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Minutes

Meeting of : Events, Markets and Grants Sub-Committee
Date : 8 July 2024
Meeting held in : The Guildhall, Salisbury
Commencing at : 6.30pm

Present:
Chair: S Charleston

Cllrs: J Broom, C Corbin, J King, E Last and I Tomes

Officers: Sarah Gregson, Penny Muxworthy, Lol Wilde and Asa Thorpe

Minutes: EMG/2407/...

1. **Election of the Chairman of the Events, Markets & Grants Sub-committee for 2024/25**

The previous Chairman of the subcommittee called for nominations for the Chairman of the Events, Markets and Grants Sub-Committee. Cllr S Charleston was nominated. No other nominations were made. It was:

Resolved that: Cllr S Charleston is re-elected as Chairman of the Events, Markets and Grants Sub-Committee.

Proposed by: Cllr C Corbin.

Seconded by: Cllr T Last.

A vote was taken and was **carried**.

2. **Election of the Vice Chairman**

The Chairman of the Events, Markets & Grants Sub-Committee called for nominations for the election of a Vice Chairman of the Events, Markets & Grants Sub-Committee. Cllr J Bolwell was nominated. No other nominations were made. It was:

Resolved that: Cllr J Bolwell is re-elected as Vice Chairman of the Events, Markets & Grants Sub-Committee.

Proposed by: Cllr S Charleston.
Seconded by: Cllr I Tomes.
A vote was taken and was **carried**.

3. Apologies:

Cllr Nettle and was substituted by Cllr J King.
Cllr Sample and was substituted by Cllr T Last.
Cllr Bolwell and was substituted by Cllr I Tomes.
Cllr E Rimmer.

4. Public Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions or statements submitted by the public.

5. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

A councillor statement was submitted by Cllr Jo King: "Why we are recommending £10k in grants when we are in a financial situation of needing to save every penny we have?"

The Chairman confirmed that the sum-total of grants recommended this time was just under £7000, which is fully within budget for this year. Whilst we are seeking, and finding, a range of in-year savings the grant pot available is published annually and these grant applications were received before the recent announcements. The community development grants are a vital resource for a range of community initiatives and a significant way for the Council to develop positive and ongoing relationships with the voluntary sector which often lead to sustainable opportunities and support for residents for a relatively low investment, often leveraging in significant funding to the city via applications within which our grants provide match funding.

The sub-committee agreed to continue discussions relating to the tabled applications and defer a decision on cutting any future in-year funding until after an August finance briefing.

Cllr King confirmed that even if the sub-committee decide to vote in favour she will vote against, for the reasons in her question.

6. Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting of the Events, Markets & Grants Sub-Committee held on 13 May 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

7. Declarations of Interest:

There were no Declarations of Interest.

8. Dispensations:

No dispensations were requested.

9. Chairman's Announcements:

The Chairman reported that there had been a good update from The Man who Planted Trees project saying they were now in receipt of their full Arts Council funding, and so a good outcome.

10. Charter Fair – 2024 Floating Position applications and considerations:

i) The Events Manager, Lol Wilde, presented a request from a showman to swap their historical permanent position to an alternative position. This would additionally mean their original permanent position would become an SCC Floating position, and their new position make a current floating position into a Permanent one. Lol Wilde has liaised with the Showman's Guild and sought their guidance.

It was proposed that this request be granted with the additional mitigation clauses that this new Permanent position can only be transferred to direct family, and if that is not possible then the position reverts to SCC.

Proposed by: Cllr S Charleston.

Seconded by: Cllr C Corbin.

A vote was taken and all **agreed**.

ii) Lol Wilde also presented in relation to the Thrill-seeker ride(s). The sub-committee agreed that Oxygen be offered a position again this year to try and mitigate against last year's losses, provided they can prove they have had successful operation this year. If they cannot provide this guarantee then offer to Venom. The decision on reliability to be taken by CEO.

It was proposed to offer the thrill-seeker position to Oxygen, provided they can show successful operation throughout this year, and if not offer to Venom.

Proposed by: Cllr S Charleston.

Seconded by: Cllr Broom.

A vote was taken and all **agreed**.

iii) Other floating positions – were provided 'for information only' and not a decision/vote. SCC have received less applications this year. Lol Wilde confirmed that a cap on ride prices has already been agreed although, in light of increased costs, all rides have 50p each increase (caps of: before 6pm – children £2.50, adults £3.50; 6pm to close (if they choose) - £3 children, £4 adults; thrill-seeker £5).

11. Grant Applications Report – Community Development grants:

The Communities Manager, Sarah Gregson, presented a report for the Sub Committee to review three grant applications from Ukraine Community CIC, DIGS and Salisbury & South Wilts District Scouts. The sub-committee

reviewed each application separately, noting how each application met the SCC community priorities.

i) Ukraine CIC: Requested £3,000, towards one-year's running costs of £25,437. The project provides support and benefit to the Ukrainian community through the organisation and implementation of events, activities and projects aimed at integrating Ukrainians into the wider community where they are living.

It was resolved to award the requested £3,000.

Proposed by: Cllr C Corbin.

Seconded by: Cllr Last.

A vote was taken and **agreed** by majority (2 voted against for the previous mentioned budgetary reasons).

ii) DIGS: Requested £897.66 to cover core administrative costs to support the communication and raised level of awareness of their work.

It was resolved to award the requested £897.66.

Proposed by: Cllr S Charleston.

Seconded by: Cllr C Corbin.

A vote was taken and **agreed** by majority (2 voted against for the previous mentioned budgetary reasons and 1 abstained).

iii) Salisbury & S.Wilts District Scouts: Requested £3,000 towards capital, safety and water ingress issues at their Dennis Marsh House headquarters building. The applicant confirmed that Wiltshire County and National Scouting headquarters do not offer grants, only loans; a £5,000 loan has been secured from Wiltshire Scouting, if required.

Cllr Last proposed an amendment of £1,500, 50% of requested amount, in light of a lack of financial support from Wiltshire and National Scouting bodies.

Proposed by: Cllr Last.

Seconded by: There was no seconder.

The proposal was **defeated**.

It was resolved to award the requested £3,000.

Proposed by: Cllr S Charleston.

Seconded by: Cllr C Corbin.

A vote was taken and **agreed** by majority (2 voted against for the previous mentioned budgetary reasons).

iv) The Spire Inclusion application did not meet eligibility criteria, but Sarah Gregson is working with them to explore alternative options that might enable a future grant application.

v) No further grants to be awarded in 2024/25 financial year.

12. Good Cause Applications – Salisbury City Community Lottery:

The Communities Manager, Sarah Gregson, explained that the lottery raises money for good causes in the City area. £24,382 income is projected for this year. Ticket purchasers can choose where 60% of their ticket price goes. Sarah Gregson confirmed that this year's Mayor's Charity beneficiaries, Wiltshire Air Ambulance, is a separate organisation to Wiltshire Air Rescue (who are one of the Lottery beneficiaries). The sub-committee discussed the report, and it was:

Resolved to:

i) Approve The Mayor's Charity application, on the condition this is reviewed annually with the new Mayor.

Proposed by: Cllr C Corbin.

Seconded by: Cllr S Charleston.

A vote was taken and accordingly was **Approved** by all.

ii) Approve the application from The Broken Bridges Project.

Proposed by: Cllr S Charleston.

Seconded by: Cllr C Corbin.

A vote was taken and accordingly was **Approved** by all

13. Matters, if any, which by reason of special circumstances the Chairman decides should be considered as a matter of urgency:

No matters were raised.

There were 4 members of the public and no press present.

The meeting closed at 7.29pm