

Lichfield City Council

Minutes of Grants Advisory Committee Meeting held in the Moulton Room, Guildhall, Lichfield, at 6.30 pm on Tuesday, 4 February 2020

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs D Baker (Chairman), Cllrs J Anketell, M Field, Mrs J Greaves, Miss J Marks, P McDermott, R Rathbone, M Warfield and R Yardley.

APOLOGIES: None

1 GRANTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2020/2021

Consideration was given to applications for financial assistance from the 2020/21 budget.

RECOMMENDED: 1. *That the Council makes grants totalling £29,360 to the following organisations as indicated, with grants to organisations marked * being made under the General Power of Competence as adopted by Council at its meeting of 17 June 2019, 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	Amount
	1	Lichfield Arts	£4,100
*	2	South East Staffordshire Citizens Advice Bureau	£4,500
	3	Lichfield Greenhill Bower	£3,000
	4	Erasmus Darwin Foundation	£2,000
	5	Lichfield Festival Ltd	£2,000
*	6	Lichfield District Council, Proms In The Park	£1,500
*	7	Voluntary Transport for the Disabled	£1,000
	8	Support Staffordshire	£900
*	9	Lichfield Branch Royal British Legion	£520
	10	City of Lichfield Concert Band	£500
	11	MHA Lichfield & District Live At Home Scheme	£500
	12	City of Lichfield Friends	£500
	13	Open Door of Hope	£250
	14	Dovehouse Community Gardens	£300
	15	Friends 2 Friends	£400
*	16	Lichfield Festival of Music	£100
	17	Speakers' Corner Lichfield	£80
	18	Lichfield Waterworks Trust	£1,500
	19	The Hub at St Mary's	£920
	20	Curborough Community Association	£1,500
	21	Gartmore Riding for the Disabled	£1,000
	22	Kendall & Wall Charitable Trust	£250
	23	Monks Walk Group	£500
	24	St Michael's Church	0

*	25	Lichfield Christian Schools Work Trust	£490
	26	Fusion Credit Union Ltd	0
	27	Lichfield Winter League	£300
	28	Re-cycle	£300
	29	Lichfield Bowling Club	£375
	30	Lichfield Rail Promotion Group	£75
			£29,360.00

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 took no part in the discussion and voting thereon:

Curborough Community Centre – M Field

Fusion Credit Union – J Anketell

Lichfield Greenhill Bower – Mrs J Greaves

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

City of Lichfield Branch Royal British Legion – R Rathbone, M Warfield

Citizens Advice South East Staffs – Mrs D Baker, Miss J Marks

Curborough Community Association – M Field

Dovehouse Community Gardens – Mrs J Greaves

Fusion Credit Union – M Field

Lichfield District Arts – Mrs J Greaves

Lichfield Greenhill Bower – Mrs J Greaves, Miss J Marks, M Warfield

Lichfield Rail Promotion Group – R Rathbone, M Warfield

Speakers' Corner Lichfield – Mrs D Baker

St Michael's Church – J Anketell

The Hub at St Marys – R Yardley

2 GRANT AWARD POLICY REVIEW

Members stated that the new Grant Award Policy was working well and there was no recommendation for change.

3 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Following discussions at the meeting of the City Council held on 27 January 2020, the Committee considered how to address the balance between retaining some of the budgeted grant monies for those grants to be awarded later in the financial year or as a result of specific applications to be considered by council, and the potential for such monies to remain unspent (and return to general funds) if those applications were not forthcoming.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: *That any estimated 'grants to outside bodies' underspend be added to the budget for such allocations in the subsequent financial year; the Town Clerk to include this estimate in the draft budget as presented to Council at its January meeting each year.*

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.50 PM