

## GRANTS PANEL

MONDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2016

PRESENT: Councillors MJ Saunders (Chairman), Christine Bateson (Vice-Chairman) and Clive Bullock, Claire Stretton and Derek Wilson.

Officers: Wendy Binmore, Nick Davies and Harjit Hunjan and Mark Taylor

### APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bowden and Sharpe.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**Cllr Bateson** – Declared a personal interest as she works with the Ascot District Day Centre and helps to fundraise on their behalf. Cllr Bateson did not take part in the vote to allocate funds.

**Cllr Saunders** – Declared a personal interest as he had his wife were material funders of the Alexander Devine Children's Hospice. However, he did not take part in the vote to allocate funds.

**Cllr Stretton** – Declared a personal interest as she had just been co-opted as a trustee of the Maidenhead Heritage Trust. Although Cllr Stretton had not yet attended any of the Trusts meetings as yet, she did not take part in the vote to allocate funds. Cllr Stretton also declared an interest as last year (2015) she had sat on the Board of the Maidenhead Festival although, she had not attended any of their meetings this year. Cllr Stretton stated she had come to Panel with an open mind.

### MINUTES

**RESOLVED: That the Part I minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 18 August 2016 be approved.**

### COUNCIL QUARTERLY FUNDING FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

The Panel considered the award of Council grants to local organisations for the relevant quarter and agreed that they be recorded in Part I.

Officers explained the process of monitoring groups and organisations that received funding from the Borough's Grants Panel which helped to ensure the money awarded was spent properly.

Any new organisations applying for Grant Aid Funding will be asked for invoices and proof of spend.

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: That:**

**i) the grants as detailed below be approved.**

### Revenue Grants

BUDGET: £18,455

Organisation	£
Alexander Devine	1,000
Family Friends	1,000
Men in Sheds & Mens Matters (joint application - £1,000 each)	2,000
Rotary Club of Maidenhead Bridge	500
Sequela foundation	1,000
Maidenhead Festival	1,000
Windsor Festival	1,000
Friends of Maidenhead	1,000

That with regret, the following applications were refused:

The Salvation Youth Trust  
Windsor & Maidenhead Symphony Orchestra

### Capital Grants

BUDGET: £4,131

Organisation	Description	£
Ascot District Day Centre	To help fund road closure signs and sandbags	1,000
Maidenhead Heritage Trust	To help fund a software upgrade and film for windows to help protect displays	1,000
Windsor Festival	To help fund the purchase of digital live streaming video equipment	1,000

### Kidwells Park Trust Grants

BUDGET: £4,550

Organisation	£
Windsor Festival	2,000

Members requested officers to look into increasing SLA funding for those organisations which received SLA funding annually but then approached the quarterly grants panel for further funding throughout the year to prevent them from needing to do so. Members said they would speak with organisations and then liaise with their Lead Members prior to the Annual Grants Panel in January 2017.

Officers were asked to liaise with local organisations to help identify if further funding requests would be requested moving forward and if so, to see if an SLA would be a more appropriate way forward for funding organisations.

Members also requested that where the council funds the purchase of equipment through Capital Grants, the equipment should then be made available for use or hire by other community groups.

The meeting, which began at 10.00 am, finished at 11.27 am

CHAIRMAN.....

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