

HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL

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

MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2020

PRESENT: The Right Worshipful the Mayor Councillor Kath Hey and Cllrs Boulter, Hornsey, Kenyon, Oliver, Powell, Stevens, Tillett, and Wilcox.

IN ATTENDANCE: Tracy Morriss (Deputy Town Clerk).

CD2019/20.59 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Foxton and Tyler.

CD2019/20.60 SUBSTITUTES

There were no substitutes.

CD2019/20.61 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Kenyon declared a disclosable non-pecuniary interest for Item 6 Hinton Community Association as Chair and Trustee of the organisation.

CD2019/20.62 GRANT COMPLETION FORMS

HEREFORD CIDER MUSEUM TRUST – POMONA’S CHILDREN (Grant awarded February 2019, £500.00)

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

CD2019/20.63 SMALL GRANT APPLICATIONS

Members received presentations on the following:

GROWING LOCAL IS GOING LOCAL CIC – EDUCATIONAL COOK WORKSHOPS

Request for £2,973.00

Members received a presentation from the representative of this group, Louisa Foti, who gave a brief overview of the application and showed photos of the project.

The CIC had two strands to the scheme, veg boxes and education but the veg boxes were no longer viable so this part was sold off to one of their suppliers.

The educational aim is to deliver 100 workshops a year with some schools paying and some free. The application is to finance the food and materials for the city centre school visits so that children can experience vegetables and fruits they may not have come in to contact with before. They would also like to run workshops in school holidays to teach cooking skills etc and the grant would cover the cost of the venue hire.

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

- Question what schools on the North side of the river are visited - Lord Scudamore, Hampton Dene, mostly south side though.
- Why the finances submitted are for 2018 - the accounts don't come back until eighteen months later so with accountant currently.

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

At this point, the Chair Cllr Kenyon stated he would like to vote on applications after each presentation rather than wait until all presentations had been heard. It was proposed by Cllr Boulter, seconded by Cllr Wilcox to wait until the end of the meeting as per usual, and with 5 for, 2 against and 1 abstention it was

RESOLVED to vote after each presentation.

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

RESOLVED:

To award £2,973.00 grant funding towards the costs of providing educational cook workshops in the City.

HEREFORD CIDER MUSEUM – THE APPLE WORLD EXHIBITION

Request for £3,000.00

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

- Showed some examples of apples from the Victorian collection that the grant would fund the making of. The most important apples since Victorian times.
- These exhibits will be a legacy and can later be loaned to other key organisations.

- This is not about cider but Herefordshire's place in the apple world.
- Working with Kew Gardens – Granny Apple – story now on display at Kew.
- This is great for tourism – bringing people to the City. Would HCC be able to get coverage from Kew? Lots of work with other key organisations across the world to promote Hereford and the exhibition. Official book of the apple world.
- 6 – 8 exhibitions in the Cider Museum and in some other local sites in Herefordshire.
- Evaluation one of Dave Marshall's key skills and is key to this project.
- Are you doing anything on apple blossom - lots of organisations do this. This exhibition is all about the apple.
- National Trust – what about doing a stamp card – we are already doing this with an apple stamp so we can see where people are going when they visit.
- What stage are you at with rebranding the Cider Museum – going down the route of being the only museum specific to the apple. Dave described the work that is being done in the run up to this. Programme of understanding their part in the national story.
- Cider Museum received a significant donation from the Bulmer Trust which has now closed. Hopefully this transaction should be completed through the solicitors in the next few days. This will be significant in moving forward as a nationally recognised organisation.
- Financial balance of investment and income as the building is old and needs a lot of work.
- Doing a lot of work on Hereford City Tourism. A lot of research and evaluation with regards to visitors.
- Having HCC associated with the exhibition will be good for tourism.

It was proposed by Cllr Stevens, seconded by Cllr Hey and voted on with 8 for and one abstention

RESOLVED:

To award £3,000.00 grant funding towards the costs of creating the apple exhibition.

HEREFORD FC COMMUNITY/A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN – INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Request for £3,000.00

Members received a presentation from the representatives of this group, Lin Mathias and John Nash, who gave a brief overview of the application. Comments, questions and discussions covered:

- Members have previously started Women's football teams in Hereford – there are seven currently. Women's football in Hereford has really dipped so trying to increase this.
- Going into schools to deliver programmes.
- Why have you not approached the national FA – because they tell us to go local.
- Questions over submission and stated charges for venue hire - charge is different to what they have said they are charging – the cost was estimated at the time as they were waiting for a quote re room hire.

- Discussion about potential contacts – organisation already been in touch.
- Encouraging organisation to look at the girls football teams as well.
- Offers of help to spread the word and enhance the event.
- Concern that £900 of the grant requested is not needed, therefore award should be restricted to £2,100.00.
- Concern regarding amount of recent investment into football and the issues between two football organisations.
- Member stated they are an amateur and can see what positives can come from this.

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

RESOLVED:

To award £2,100.00 grant funding, not the £3,000.00 applied for, towards the costs of holding a Women's football event.

HEREFORDSHIRE GROWING POINT – TRANSPORT FOR CLIENTS

Request for £3,000.00

Request from organisation for application to be deferred until meeting of 30th March 2020.

SOUTH MARCHES DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL – HEREFORD GANG SHOW 2020

Request for £3,000.00

Members received a presentation from the representative of this group David Owen who is also the producer who gave a brief overview of the application. Comments, questions and discussions covered:

- The Gang Show been around since 1971 and is a national thing – most gang shows audition, but Hereford like to ensure they are all inclusive and encourage participants from age 6 up whereas most start at 13.
- This is why they have to have an extra room - increased costs – safeguarding.
- Benefit to the kids from them being involved and how the young members develop.
- All opportunities to work onstage as well as backstage.
- The show lasts two and a half hours – red scarf presented by Ralf Freida.
- 10 years ago cast numbers were 80 now 130.
- Any activities the scouts put on they do to break even not to make profit.
- Informed members of the opportunities they are considering for the substantial amount in their bank account.
- One Member stated they are hugely supportive but concerned by what the courtyard are charging. Like that it's all inclusive.
- If awarded the grant where would the City Council support be noted – piece to go in programme.
- Question over profit and loss but for the answer would need to look at two years accounts.

- What areas are used - use every room bar the meeting room on the first floor which is currently being renovated. The courtyard is not built for such a large cast.
- Personal experience of a Member's child benefitting from being involved.
- Article being produced by HCC for the programme to promote the grants scheme.

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

RESOLVED:

To award £3,000.00 grant funding towards the costs of running the Hereford Gang Show.

CD2019/20.64 LARGE GRANT APPLICATIONS

Members received presentations on the following:

HEREFORDSHIRE TOURISM PARTNERSHIP – DEVELOPMENT

Request for £20,000.00

Application deferred until the group has been properly formed and has more clarity about its objectives.

HINTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – DEVELOPMENT

Request for £15,000.00

Members received a presentation from the representatives of this group Vince McNally and Bev who gave a brief overview of the application. Comments, questions and discussions covered:

- Overview of figures from users and the centre's success.
- Centre opened at 7.30 am today and will close at 10.30 tonight.
- Vince ran through the range of groups using the facility today. Do all these groups pay? No because some groups can't afford to pay. Some of the bigger groups pay. Herefordshire Council pay.
- Groups interact – a group may make a curry for another group's fundraising event.
- Blown away when read what goes on at the centre, victim of own success. Have you any other grant funding going on for the centre? Toilets = £5,000. Funding from the Police Crime Commissioner.
- Out of your eight trustees only one is female – is that intentional? Are you looking at paying any salaries over the next two years? Yes they are but all are trustees and we need to employ someone going forward. Unknown who that may be.
- Four hire fees in October, do you not have others paying for use of the building? Yes some might pay quarterly. Gave a rough guide on income from various groups per year.
- Income stream is something they need to look at over the next few years. Maintenance of the building and some of the major issues have been dealt with.

- Have they looked at an asset transfer?
- This £15,000 is extensively for fuel bills, is this a one off or are you coming back - no this is a one off just to give us some breathing space to look at how we move forward.
- Can't see how we can pay under our criteria as it leaves us open to paying for other groups. If they had a project that had definite spending then could support that. They must be running it to full capacity with an income of some £60,000. Can't support.
- Fantastic job – but is this really what we should be spending community development money on – echoes sentiments above.
- Like minded – full backing of what they do but opens the flood gates – wouldn't mind them withdrawing this and submitting this in another form.
- Doubts about this, have an outstanding grant from October. Can put condition on that the completion form must be submitted before any funding is released.
- There is no community centre in this City that provides the service that this centre delivers. The work there is remarkable.
- HCC criteria – still very confused with regards to what this money is actually funding. Would rather see an application supporting a specific project – think this is setting a dangerous precedence.
- Although we want to help Hinton we should not do it this way – defer back to Hinton to reconsider their application.
- Consider submitting an application to cover the costs of the groups that can't afford to pay for room hire.
- Think what could be lost if this centre was not running.
- DTC advised on the grants criteria and previous awards in relation to rent and rates. If Members able to confirm/clarify a clear reason why they would support the grant such as exceptional circumstances, then it does not necessarily open the flood gates.

It was proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Stevens and voted on with 6 for, 2 against and with one abstention from Cllr Kenyon

RESOLVED:

To recommend the full amount of £15,000.00 grant funding towards the costs as identified in the grant application for utility bills be awarded by Council on 3rd March 2020.

HEREFORD THREE CHOIRS – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Request for £24,000.00

Members received a presentation from the representatives of this group Clare Wichbold and Grace Green who gave a brief overview of the application. Comments, questions and discussions covered:

- Clare is retiring as Chair next year. Open recruitment process, someone shadowing until she retires after next year's festival.
- Festival impacts on local business with attendees booking accommodation and spending locally.
- Community element being extended, being delivered for the first time this year

and rolled out into Hereford next year. Touring version of creative exploration. The project aims to encourage participation of the local communities and social cohesion and open dialogue in the various communities in Hereford. Dedicated participation manager.

- Turnover of the festival - excess of £36,000 from last festival so there is no problem with you continuing for another 300 years - it's a tight rope one successful year does not mean that another year would have a surplus. If the festival sold out it would not cover the costs of the festival without funding.
- Do the other councils fund the Three Choirs in their cities – yes they do and we are looking at similar funding from those councils too.
- Gloucestershire and Worcestershire are two tier authorities.
- Spoke of the other venues they use in the city as well as the Cathedral.
- What about using venues other than churches – some people won't set foot in a church so you need to think about them - this project is very much about using the community centres in the city.
- The sessions would take place prior to the festivals – welcomes this project but more needs to be done to promote it - very much committed to widening peoples experience of three choirs and their understanding of it.
- Suggestion to take some of this to the River Carnival event by having a marquee there - tap into the event and add value to the Three Choirs event - 2018 did have a tent at the carnival. This year a little early for 2021 but will probably do that again in 2020.
- Tourism is now back in-house – connected with Ben already.
- Gathering Wave – cancelled – should be put on as part of engaging with the wider community. Very happy with what has been proposed.
- Question over the profit in 2018 and asked what the profit was in Gloucester - didn't make a profit, they made a loss in Gloucester as ticket sales very low.
- Thank you – two plus years ago this committee made it clear that they did not want to award funding just to go in the pot they wanted more community engagement. This is what you have done so thank you.
- You mention six sessions – is this six sessions total or six sessions per community centre/school. Yes latter. We are getting good value for our money then.
- There are a lot of events for the money, something we need to encourage for the younger generation and getting it out there. Speaking for young people.
- If number of sessions not met, can HCC reclaim some of the money?
- 72 session less than £300 per session – this is a bargain and then they are going to tie it into a show case event.
- They have come back with some concrete proposals in line with what we have asked them to do. They have more than met their obligations. They will have to pay back any money they don't spend like any other group.
- We've just award £20,000 to Applefest and that is an unknown entity three choirs has a proven track record.
- Attending as Mayor opened her eyes to the music – these events will open peoples' eyes - they would not otherwise have that experience.
- The whole event in Hereford made a surplus of £36,000 should we be granting funding? This is a completely different project to the Three Choirs Festival which sells tickets and is not profit making/free.

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

RESOLVED:

To recommend the full amount of £24,000.00 grant funding towards the costs as identified in the grant application for community engagement projects be awarded by Council on 3rd March 2020.

CD2019/20.65 RESOLUTION ON GRANTS

Members decided (in Minute 63) to resolve grant awards after each presentation which are noted above.

CD2019/20.66 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Grants meeting: MONDAY 30 MARCH 2020, 10 AM COMMITTEE ROOM

Routine meeting: TUESDAY 31 MARCH 2020, 6 PM COMMITTEE ROOM

Members noted the above dates.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 13.40.

Signed

Dated