

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF GRANTS & AWARDS SUB COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 8 APRIL 2019 AT 7:30 PM

Present: Councillors A Brandham
 M Freeman
 C Perham
 B Spurr

Also in attendance: M Saccoccio, Town Clerk
 S Sandiford, Head of Democratic and Central
 Services
 M Jahn, Committee Officer

Members of the public: 9

70/GA APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Rahman (substituted by Councillor B Spurr), Councillor K Cursons and Councillor S Cursons.

71/GA DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests, including the nature of those interests, which they had in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

Councillor B Spurr declared a personal interest in the Rotary Club application for a general grant as a member of the Club and would leave the room while the application was discussed and determined.

Councillor J M Freeman declared a personal interest in the Guaranteed Grants to the Carnival as a member of the Carnival Committee, as a Trustee of Buzzer Bus and Officer of Leighton-Linslade Music Centre Trust. A Dispensation Form had been completed, requesting that permission to speak and/or vote on the items be granted by the Committee.

RESOLVED to grant a dispensation to Councillor J M Freeman to allow him to speak and vote on agenda items 6(b) and 7 in relation to the application for grant funding submitted by the Carnival Committee, Buzzer Bus and Leighton-Linslade Music Centre.

72/GA QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 minutes per person; maximum 15 minutes)

A member of the public and representative of the Sports Council spoke

briefly to inform the Sub-Committee of the work carried out by them in promoting sport facilities within the town and how the 'Yes We Can' disability sport project would enable more participation in sport in Leighton-Linslade.

A member of the public and representative of Leighton-Linslade Timebank spoke in support of their application submitted for General Grant funding to run Jazz and Swing dance sessions in Leighton-Linslade targeted at vulnerable groups to alleviate social isolation and loneliness.

A member of the public spoke to inform the Sub-Committee of the work carried out by their organisation, Woodcraft Folk, and in support of their application to purchase camping lanterns and tents for the group.

A member of the public and representative of 1st Leighton Buzzard Brownies and 7th Leighton Buzzard Rainbows spoke briefly in support of their application for funding for projects which would benefit local Rainbows, Brownies and Guides units. These were mainly to help towards running costs for activities including educational visits, sleepover, crafts, seasonal visits and purchase of badges.

A member of the public and representative of Freddie and Friends Sunshine Stop spoke to update the Sub-Committee of their activities over the last year supporting children and families within the town and to support their application for General Grant Funding to fund a mobile changing places facility for the Carnival in Leighton-Linslade and to purchase sensory equipment for activity days.

A member of the public and representative from Buzzer Bus spoke to inform the Sub-Committee how their grant funding had been used over the past year and thanked Leighton-Linslade Town Council for their continued support.

73/GA **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Sub-Committee received the draft minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2018.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2018 be approved as a correct record and were signed accordingly.

74/GA **GENERAL GRANT APPLICATIONS (1st ROUND FOR 2019-2020)**

The Sub-Committee was advised that the budget allocated for General Grants in 2019-2020 totalled £10,000.

The Sub-Committee received a summary of the fifteen applications received for a General Grant in 2019-2020, along with a summary of the documents submitted with the applications. Each discussion was reviewed and discussed in turn, with a vote taken on each application.

RESOLVED to approve General Grant funding amounting to £6,799.98 as follows,

subject to all applicants having met the required criteria by providing the required documentation.

once this clarification was received, the application should be taken to a meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee for determination.

RESOLVED to defer consideration of the application for General Grant funding of £500 to All Saints Church and resubmit to the Policy and Finance Committee upon clarification of legal considerations.

Organisation	Purpose of General Grant	Amount
Rotary Club of Leighton-Linslade	To create a website and social media platforms for the 'Yes We Can' disability sport project	£500
Young Enterprise	To deliver programme to 13-18 year olds at Vandyke Upper School for one academic year	£500
Trinity Methodist Church	Towards the costs of providing Trinity Toddlers' groups on Tuesday & Friday mornings during term time	£500
Church Riverside Scout Group	To purchase a new tent for camping activities	£500
Leighton-Linslade Timebank	To run Jazz and Swing dance sessions in LB, targeted at vulnerable groups, to alleviate social isolation and loneliness	£500
7th Leighton Buzzard Brownies	Towards running costs for activities including educational visits, sleepover, crafts, seasonal visits, purchase of badges	£500
1 st Leighton Buzzard Brownies	Towards running costs for activities including educational visits, sleepover, crafts, seasonal visits, purchase of badges	£500
Mary Bassett Lower School	Towards cost of installing musical play equipment in school grounds	£500
Woodcraft Folk	To purchase camping lanterns and tents	£500
Freddie & Friends Sunshine Stop CIC	To fund a mobile changing places facility for the carnival and to purchase sensory equipment for activity days	£500
Friends of Greenleas School	To create Forest School facilities for use by nursery age children	£499.98
1 st Linslade Scout Group	To replace tents, cooking utensils and cutlery	£500
Hospice at Home volunteers	To print marketing materials to raise awareness of the Hospice at Home	£300

	service	
LB Mencap	Costs for a workshop and show in August 2019 to mark 50 th anniversary, to raise awareness of services & benefits	£500

An application received from All Saints Church for £500 was deferred, awaiting further clarification from the Society of Local Council Clerks and National Association of Local Councils regarding relevant legislation. It was agreed that once this clarification was received, the application should be taken to a meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee for determination.

RESOLVED to defer consideration of the application for General Grant funding of £500 to All Saints Church and resubmit to the Policy and Finance Committee upon clarification of legal considerations.

75/GA **GUARANTEED GRANTS (4th & FINAL YEAR OF FOUR YEAR TERM)**

The Sub-Committee was advised that the Guaranteed Grant budget for 2019-2020 totalled £26,300, representing an increase to reflect the Retail Price index from the set budget for the previous year.

The Sub-Committee received a summary of information from the twelve recipients of Guaranteed Grant funding, including (where appropriate) copies of the reports provided to the Town Council regarding use of grant funding. It was noted that information was still awaited for 2018-19 from three grant recipients.

RESOLVED to approve that payments for 2019-2020 be made to the Guaranteed Grants recipients totalling £26,300, subject to satisfactory reports and accounts having been submitted to the Town Council, as follows:

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Arts Forum	£3,060	3090	3211	3317
Buzzer Bus	£3,500	3535	3673	3794
Carnival Committee	£1,200	1212	1259	1301
Cruse Bereavement Care Beds	£500	505	525	542
Greensand Trust	£750	758	788	814
Homestart	£1,500	1515	1574	1626
Macmillan Cancer Support	£750	758	788	814
Meadow Way Community Association	£2,500	2525	2623	2710
Senior Citizens Association ("LINK")	£500	505	525	542

Sports Council	£4,500	4545	4722	4878
Town Twinning Forum	£500	505	525	542
Voluntary & Community Action	£5,000	5050	5247	5420
Total	£24,260	£24,503	£25,459	26,300

76/GA OTHER GRANT PAYMENTS

The Sub-Committee was advised in accordance with the Service Level Agreement agreed by Council on 23 November 2015, that funds be released amounting to £8,675 to Leighton-Linslade Music Centre for 2019-2020 and in accordance with the resolution made by Council on 23 November 2015 and updated in January 2017, to note the release of grant funding amounting to £21,627 to Citizens Advice Leighton-Linslade for 2019-2020.

RESOLVED to note the information regarding release of funding for 2019-2020 to the Leighton-Linslade Music Centre and Citizens Advice Leighton-Linslade.

The meeting closed at 8.08 pm

I HEREBY CONFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING IS A CORRECT AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 8 APRIL 2019.

Chair

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