

Minutes of a meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee Held on Tuesday 14 April 2020 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors Gary Norman (Chairperson); David Marsh; Martha Vickers; Olivia Lewis; Martin Colston and Billy Drummond.

In Attendance: Hugh Peacocke, Chief Executive Officer

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Minutes

Proposed: Councillor Martin Colston

Seconded: Councillor Billy Drummond

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee held on 25 November 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

3. Declarations of interest and dispensations

The Chief Executive Officer said that Councillors Billy Drummond, David Marsh and Martha Vickers were also members of West Berkshire District Council and a dispensation is in place to allow them to discuss matters relating to the District Council.

4. Questions and petitions from members of the public

There were none.

5. Members' questions and petitions

There were none.

6. To approve arrangements for grant aid for projects and proposals to aid the communities in Newbury in responding to issues arising from the Coronavirus Emergency.

The Chairman referred to the report from the Chief Executive Officer and explained the Council's wish to establish a fund to assist the community response.

Proposed: Councillor Martin Colston

Seconded: Councillor Martha Vickers

Resolved: That the Council allocates £8,000 of its grants funds for 2020-21 to provide grants towards projects and proposals to aid the communities in Newbury in responding to issues arising from the Coronavirus Emergency.

Proposed: Councillor Martin Colston
Seconded: Councillor Billy Drummond

Resolved: That the Council works with the Good Exchange, the Greenham Trust and the Community Support Hub in delivering these grants.

Proposed: Councillor David Marsh
Seconded: Councillor Olivia Lewis

Resolved: That authority to make decisions to award grants is delegated to the Council's Chief Executive Officer. To provide assistance and guidance in decisions, grant applications when received will be emailed to all members of the sub-committee for their views, to be returned within 2 working days. The CEO will discuss the responses with the Chairman of the subcommittee and after consulting the Chairman, the CEO will decide whether to grant the application in full, in part, or to refuse. The CEO will advise the Council of each decision he makes and the reasons for same.

7. Application for a grant of £500 from the Soup Kitchen, Newbury

The Chief Executive Officer advised the meeting that a request for assistance of £500 had been received from the Soup Kitchen. The Charity needs the funds to purchase hand sanitiser to ensure the safety of its staff, volunteers and clients at this very difficult time. The project has been registered on The Good Exchange. Members felt that this was an appropriate use of these funds and that the Council should support this request. Having considered the views of the members, the CEO approved the request and said that arrangements would be made to pay £500 towards the project through The Good Exchange.

There being no further business the chairperson declared the meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

Chairperson