

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Southern Rural Committee held in the Foundation House,
Icknield Way, Letchworth Garden City
on Thursday, 8th March, 2018 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Cathryn Henry (Vice-Chairman), Steve Hemingway and Terry Tyler.

2 MINUTES - 30 NOVEMBER 2017

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 November 2017 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There were no notifications of other business.

4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly those giving a presentation;
- (2) The Chairman reminded everyone that, in accordance with Council policy, the meeting was being audio recorded;
- (3) The Chairman advised that the winter meeting of the Southern Rural Committee had be changed and would now be held on 6 December 2018;
- (4) The Chairman drew attention to the item on the agenda front pages regarding Declarations of Interest and reminded Members that, in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question.

5 HERTFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY

Inspector Richard Lilley and Sergeant Steve Oliphant thanked the Chairman for the invitation to address the Committee regarding the work of Hertfordshire Constabulary in the Southern Rural area.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Lilley and Sergeant Oliphant for their presentation.

6 GRANTS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

RESOLVED:

- (1) That £1,874 be allocated from the 2017/18 Discretionary Budget towards Community Initiatives;
- (2) That the activities and schemes with which the Communities Officer has been involved with, as set out in the report, be noted;

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- (3) That the budgetary expenditure, balances and carry forwards within the Area Committee Development Budget spreadsheet be noted;
- (4) That the actions taken by the Communities Officer to promote greater community capacity and well-being in the Southern Rural Area be endorsed'

REASON FOR DECISION: To ensure that the Southern Rural Committee is kept informed of the work of the Communities Manager and to inform Members of the financial resources and current budgetary position.

7 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

London Luton Airport Consultative Committee

Councillor Barnard advised that he had attended the London Luton Airport Consultative Committee, which had discussed the proposed expansion of the airport.

Chilterns Conservation Board

Councillor Barnard advised that he had attended the Chilterns Conservation Board and that they were investigating the expansion of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

8 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - STEPPING STONES PRE-SCHOOL

Mr Jason Aydoo, Stepping Stones Pre-School thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding their application for grant funding.

The Chairman thanked Mr Aydoo for his presentation.

9 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - COCKERNHOE MEMORIAL HALL

Mr David Sample, Cockernhoe Memorial Hall, thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding their application for grant funding.

The Chairman thanked Mr Sample for his presentation.

10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - PIRTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Mr Joe Charlesworth and Mr David Joyce, Pirton Table Tennis Club, thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding their application for grant funding.

The Chairman thanked Mr Charlesworth and Mr Joyce for their presentation.

11 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - WASTE NOT WANT NOT

Mr Hal Fowler, Chair of Waste Not Want Not, thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding their application for grant funding.

The Chairman thanked Mr Fowler for his presentation.

12 WARD GRANT APPLICATION - STEPPING STONES PRE-SCHOOL

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £250 be awarded to Stepping Stones Pre-School from the 2017/18 Ward Budget for Councillor Deakin-Davies towards the cost of providing 10 super sports coaching sessions.

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REASON FOR DECISION: To improve services provided by local organisations and groups which are accessed by the community.

13 GRANT APPLICATION - COCKERNHOE MEMORIAL HALL

RESOLVED:

- (1) That grant funding of £2,400 be awarded to Cockernhoe Memorial Hall from the 2017/18 Discretionary Budget towards the cost of building an under 11s play area;
- (2) That grant funding of £450 be awarded to Cockernhoe Memorial Hall from the 2017/18 Ward Budget for Councillor Barnard towards the cost of building an under 11s play area;
- (3) That grant funding of £360 be awarded to Cockernhoe Memorial Hall from the 2017/18 Ward Budget for Councillor Frost towards the cost of building an under 11s play area;
- (4) That grant funding of £380 be awarded to Cockernhoe Memorial Hall from the 2017/18 Ward Budget for Councillor Strong towards the cost of building an under 11s play area;

REASON FOR DECISION: To improve services provided by local organisations and groups which are accessed by the community.

14 GRANT APPLICATION - PIRTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £1,066 be awarded to Pirton Table Tennis Club from the 2017/18 Discretionary Budget toward the cost of purchasing two table tennis tables and nets and nine sports hall dividers.;

REASON FOR DECISION: To improve services provided by local organisations and groups which are accessed by the community.

15 GRANT APPLICATION - WASTE NOT WANT NOT

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £1,880 be awarded to Waste Not Want Not from the 2017/18 Discretionary Budget toward the costs associated with the installation of a disabled accessible portable toilet.

REASON FOR DECISION: To improve services provided by local organisations and groups which are accessed by the community.

16 GRANT APPLICATION - JOHN CLEMENTS CENTRE

RESOLVED: That, pending a satisfactory grant application being received, £500 be allocated in principle to the John Clements Centre from the 2017/18 Ward Budget for Councillor Gray.

REASON FOR DECISION: To improve services provided by local organisations and groups which are accessed by the community.

17 PUBLIC PARTICIATION - KNEBORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Ms Fiona Davies, Knebworth Football Club, thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding their application for grant funding.

The Chairman thanked Ms Davies for her presentation.

18 WARD GRANT APPLICATION - KNEBORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

RESOLVED:

- (1) That grant funding of £250 be awarded to Knebworth Football Club from the 2017/18 Ward Budget for Councillor Deakin-Davies towards the cost of providing equipment that will enable the development of girl's football;
- (2) That grant funding of £250 be awarded to Knebworth Football Club from the 2017/18 Discretionary Budget towards the cost of providing equipment that will enable the development of girl's football.

REASON FOR DECISION: To improve services provided by local organisations and groups which are accessed by the community.

19 COUNCILLOR JANE GRAY

Councillor Gray had previously announced that she would not be standing for e-election in May 2018.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Southern Rural Committee, thanked Councillor Gray for all of her hard work for the Council, particularly in the Southern Rural Area.