

Lichfield City Council

Minutes of Grants Advisory Committee Meeting held in the Moulton Room, Guildhall, Lichfield, at 6.30 pm on Monday, 5 February 2018

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs D Baker (Chairman), R Awty, B Bacon, Mrs J Greaves, Miss J Marks, B McMullan, P Ray and M Warfield

APOLOGIES: Councillor R Yardley

1 GRANTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2018/2019

Consideration was given to applications for financial assistance from the 2018/19 budget.

RECOMMENDED:

1. That the Council makes grants totalling £27,770 to the following organisations as indicated, with grants to organisations marked * being made under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, this being expenditure which in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the whole area or some or all of the inhabitants and which will bring benefit in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:

No	Organisation	£
1	Lichfield Arts	4,100
* 2	Citizens Advice South East Staffs	4,000
3	Lichfield Greenhill Bower	3,000
4	Erasmus Darwin Foundation	2,500
5	Lichfield Festival	2,500
* 6	Alzheimer's Society	2,000
* 7	Lichfield Trent Valley First Responders	1,000
* 8	Voluntary Transport for the Disabled	1,000
* 9	City of Lichfield Royal British Legion	520
10	City of Lichfield Friends	500
11	Friends2Friends	300
12	Dr Milley's Hospital	500
13	Lichfield District Council Proms In The Park	1,500
14	Lichfield Mysteries Community Arts	300
15	Open Door of Hope	250
16	Abacus Pre-School Playgroup	400
17	Lichfield & Burntwood Social Club for the Blind	300
18	Lichfield Festival of Music	250
19	St Michael's Church Choir & Camas Group	150
20	Lichfield Sinfonia	100
21	Worshipful Company of Smiths	100
22	Lichfield Twinning Association	100
* 23	Lichfield Darby & Joan Club	50
24	Darwin Walk Trust	100
25	Lichfield Rail Promotion Group	50

26	City of Lichfield Concert Band	500
27	Embroiderers' Guild Lichfield Branch	50
28	Lichfield & District Allotment Society	1,150
29	Lichfield Chamber of Trade & Commerce	500
		27,770

2 That the unallocated element of the grants budget be retained for 'Projects for Youth' grants, Twinning grants, and any urgent applications later in the year.

The following councillors declared an interest under Appendix A of the City Council's Code of Conduct and left the meeting during the discussion and voting thereon:

Lichfield Greenhill Bower – 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 – Mrs D Baker, B Cocksey

Dr Milley's Hospital – Miss J Marks

Lichfield Greenhill Bower – Mrs J Greaves, Miss J Marks

Royal British Legion – B Bacon, M Warfield

2 FUTURE GRANT ALLOCATION

Members discussed a variety of ideas for future grant administration and allocation, including:

- Encouraging applicants to use the accounts form which is part of the application pack
- Requesting greater accuracy for the number of residents which benefit from the organisation
- Clearer assessment grounds
- Provision of figures of Guildhall rent paid by applicants
- Application to ask about future 3 year forecast
- Visits could be paid to organisations requesting grants
- Introducing a threshold both lower and higher
- Councillors who represent LCC on a body should report back to Council

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

That the Grants Advisory Committee be asked to meet at a date to be confirmed to discuss future grant allocation procedures and report to Council with their formal recommendations.

The Chairman thanked Members and City Council officers for attending the meeting.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.52 PM