

Minutes of Community Services Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 15 March 2016 starting at 6.30pm
Present: Councillor R J Thompson (Chairman)

Councillors:

R Bennett	M Robinson
A Brown	G Scott
P Dobson	R Swarbrick
M French	N Walsh
S Hind	J White
R Newmark	

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

Also in attendance: Councillors M Fenton and I Sayers.

616 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors J Alcock, S Carefoot and P Elms.

617 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

618 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no pecuniary and non-pecuniary declarations of interest.

619 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

620 BEATS FOR CANCER EVENT IN THE CLITHEROE CASTLE GROUNDS

The Director of Community Services reported that a request had been submitted to hold a music event in the Castle grounds for Saturday, 20 August this year and that although Committee had approved delegated powers for these events, it was felt that the nature of this event proposed and the potential impact for local residents should be considered by Committee. The organisers have held two similar events in 2014 and 2015 based in the Castle at the bandstand and had DJs playing music with no live acts. In the previous two years, it had been run as a free to attend event and people had made donations for cancer charities. The event had increased in popularity over the two years and the organisers wished to maximise the funds raised and introduce control on the numbers attending and as such it was planned to ticket the event this year by placing a fence around the event area of the bandstand and the grass banking. The organisers would need to apply for their own licence to enable them to stage the event which would also cover the sale of alcohol.

The central location and the impact on local residents was the most significant issue arising from staging the event and there would be some implications for local residents and users of the Castle including music and people arriving and departing from the site until curfew at 10pm. The bandstand area itself would largely be out of use for the duration of the event with some disturbance in the set up and de-rig periods, and it was planned to fence around the space to control access. The footpaths around the bandstand would be available for general use until the fence went up at which point access would be limited to ticket holders within the designated area. The event organisers would provide the stewarding and deal with litter arising from the event and would go through the normal process with the Ribble Valley Safety Advisory Group.

RESOLVED: That Committee approve the request in principle subject to the normal licence approvals and confirmation by the Ribble Valley Safety Advisory Group of the event organiser's arrangements.

621 RECREATION, CULTURE, SPORTS AND ARTS GRANTS

The Director of Community Services submitted a report of the recommendations of the Working Group in relation to the allocation of grants under recreation/culture, individual sporting excellence and individual arts excellence grants. The Working Group had considered the applications which provided voluntary organisation's with support for projects which enhance recreational and cultural provision and also seek to assist many talented young people in their chosen sports or performing arts.

RESOLVED: That Committee endorse the recommendations of the Working Group as outlined in the Appendices to the report with the addition of £500 to the Beats Cancer music festival.

ORGANISATION	PROJECT	COST	GRANT REQUEST	PREVIOUS GRANTS	PROPOSAL
Ribble Valley Jazz & Blues	Annual Festival held on May Bank Holiday Improve on-line marketing and promotions, with particular emphasis on website performance, and enhanced social networking via Facebook and Twitter. Promotion of events in local villages.	£10,000	£3,000	2011 - £500 2012 - £600 2013 - £1000 2014 - £1000 2015 - £1000	£1000
Clitheroe Concerts Society	Promotion of annual concert programme	£9,800	Any amount gratefully accepted	2011 - £300 2012 - £300 2013 - £350 2014 - £350 2015 - £300	£400
Ribble Valley Choir	Choral event in December 2016	£450	£200	2010,11 & 12 - £200 2013 - £250 2015 - £200	£200
East Lancs Ornithologists club	Cost of having website hosted on a special server	£354	£354	2015 - £354	None
Longridge Golf Club	Continuation of Junior Coaching programme	£3,784	£1,800	2013 - £935 (for youth element) 2014 - £400 2015 - £400	£300

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Clitheroe Cricket Club	Improvement to sub-optimal drainage of the square by diverting existing drains into new outlet; installing new drainage in bowlers run-up areas and bottom of ground.	£5,160	£2500	£500	£2000
Ribblesdale Wanderers Cricket & Bowling Club	Purchase of 36" Alett Regal mower (including seat)	£10,822	£5,400	Not for a lot of years	£2000
Waddington Village Club	Replacement of flat roof on the extension Re-felting Boarding (if required)	£6,000 £4,000	£	2012 - £1,000	£500
Waddington Village Bowling Club	Purchase of equipment to enable the inclusion of young people	£4,016	£4000		£2000
Longridge Sports & Social Club	Repairs to bowling green grass		£175		£175
Clitheroe Canoe Club	Buoyancy aids x 30; helmets x 20; paddles x 10; spraydecks x 10; training for coaches First Aid training 'sit on top' kayaks x 4	£2769 £200pp £100pp £1200	£4,000 but any assistance welcome	Not for at least 10 years	£1200
Clitheroe youth Forum	Quad biking sessions	£800	£800	2013 - £1,500	£400
The Grand – Be my Band music project	Interactive music project aimed at 9 -19 yrs	£4,820 less income = £870	£1,500	2013 - £1,000	£500
Playhappy Promotions Ltd	Cloudspotting 3 day Music and Arts Festival Specifically towards accessibility	£73,590	£1,500	2014 -	£500
Beats Cancer Music Festival	Charity concert at Clitheroe Castle bandstand	£5,995	£1,500		£500
RIBFEST – Ribcaged Productions Ltd	A week of concerts and events in Ribchester (a legacy of the Ribchester Music Festival)	£14,980	£1,980		£300
Clitheroe Civic Society	To repair and conserve the Listed Grade 2 pinnacle including directional signs	£7,614	£4060		£1000
Ribble FM (CIC) Community Interest Company	Community radio station – improvements to property top provide for up to 30 presenters, 2 studios and a reception area	£6,985	£1,500		£500
Access Ability (CIC)	Multi-day outdoor programme of engagement sessions for deaf and disabled individuals who are currently unemployed or rurally isolated within the RV area to provide employability skills and social and wellbeing activities – pilot project	£3,504	£1,752		£1000
				TOTAL	£13,975

NAME	AGE	SPORT	STANDARD	SCORE	AWARD (£)
Oliver Murray	17	Modern Pentathlon	National	24	300
Joshua Stamford	14	Cricket	Regional/County	18	200
Will Jepson	9	Tennis	Regional/County	16	200
Lucy Naylor	13	Cycling	Regional	16	200
Charlotte Williams	14	Athletics (Hammer)	County	16	200
Emily Warren		Hurdles / Sprints	County	15	200
Shannon Smith	19	Netball	National colleges	14	100
Eleanor Bolton	16	Athletics (Cross country)	County	13	100
				Total (£)	1300

NAME	AGE	ART	GRANT
Oliver Kirk	17	Dance	£200
Emily Billington	19	Dance, drama and singing	£200
Freya Humberstone	17	Dance, drama and singing	£150
Melissa Shaw	15	Dance	£150
James Crane	19	Music	£150
Laura Cooper	14	Music	£100
Daniel Kirk	14	Dance	£100
Elizabeth Griffiths	15	Dance	£100
Robyn Fallon	15	Dance	£100
Susanne Garth-Jones	17	Dance, drama and singing	£100
Olivia Stanley	11	Dance	£100
Emma West	14	Dance	£100
Elizabeth Proctor	14	Dance	£75
Erin Proctor	13	Music	£75
Leah Green	12	Dance	£75
Philip Barron	13	Music	£75
Chloe Cooper	12	Music	£50
		TOTAL	£1900

622 THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDING SUPPORT TOWARDS ARTS DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

The Director of Community Services submitted a report asking Committee to agree changes to the way that the Council provides grant support towards the development and improvement of arts activity throughout the borough. The Arts Development Action Plan includes an aim to provide a grant scheme that encourages the Ribble Valley community to be thriving active cultural community and one which nurtures young and talented Ribble Valley residents to develop their potential and encourages ambition. The Arts Development Officer assists many initiatives through her work, often in the form of project management or joint partnership working towards delivery of a scheme. It was felt that this process of grant aid should match the established application process of the recreation and culture awards and as such a specific application form and assessment process had been developed, for which Committee's endorsement was required. These applications would also be considered by the Grants Working Group before being presented to Committee for endorsement.

RESOLVED: That Committee agree to the implementation of an application process for arts funding of projects as proposed in the report with the adoption of the application form as outlined.

623 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC REALM BUDGET CHANGES

The Director of Community Services informed Committee that changes to the Public Realm budget received by Ribble Valley Borough Council from Lancashire County Council to carry out work on their behalf in the borough on verge grass

cutting, leaf clearance and weed spraying was being reduced. Since 2011 the annual budget from Lancashire County Council for the work has dropped 25% and for 2016/2017 this was scheduled to be £30,000. However, we have now been informed that following the LCC budget review, the sum will drop to £24,000 for 2016/2017. The proposed split for this work was:

- Verge maintenance - £8,350
- Leaf clearance - £11,620
- Weed spraying - £4,030

It was highlighted that the reductions would be noticed in areas where the grass verges were to receive less cuts per season and grow to a longer length before cutting. The situation would be monitored and if there was a further reduction in funding, then it was possible that this Council may decide in future years not to carry out the LCC work on their behalf as it would become uneconomical to do so.

RESOLVED: That Committee approve the proposals set out in the report for addressing the reduction in budget from LCC for carrying out their public realm work in the borough.

624 OFF STREET PARKING – PAY BY PHONE

The Director of Community Services submitted a report for Committee's information regarding a trial period of 12 months for a pay by phone operation on all Council owned car parks. This facility allows an owner to either prepay for a parking space or to pay for a space by phone if they have no change available. Once registered and/or having downloaded the app, they can also pay for a reminder text informing them that the time is about to expire, allowing the option to top up so they don't have to rush back and face the prospect of a fine. The only charge to the Council would be the merchant banking fee as any other charges would be paid by the customer. It was estimated that if the uptake is 5% on last year's parking income, the charge to the Council would be in the region of £250. The service was being introduced as a benefit to the general public as an alternative option for payment for parking.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

625 IMPLICATIONS FOR RIBBLE VALLEY FOLLOWING THE DECISION BY LCC TO MOTHBALL THEIR WASTE TREATMENT FACILITIES AT FARRINGTON AND THORNTON

The Director of Community Services submitted a report for Committee's information advising them on the implications to Ribble Valley following the decision by Lancashire County Council to mothball their waste treatment facilities at the Farrington and Thornton Waste Technology Parks.

The report gave the background to the creation of the Lancashire Waste Partnership and the role it had played developing with the development of sustainable waste management in Lancashire. Significant investment had been made by the waste collection authorities in the provision of segregated collection

systems, which for Ribble Valley meant the purchase of a fleet of split bodied collection vehicles and the provision of wheeled bins.

On 18 January 2016, officers had received a letter from the County Council advising that as part of its budget proposals for 2016/2017, decision had been taken to cease the composting of mixed food and garden waste and only make facilities available for the composting of garden waste. They also confirmed that the 'in-vessel' composting facilities both at Farrington and Thornton Waste Technology Parks would close from 31 March 2016.

The Lancashire County Council has been informed that Ribble Valley Borough Council would have particular difficulty in ceasing the collection of mixed food and garden waste due to our funding commitments and that guidance had been sought from the Department for Communities and Local Government on the matter and that a letter had been written officially to the Minister seeking release from the terms and conditions of the funding. To date a response had not been received.

The mothballing of the Waste Technology Parks and the changes made by Lancashire County Council would have significant implications to this authority, which will not be fully known until a response is received from the Minister, following which a report would be presented to Committee with the latest information.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

626 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/2017

The Director of Resources submitted a report for Committee's information of the schemes which had been approved for inclusion in the capital programme for this Committee for the 2016/2017 financial year. A capital programme consisted of six schemes totalling £374,500.

Scheme	Budget for 2016/17 £
Ribblesdale Pool – Improvement Work (<i>Subject to securing external funding</i>)	209,000
Replacement of Works Section Small Van - Ford Transit PF09 DHX (Toilet Van)	12,000
Replacement of Salthill Depot Multi Use Fork Lift Truck	16,000
Replacement of John Deere Gang Mower Tractor (PN05 UKE)	46,000
Replacement of MAN 7.7 RO-RO Truck (PN06 FRV) with equivalent spec vehicle	51,500
Play Area Improvements	40,000
Total Community Services Committee	374,500

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

627 GENERAL REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Director of Community Services submitted a report updating Committee on the programme of exhibitions and events planned for the year ahead at the Platform Gallery and Visitor Information Centre, progress at Ribblesdale Pool, sports development, Summer Days Festival and the half term soccer school.

He also informed Committee that notification had just been received from LCC that the health contract had been awarded once again to the Borough Council as part of a partnership with four East Lancashire leisure trusts for an initial three years with an optional plus one plus one.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

628 MINUTES OF THE CAR PARK WORKING GROUP

The minutes of the Car Park Working Group held on Monday, 11 January 2016 were circulated for Committee's information.

629 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Ian Sayers attended the meeting as the Council's representative on the Waste Management Partnership and gave a brief update on a recent meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.

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