

## Lichfield City Council

### Minutes of Grants Advisory Committee Meeting held in the Moulton Room, Guildhall at 6.30 pm on Monday 13 February 2023

**PRESENT:** Councillor D Baker (Chair), H Ashton, M Field, R Harrison, P Jones, M Trent, M Warfield, and R Yardley.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor J Marks

#### 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

The following Councillors declared an interest under Appendix A of the City Council's Code of Conduct and took no part in the discussion and voting thereon:

*Lichfield Litter Legends – Cllr R Harrison*  
*Lichfield Greenhill Bower – Cllr M Warfield*

The following Councillors declared an interest under Appendix B of the City Council's Code of Conduct in the applications from the undermentioned organisations:

*Citizens Advice South East Staffs – D Baker*  
*Erasmus Darwin Foundation – H Ashton*  
*Hub at St Mary's – R Yardley*  
*Lichfield City of Sanctuary (One Lichfield) (LCC rep) – H Ashton, D Baker*  
*Lichfield District Council Proms in The Park – M Warfield, D Baker*  
*Lichfield Litter Legends – D Baker*  
*Lichfield Rail Promotion Group – M Warfield*  
*Lichfield Talking News – M Warfield*  
*5<sup>th</sup> Lichfield Scout group (Beavers Section) – R Yardley*

#### 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**RESOLVED:** *That the Minutes of the Grants Advisory Committee Meeting held on 1 February 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.*

#### 3. GRANTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2023/2024

Consideration was given to applications for financial assistance from the 2023/24 budget.

**RECOMMENDED:**

- 1. That the Council makes grants totalling £23,242 to organisations as indicated in the table overleaf**
- 2. The unallocated element of the grants budget be retained for any urgent applications later in the year/carried forward to 2024/25 as appropriate.**

#### 4. GRANT AWARD POLICY REVIEW

Members reviewed the Grant Award Policy and application form. It was agreed that the policy and form could perhaps focus more on the desire for grants to provide additionality, rather than funding business as usual. Cllr M Field suggested that site visits to physically see the impact of the grants could be appropriate. It was agreed that Committee members email the Chair and Town Clerk with any suggestions for improvement. Once the representations have been received then another meeting may be called to consider next steps, or it may be possible to make draft amendments and circulate for informal comment.

#### 5. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Currently scheduled for Monday 12 February 2024 at 6.30pm, but subject to confirmation by Council.

Note	No	Organisation	Amount
	1	South East Staffordshire Citizens Advice Bureau	£5,500
	2	Lichfield District Arts Association	£4,500
1	3	Lichfield Greenhill Bower	£3,000
	4	Lichfield Waterworks Trust	£0
	5	Curborough Community Association	£950
2	6	Lichfield District Council – Proms in the Park	£2,000
	7	Erasmus Darwin Foundation	£1,500
3	8	Lichfield Festival	£516
	9	Voluntary Transport for the Disabled	£1,000
4	10	Lichfield Hockey Club	£200
	11	Lichfield Litter Legends	£800
5	12	Lichfield Talking News (and Community care)	£0
	13	Lichfield Bowling Club	£0
	14	One Lichfield	£500
	15	The City of Lichfield Concert Band	£500
	16	The Hub at St Mary's	£0
	17	Open Door of Hope	£200
6	18	Men's Shed Lichfield	£451
7	19	Dovehouse Community Gardens	£300
	20	Lichfield Re:Cycle	£350
	21	Lichfield Repair & Share Cafe	£300
	22	Forest Harvest	£150
	23	Kendall & Wall Charitable Trust	£0
	24	Lichfield Festival of Music	£0
	25	5 <sup>th</sup> Lichfield Scout Group (Beavers Section)	£0
	26	Lichfield Winter League	£300
	27	Wayward Women	£0
	28	Lichfield U3A Croquet Club	£0
8	29	Gamers' Wellbeing	£150
	30	Lichfield Rail Promotion Group	£75
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£23,242</b>

1. Subject to event going ahead and confirmation of appropriateness of grant
2. A request that the LCC logo is more prominently displayed
3. To fund instruments
4. To fund 40 hockey balls
5. Asked to reapply when costs are more certain
6. Subject to evidence lease has been signed and confirmed moving date
7. Subject to report being provided detailing work completed
8. Funding for 6 months to gauge demand

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.56 PM**