

Minutes of Community Services Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 11 March 2014, starting at 6.30pm
Present: Councillor R J Thompson (Chairman)

Councillors:

J E Alcock	L Rimmer
S Brunskill	M Robinson
S Carefoot	I Sayers
A M Knox	G Scott
G Mirfin	R Swarbrick
R Newmark	J White

In attendance: Director of Community Services, Head of Engineering Services and Head of Cultural and Leisure Services.

629 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors R Bennett and J Hill.

The Chairman welcomed Mark Beveridge new Head of Service for Cultural and Leisure Services to the meeting.

630 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

631 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor J White declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda Item 5 regarding the recreational grants as he is a Governor of Longridge High School.

632 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

633 Grants – Recreational/Sporting Excellence/Arts Excellence

The Director of Community Services submitted a report presenting the recommendations of the Working Group in relation to the allocation of grants under the Recreation/Culture Individual Sporting Excellence and Individual Arts Excellence Schemes. He reminded Committee of the purpose of the various grants in that they were to either provide voluntary organisations with support for events/projects that enhance recreation and cultural provision or to assist talented sports men and women in their children's sport or art.

Councillors asked questions with regard to specific applications that had been made and were supportive of the Working Groups recommendations. It was felt however that it was an appropriate time to reassess the criteria for the various

grants and it was suggested that the established Working Group be asked to carry out this task along with the newly appointed Head of Cultural and Leisure Services.

RESOLVED: That Committee

1. endorse the recommendations of the Working Group as outlined in the appendices; and
2. agree that the Working Group be asked to revise the criteria for the grants in time for 2015/16.

634 LEASE OF LAND AT RIBCHESTER TO ACCOMMODATE A WAR MEMORIAL

The Director of Community Services submitted a report asking Committee to consider granting a Lease to Ribchester Parish Council for land on which to site a War Memorial.

He reminded Committee that they had approved a request in principle from the Ribchester War Memorial Association to site a War Memorial on Council land adjacent to the Greenside Car Park in Ribchester and that delegated authority had been given to continue with negotiations regarding a licence for the land and other issues. The licence for the use and occupation of the land was duly offered to the Ribchester Parish Council as a body with legal standing. However the War Memorial Association had submitted an application to the Charities Commission to secure charitable status and also to seek a financial contribution to the funding of the War Memorial. The Charities Commission were unable to progress the application for funding as it was considered that an annual licence was insufficient surety for the investment of their funds.

The Ribchester War Memorial Association had therefore requested that Ribble Valley Borough Council consider granting a lease of 99 years for the occupation of the site which would offer the improved security of tenure that would satisfy the Charities Commission. An arrangement was proposed where a lease for the land is offered to the Ribchester Parish Council who subsequently offer a sub-lease to the War Memorial Association. This chain lease arrangement would then protect the Borough Council from any on-going responsibility for the memorial once it was constructed as this would be done through the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That Committee authorises the Director of Community Services in consultation with the Chair of Committee to negotiate a Lease not exceeding 99 years with the Ribchester Parish Council that would facilitate the construction and maintenance of a War Memorial as provided by the Ribchester War Memorial Association on the Borough Council land adjacent to the Greenside Car Park.

635 PLATFORM GALLERY AND VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE REVIEW

The Director of Community Services submitted a report providing Committee with an update on the operation of the merged Platform Gallery with the Visitor Information Centre. The report also outlined operational and administrative issues that had emerged and proposals to help alleviate the problems and improve the delivery of the service.

Although visitor numbers had increased there had not been an increase in income from commission based sales and it was now considered to be an appropriate time to address some issues which would help crystallise the focus and purpose of the facility. These issues included operational staff cover, a reduction in the current level of artists supplying products for sale on commission, the number of lines being carried, a reduction in the number of lines being carried within bought stock, consideration of the use of the designated area for educational workshops and Sunday opening.

From the experimental opening on Sundays there was no evidence in terms of visits or income generation to suggest that Sunday opening is financially worthwhile. However Committee felt strongly that the facility should at least be open at Bank Holiday weekends and on Sundays in December. Working closely with the Chamber of Trade in Clitheroe to make the town a more attractive place to visit on a Sunday was imperative. Committee also suggested that leaflets could be placed in the shops that do open on a Sunday.

RESOLVED: That Committee

1. approve the operational measures as identified in the report and agree to their implementation with the change in opening hours commencing from 1 April 2014; and
2. are minded to approve a further limited trial of Sunday opening following a consultation with the Chamber of Trade to devise a joint strategy and that in the meantime shops are approached to carry Council literature.

636 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2014/15

The Director of Resources submitted a report for Committee's information on the new schemes which had been approved for the inclusion in the Capital Programme for this Committee for the forthcoming financial year 2014/15. The Committee has a Capital Programme for next year of £110,000 consisting of three schemes. The final go ahead for the installation of 3G artificial pitch to replace the three tennis courts existing artificial surface scheme is dependent upon a bid for external funding being successful.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

637 GENERAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Director of Community Services submitted a report informing Committee of the progress with regard to waste management and culture and leisure activities. With regard to the waste paper and cardboard collection service the new fortnightly collection to coincide with either a blue or green wheeled bin day had commenced on Monday, 3 March 2014. There had been some initial teething problems which were being addressed. Extensive promotion and publicity had been undertaken to raise public awareness of the changes and this would continue to ensure that all householders were aware of the new system.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm.

If you have any queries on these minutes please contact John Heap (414461).

RECREATION / CULTURE GRANT PROPOSALS 2014/15

ORGANISATION	PROJECT	COST	GRANT REQUEST	PREVIOUS GRANTS	PROPOSAL
Ribble Valley Jazz & Blues	Annual Festival held on May Bank Holiday weekend. Improve on-line marketing and promotions, develop email database etc and support costs of innovations to the 2014 festival programme	£6,250	£1,750	2011 - £500 2012 - £600 2013 - £1000	£1000
Valley Gigs	Full day of Street Entertainment on the Saturday of the RV Jazz & Blues Festival	£2,100	£700	Several years 2013 - £700	£700
Ribchester Roman Museum	Costs of display case, publicity literature, display panels, and additional security to house the Ribchester Parade Helmet on loan from the British Museum from 1 July – 31 October 2014	£73,000	£anything	None in recent years	£5000
Read Parish Council	Replacement of 2 spring toys and resurfacing of surrounding area on the parish playground	£2,862	£1,430		£1000
Art in the Garden	To open Spring Bank House (previously opened under the National Garden Scheme) to the public to showcase around 25 high quality artists exhibiting in the garden.	£3,530	£1,785	None	£200 towards publicity
Mellor Junior Football Club	Replace cabin/changing rooms To complete replacement of perimeter fencing To replace septic tank	£32,000 £6,000 £2,000	£5,000		£2500 for fencing

Ribble Valley Choir	Choral event in December 2014	£420	£250	2010,11 & 12 - £200 2013 - £250	£200
Ribchester Festival of Music and Art	International Festival in 22 nd year held in June. A showcase of musical talent.	£12,400	£2,500	2010 - £2,300 2011 - £4,000 2012 - £2,300 2013 - £2,500	£200
Longridge Golf Club	Continuation of Coaching programme	£7,320	£2,000	2013 - £935 (for youth element)	£400 for youth element
Chatburn Parish Council	Replacement of swings frame on parish play area	£4,128	£2,000	2003 - £1,750 2008 - £1,500	£1000
Longridge Brass Band	Refurb of 2 'b flat' tubas	£4,068	£1,868	2008 - £1,500 2009 - £700 2010 - £1,000 2011 - £600	£800
Ribchester Tennis Club	Resurface 2 full size tennis courts	£18,000	£9,000	1999	£1000
Longridge Sports & Arts Community Development Group	Upgrade of main changing room showers	£3,000	£3,000	2013 - £7,500	NONE
Sabden Football Club	Upgrade of Changing facilities Fabric of building – roof etc Construction of footpath & hard standing	£2,900 £6,860	£8,800		£1500 for the building
Thornley Community Space	To refurbish and covert a former school to a mixed use community hub.	£67,660	£10,000	None	£3000 subject to acceptable business plan
				TOTAL	£18,500

APPENDIX 2

SPORTING EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2014/15

NAME	AGE	SPORT	STANDARD	SCORE	GRANT
Connor Byrne	17	Climbing	Connor has represented Great Britain in the youth age group and was invited onto the Senior team this year. He has a European ranking of 10 th in youth A and won the Summer Youth Open National Event as well as the British Lead Climbing Championship.	26	£400
William Murray	16	Swimming	William has represented England (achieving Silver) and qualified for the British Open Swimming Championships	24	£300
Emma Fox	14	Swimming	Emma has qualified for County, Regional and National competitions.	22	£300
Oliver Murray	15	Modern Pentathlon	Oliver is current National Pentathlon champion for his age group in the UK and finished 9 th in the Fencing Welsh Open.	20	£300
Alice Fox	13	Swimming	Alice has achieved 6 county qualifying times and her first regional qualifying time.	18	£250
Charlie Dewhurst	14	Cricket / Football	Charlie is currently captain of Lancashire Cricket Board Under 13's. He also captained Ribble Valley District team to victory in the Lancashire Cup. Signed with Preston North End FC on an unpaid contract.	16	£250
Joshua Stamford	11	Cricket	Joshua represented Lancashire U11 squad.	15	£250
Joshua Leatherd	14	Athletics	Joshua won silver medals in 100m and 200m at Lancashire Championships and has represented Lancashire in the Northern U15/U17 Inter-County championships.	14	£250
Eleanor Graham	14	Cricket	Eleanor represents Lancashire in the U15 girls' performance team. She also plays for Clitheroe Ladies.	14	£250
Eleanor Bolton	14	Athletics	Eleanor is part of the Lancashire County and Lancashire County Schools Cross Country team.	13	£200
Saphina Stamford	15	Cricket / Netball	Saphina plays cricket for the Lancashire U15 team.	11	£150
Harry Lang	14	Cricket	Harry plays cricket for the Lancashire U14 team.	11	£150
				TOTAL	£3050

APPENDIX 3

ARTS EXCELLENCE GRANTS 2014/15

NAME	AGE	STANDARD	GRANT
Elizabeth Burgess	15	Elizabeth performs in the Junior section of the Royal Northern College of Music. She is also a member of the Halle Youth Choir	£400
Oliver Kirk	15	Oliver has been accepted for an audition to the Royal Ballet and is a Premier Championship dancer in solo and pairs	£400
Emily Billington	16	Emily achieved 2 nd place in National Cheer Dance Competition	£400
Claudia Nurse	16	Claudia plays flute and piccolo in the Lancashire Youth Concert Band	£250
Daniel Kirk	11	Daniel regularly competes in dance competitions	£100
		TOTAL	£1550