go into planters by Morrisons.

- Gabb's solicitors funding term has come to an end.
- Many authorities have moved away from using weed killers – would weeds impact on ability to win gold or are there other ways to manage weeds?
50% of Council's have a weed killing programme using wire brushes on machinery to rip weeds out – these cost a huge amount and wouldn't be practical here.

There being no further questions the Chair thanked the representatives for their time and they left the room.

It was proposed by Cllr Andrews, seconded by Cllr Tyler and unanimously

RESOLVED:

To release the annual funding award of £10,000.00 for the financial year 2019/20.

CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU (CAB) – Annual Report

Members received a presentation from the representatives of this group, Gerard Thomas and Sonya Gregory who gave an overview of the service provided since 2017 when Worcestershire took over the Herefordshire CAB, including:

- That the Worcestershire provision is a large, stable operation, and that HFDS's funds have been ring fenced to ensure they are spent in HFDS.
- Many volunteers were lost at the time of uncertainty, but a recent successful campaign has increased volunteers from 10 to 30, allowing capacity to increase dramatically.
- Open Mon, Weds and Fri between 10am and 2pm and can offer face to face appointments.
- Cover a range of specialist services in Hereford, including working closely with the Macmillan nursing team, support with claiming benefits and benefit appeals, and providing the Pensionwise service which has been so well received, have increased to two days per week. These specialise services are all specific to core funding from government or other organisations.
- HCC funding helps support specialist benefit advice.
- Key statistics from report.

At the conclusion of the presentation, comments, questions and discussions covered:

- Are CAB aware of the new Veterans service that's opened up in Hereford that could take some pressure off of their workload?
- Are the extra Friday sessions the ones in the community (e.g. Belmont and Hinton) for people that can't get into Hereford?
No these are in St Owen Street but have been working with Dave Tristram to achieve funding to support additional services and additional outreach sessions are provided.
- Question over reconciling the figures in the key statistics – more issues than visitors?
Some may be clients that have more than one issue.

- Are the 30 volunteers across Herefordshire and Worcestershire?
No, just Hereford – 100 across both counties.
- Why are CAB delivering the service that Macmillan should – they are funded by Macmillan to deliver that service on their behalf.
- Can someone access information for a person that can't get out of the house?
Yes if the person gives permission.

There being no further questions the Chair thanked the representatives for their time and they left the room.

It was proposed by Cllr Oliver, seconded by Cllr Foxtan and unanimously

RESOLVED:

To release the annual funding award of £10,000.00 for the financial year 2019/20.

CLOSE HOUSE – Annual Report

Members received a presentation from the representative of this group, Ben Lea, who gave an overview of the services they provide, including:

- That the Close House facility is a two up, two down town house, so they do incredibly well to support the number of young people that they do in such a small space.
- The drop-in sessions are where the HCC funding is utilised and this past year has been particularly challenging.
- County Lines have brought many issues and Close House run activities to engage with the young people that are in danger of going down this route.
- Have been able to use St Peter's Church space to engage in physical activities.

At the conclusion of the presentation, comments, questions and discussions covered:

- The Epics have been a great support for community events.
- Great work that is being done – have they managed to do any outreach to other areas of Hereford?
Yes at the Whitehouse Hub, and Ben is now a trustee there. They are looking at a youth forum and other youth projects there. Held open reach days and have identified activities for the centre.
- Close House have been working with Vennture and supporting teenagers before they get to Close House.

There being no further questions the Chair thanked the representative for their time and they left the room.

It was proposed by Cllr Wilcox, seconded by Cllr Hornsey and unanimously

RESOLVED:

To release the annual funding award of £10,000.00 for the financial year 2019/20.

CD2019/20.55 SMALL GRANT APPLICATIONS

Members received presentations on the following:

BORDERLINES FILM FESTIVAL 2020 – ADVERTISING & PROMOTION

Request for £1,000.00

Members received a presentation from the representative of this group, Naomi Vera-Sanso, who gave a brief overview of the application including:

- That the 2020 festival will include 283 screenings of a range of 100 films at about 23 venues.
- 6th biggest film festival in the UK.
- Provides a financial benefit to the City – the Courtyard have their best week of the year for income during festival week.
- Gives Hereford based film companies a platform.
- They engage with many young people through a host of mediums and recognise the importance of developing young people.
- This year they are supporting the charity Home-Start.
- All Saints Church, Green Dragon and The Core have been identified as possible venues for showing films.

At this point, Cllr Kenyon declared a non-pecuniary interest.

At the conclusion of the presentation, comments, questions and discussions covered:

- Borderlines is run by a small team.
- Congratulations to Borderlines for the cultural element they bring to the City.
- Very dependent on income from BFI funding to continue?
Yes but Hereford festival is of National importance and the funding is secure as they hit the parameters set so there are no concerns.

There being no further questions the Chair thanked the representative for their time and they left the room.

HEREFORD YOGA CIC – FOLEY COMMUNITY GARDEN

Request for £3,000.00

Members received a presentation from the representative of this group, Emma Pugh, who gave a brief overview of the application including:

- That Foley Industrial Estate is becoming recognised as an area for health and wellbeing.
- Hereford Yoga teaches 13 classes per week on-site plus outreach classes.
- They have been looking for a garden to develop outside space for the centre but it is in the middle of an industrial estate. They want to create an area where people can sit and get fresh air which can be used by everyone.

- The parents dropping children off for classes have nowhere to currently wait and there is a hope this space will encourage more interaction plus provide benefits to the environment if more green space is created.

At the conclusion of the presentation, comments, questions and discussions covered:

- Have other organisations been approached for volunteers and support for this? Don't know but will find out and get back to Committee.
- They do not want to lose parking spaces in the area as there are already issues with parking. They have bike racks to encourage people to cycle.
- The lighting is awful at night – can this be addressed? Would have to ask other units on the estate and see if viable.
- Positive that other units are also trying to tidy up the site e.g. the bathroom centre tidying hedges.
- Concerns were raised about accounts due to large grant from Lottery. The Committee will be informed if it causes any issue surrounding this grant.

There being no further questions the Chair thanked the representatives for their time and they left the room.

CD2019/20.56 LARGE GRANT APPLICATIONS

Members received presentations on the following:

UNITED IN THE COMMUNITY (UIC) – FACILITY REFURBISHMENT

Request for £10,000.00

Members received a presentation from the representative of this group, Russell Cheasley, who gave a brief overview of the application. Comments, questions and discussions covered:

- How long have UIC been running?
Was set up by Graham Turner, struggled since the demise of Hereford United but managed to keep going. In 2015, obtained a 25 year lease for Victoria Park.
- It's a very basic facility but there are some visitor toilets at the back.
- Cllr has attended two UIC events this year – good to see them engaging with more of the community.
- Have they considered opening up the fence for access through to Victoria Park? Yes but there has been some resistance from residents.
- Clearly a need for these facilities as no youth facilities in College Ward. Impressed with the pitches.
- Want to engage with more people and for more groups to use the facility – started discussions regarding this.
- Concerned regarding a lack of a business plan and evidence supporting a local need for this facility – would like to see all this in place.
- Cllr Foxton would like to help and be involved with future discussions regarding access into Aylestone Park.

- What groups would you hope would use this facility and how much income do you estimate for this additional use?
Don't currently know.
- Building not currently accessible to all so working on this from other grant funding.
- Many of the local community don't know UIC are there – suggestion to speak to Vince McNally at Hinton Community Centre for advice.
- Good to see funding from other sources.

At this point, Cllr Stevens declared a non-pecuniary interest.

There being no further questions the Chair thanked the representative for their time and they left the room.

HEREFORD RIVER CARNIVAL – RIVER CARNIVAL 2020 & WINTER LANTERN PARADE 2021

Request for £10,000.00

Members received a presentation from the representatives of this group, Leo Caithness and Stuart Fox, who gave a brief overview of the application including:

- Working on projects with the Arts Council with funding from them as well as Awards for All. Also working with lots of community groups and organisations such as the colleges.
- Looking at delivering events throughout the year – working with Hereford BID.
- River Carnival 2020 date moved to coincide with Friday Bank Holiday, and that day's activities will carry on from VE Day celebrations.

Friday

- Friday will be a bigger more creative event with promenade performances on Cathedral Close. Already engaged with many groups taking part.
- The Carnival Big Heads will all be related to people from Hereford.
- Lantern procession once dark down to Left Bank.
- Fire garden in the Labyrinth.
- Two large floating lanterns on the river.
- Projection onto Old Bridge of carnivals past.

Saturday

- Everything had in previous years plus more.
- No duck race as is fun but logistically very difficult.
- The Courtyard are putting on a theatre tent.

At the conclusion of the presentation, comments, questions and discussions covered:

- Very ambitious programme – lots of opportunities to go wrong, especially as lots of different groups responsible for delivering different areas of the event.
- Exciting, and congratulations on what you do.
- Derek Evans' archive must have content for projection.
- Are they going to be asking for rent going forward?
Shared resources space with several people using and sharing the cost.

- Carnival very missed in 2019 and is very important for the City.
- Working with BIS to extend what is going on in High Town.
- Looking for support for cost of licence from HFDS Council.
- Arts Council grant of £45,000 applied for but won't hear until Feb – if they come back with only £15,000, what will you do?
Arts Council encouraged them to apply. Wouldn't deliver all planned aspects.
- Are you buying the Big Heads? No making them. So will become a capital asset?
- 900 years of the May Fair – looking to the future?
Have themes for each year planned ahead.

CD2019/20.57 RESOLUTION ON GRANTS

Members considered and agreed the following resolutions:

BORDERLINES FILM FESTIVAL 2020 – ADVERTISING & PROMOTION

Request for £1,000.00

It was proposed by Cllr Stevens, seconded by Cllr Andrews and unanimously

RESOLVED:

To award £1,000.00 grant funding towards the advertising and promotion of the 2020 Borderlines Film Festival.

HEREFORD YOGA CIC – FOLEY COMMUNITY GARDEN

Request for £3,000.00

It was proposed by Cllr Kenyon, seconded by Cllr Oliver and unanimously

RESOLVED:

To award £3,000.00 grant funding towards the creation of a community garden subject to a satisfactory explanation regarding the criteria of the Lottery grant.

UNITED IN THE COMMUNITY (UIC) – FACILITY REFURBISHMENT

Request for £10,000.00

Members' comments, questions and discussions covered:

- Incredible group with only three people running it. Hopefully achieve more funding.
- No business plan or evidence – understand they are a small group but we should be consistent across the board.
- Thinks criteria for filling in forms too tough and should be looked into.
- A lot of groups struggle to put business plans together – can we provide training courses?
- It is in our criteria so we should have that information.

It was proposed by Cllr Tyler, seconded by Cllr Wilcox and unanimously

RESOLVED:

To recommend the full amount of £10,000.00 grant funding towards the costs as identified in the grant application for the facility refurbishment, be awarded, subject to receipt of a business plan, by Council on 21st January 2020.

HEREFORD RIVER CARNIVAL – RIVER CARNIVAL 2020 & WINTER LANTERN PARADE 2021

Request for £10,000.00

Members' comments, questions and discussions covered:

- Concern over £45,000 not being awarded – consider if they get this awarded. Very dependent on this funding.
- Concern about flooding.
- Community is open to events and culture.

It was proposed by Cllr Wilcox, seconded by Cllr Foxton and unanimously

RESOLVED:

To recommend the full amount of £10,000.00 grant funding towards the costs as identified in the grant application for the River Carnival 2020 and the Winter Lantern Parade 2021 be awarded by Council on 21st January 2020, however should the £45,000 Arts Council funding bid be unsuccessful, this money should only be used for delivery of the River Carnival.

CD2019/20.58 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Routine meeting: TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2019, 6 PM COMMITTEE ROOM

Grants meeting: MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2020, 10 AM COMMITTEE ROOM

Members noted the above dates.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 13.00

Signed

Dated