



HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (GRANTS) 28 NOVEMBER 2023 (6pm)

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Councillor Cat Hornsey (Chair) and Councillors Sue Boulter, Debbie Hobbs, Jim Kenyon, Sam Potts and Paul Stevens

Officers attending: Dave Tristram External Funding and Community Support Officer.

CD2023/24.86 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Alex Griffiths and Ben Proctor.

CD2023/24.87 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

None

CD2023/24.88 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Jim Kenyon declared a non-pecuniary interest in Carers of Herefordshire and 3Degreez Allstarz as they are based at Hinton CC, of which he is a Trustee.

CD2023/24.89 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Grants Meeting 18.09.2023 - Proposed by Councillor Stevens, seconded by Councillor Hobbs – five votes in favour with one abstention.

Community Development Committee 17.10.2023 – Proposed by Councillor Potts, Seconded by Councillor Hornsey – **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

It was noted that a number of Councillors took issue with actions arising from the Herefordshire Council Street Art consultation exercise, namely that Councillor Hobbs, Potts and Andrews (all of whom are in neighbouring wards) had not been approached for consultation. It was also noted that there is a public meeting to discuss this initiative on Wednesday Dec 6 (Town Hall 10am).

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Grants meeting of 18 September and the minutes of the Community Development meeting on 17 October be accepted as an accurate record and signed accordingly by the Chair.

CD2023/24.90 GRANT COMPLETION FORMS

The External Funding and Community Support Officer had reviewed and approved completion reports on the following projects:

- **2 Faced Dance Company**
- **22nd Hereford Scouts**

- **Hereford River Carnival**
- **Herefordshire Lore**
- **3Degreez Allstarz**
- **Save The Wye**
- **Wheeled Sports For Hereford (aka Hereford Skatepark)**

The Herefordshire Lore report was of an interim nature, and a full end of project report will be submitted in due course. Forms were also inspected by Councillor Hornsey. The Forms were noted without comment.

CD2023/24.91 SMALL GRANT APPLICATION – CARERS OF HEREFORDSHIRE

DEVELOPMENT PROJECT – £2,917.97

Noted by Cllr Hobbs that applicant was under investigation by Charity Commission for taking information from Herefordshire Carers. Accounts were to be ratified. It was the Committee's general opinion that laptops requested were 'on the expensive side'. It was also suggested that the organisation negotiate with suppliers (e.g. John Finch Computers) in terms of IT packages and add-ons, as this would reduce the overall project cost.

Proposals were made by Cllr Kenyon for £2,200 and Cllr Hornsey for £1,500 neither of which were approved.

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

RESOLVED That a grant of £1,500 be made to Carers of Herefordshire in line with the application, subject to ratification of the accounts.

CD2023/24.92 SMALL GRANT APPLICATION – WEST HEREFORD PETANQUE CLUB

STAGE 2 CLUBHOUSE – £3,000

This was a re-application submitted in lieu of an unsuccessful application to Community Development (Grants) Committee on 06.02.2023. Concerns were expressed by Cllr Stevens about Petanque being a minority sport, and that there were a relatively small number of beneficiaries. Cllr Boulter asked if schools had been properly consulted, in line with the recommendations of the 06.02.2023 meeting. The twinning association mentioned by the group in their application no longer exists. It was generally felt that this was an improved application on the original request and that some recompense be made. Additionally, it was felt that if further consultation with schools and other potential user groups was undertaken, the Council may potentially consider an additional future application.

Proposals were made by Cllr Kenyon for £1,100 and Cllr Potts for outright rejection neither of which were approved.

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

RESOLVED That a grant of £1,300 be made to West Hereford Petanque Club in line with the application.

CD2023/24.93 SMALL GRANT APPLICATION – 3DEGREEZ ALLSTARZ

SCHOLARSHIP PLACEMENTS FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN – £5,000

Cllrs queried on what socio-economic grounds scholarship pupils were selected (an explanation was subsequently communicated by the applicant, predominantly involving referrals from schools and social services). A number of Cllrs spoke favourably of the organisation and of their work in an area of the city suffering from high deprivation, particularly their engagement with hard-to-reach young people and their families. The Councils External Funding Officer is also advising and supporting the applicant in terms of sourcing additional funding.

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

RESOLVED That a grant of £5,000 be made to 3Degreez Allstars in line with the application.

CD2023/24.94 SMALL GRANT APPLICATION – THE BIG SKILL

MAKE DO AND MEND - £3,000

Generally thought of as a good and robust application from an organisation with a track record of engagement and delivery. Clarification required as to the number of events and venues of delivery (subsequently provided).

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

RESOLVED That a grant of £3,000 be made to The Big Skill in line with the application.

CD2023/24.95 SMALL GRANT APPLICATION – CUP CERAMICS

KIDS AFTER SCHOOL POTTERY CLUB – £4,100

Cllr Stevens thought that this was a ‘very good’ project and was supported in this statement by Cllr Hobbs. Other members of the panel were in agreement.

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

RESOLVED That a grant of £4,100 be made to Cup Ceramics in line with this application.

CD2023/24.96 SMALL GRANT APPLICATION – HEREFORDSHIRE CRICKET

CHANGING ROOM REFURBISHMENT – £5,000

It was pointed out by Cllr Stevens that no cricket was played within the boundaries of the city, whilst Cllr Potts was reluctant to support. It was also the unanimous opinion of the panel that an insufficient degree of ‘additional merit had been demonstrated within the application to merit an award of more than £3,000, as per the grants scheme policy.

It was proposed by Cllr Stevens and seconded by Cllr Kenyon to award £3,000 but on being put to the vote it was rejected by 4 votes to 2.

It was proposed by Cllr Boulter, seconded Cllr Potts and with 4 votes in favour and 3 against

RESOLVED That a grant of £2,500 be awarded to Herefordshire Cricket in line with the application.

CD2023/24.97 SMALL GRANT APPLICATION – HEREFORD FC IN THE COMMUNITY

LONELY AT LUNCH PROJECT – £5,000

This was another project that it was felt did not meet the threshold for ‘additional merit’, not so much in terms of what was proposed, but that Hereford FC was charging the CIC for room hire and rental in its home building, and at the not inconsiderable rate of £40 per hour. It was felt otherwise that the project had merit. It was therefore proposed that the non-rental costs of the project be supported.

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

RESOLVED That a grant be made of £2,510 to Hereford FC In The Community in line with the application, excluding rental costs paid to the football club.

CD2023/24.98 SMALL GRANT APPLICATION – FERAL PRODUCTIONS

HEREFORD PROMENADE – £3,000

Cllr Stevens declared a non-pecuniary interest in this application, as a Trustee at The Courtyard

It was the Committee’s general view that this was a very strong project. The applicant had a very good record of previous delivery and are well respected as a provider of opportunities for young people in cycles of low income and deprivation.

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

RESOLVED That a grant of £3,000 be made to Feral Productions in line with the application.

CD2023/24.99 PROCEDURE FOR PROJECT UNDERSPEND

The External Funding Officer disclosed that a number of projects funded by City Council had underspent (usually by small amounts) and were querying what should be done with such monies. Three options were discussed:

1. Monies should be returned to Hereford City Council
2. Powers to be delegated to the External Funding Officer to decide
3. Individual instances of underspend should be decided by Committee on a case-by-case basis.

It was thought that Option2 ‘blurred the lines’ between officers and members. Cllr Kenyon favoured Option 3, saying that organisations may choose to apply again. Option 3 was seen by other Cllrs as being more bureaucratic, and that Option 1 would be both the most straightforward, and also the easiest to administer. It was also noted that, at a time when demand for grants is high, spare monies could be reallocated to other projects at the Council’s discretion.

It was proposed by Cllr Stevens, seconded by Cllr Hornsey and by 5 votes to 1

RESOLVED That all project underspends should be returned to Hereford City Council for reallocation.

CD2023/24.100 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 12 March 2024 at 6 pm (General and Grant Items)

Tuesday 9 April 2024 at 6 pm (Grants)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19:25.

Signed

Date