

# minutes



Meeting GRANT AID SUB-COMMITTEE

Date Tuesday 11 September 2012 (commencing at 2.30 pm)

## Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

## COUNCILLORS

Martin Suthers (Chairman)  
Joyce Bosnjak (Vice-Chair)

Chris Barnfather  
John Cottey  
June Stendall

A Lynn Sykes  
Brian Wombwell

## Officers in attendance

Sue Cullen	-	Sports and Arts Service Manager, Children, Families and Cultural Services
Cathy Harvey	-	Team Manager Community and Voluntary Sector
Christine Marson	-	Governance Support Officer, Policy, Planning & Corporate Services Department
Paul Roberts	-	Locality & Voluntary Sector Officer, Policy, Planning & Corporate Services Department
Chris Walker	-	Temporary Group Manager, Safer and Engaged Communities

## Also in attendance

Fiona Simpson - NAVO

## MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 19TH JULY 2012

### RESOLVED 2012/010

That the minutes of the last meeting held on 19 July 2012 having been circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

## APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Lynn Sykes (other).

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

None

## **WORKING WITH THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR – TRANSFORMING LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

Fiona Simpson, NAVO gave an oral presentation. She circulated a document entitled “Nottinghamshire First – Transforming Local Infrastructure Project Update”. Ms Simpson informed the Sub-Committee that the Transforming Local Infrastructure programme started on 1 April 2012 and will finish on 30 September 2013 and will provide an investment of £349,000 to support the sector to reshape their services.

Ms Simpson stated that Nottinghamshire First had made progress with several joint partners. She reported that the Project Management Board meet every quarter to evaluate that the money is being spent correctly.

Ms Simpson stated that there were 4 priorities being dealt with. They were:-

- Local infrastructure organisations to identify and implement opportunities to provide co-ordinated support and services including volunteering;
- Civil Society Organisations to have increased access to information and support.
- Civil Society Organisations to be ready to address future challenges.
- The opportunity to make the sector have improved business awareness.

Ms Simpson was thanked for her presentation and asked to give the Sub-Committee an update in 6-9 months time.

### **RESOLVED 2012/011**

That the report be noted.

## **GRANT AID BUDGET – UPDATE ON COMMITMENTS 2012-15**

Cathy Harvey, Team Manager Community and Voluntary Sector, updated the Committee on the Grant Aid Budget and unallocated funding.

Funding for Infrastructure and Befriending Services are set at £273,000. A number of groups dealing with isolated older people were given grants for one year whilst the review of befriending services is being undertaken.

Volunteering needed to be added to the list of criteria for groups applying for Grant Aid for 2013-15.

### **RESOLVED 2012/012**

- (1) That approval be given to an application round for Infrastructure Groups for 2013/15

- (2) That no decision is made on the allocation of grant aid to befriending groups until the commissioning process is complete as outlined above.
- (3) That the report be noted.

### **ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL GRANT AID IN 2012-13**

Cathy Harvey, Team Manager, Community and Voluntary Sector, Planning & Corporate Services Department introduced the report relating to options for allocating the remaining unallocated grant aid budget of £68,000.

It was proposed that there be individual grants to not exceed £5,000, no minimum amount for grants and applications must demonstrate financial need.

After discussion it was felt that the unallocated revenue should be used as a "Community Chest" for new groups who were applying for grant aid.

### **RESOLVED 2012/013**

That Members agree to establish a "Community Chest" scheme for 2012-13 and be treated as a contingency fund and not limited within the current financial year.

### **GRANT AID ANNUAL REPORTING OPTIONS**

Paul Roberts, Locality & Voluntary Sector Officer introduced the report which provided a snapshot of the distribution of Grant Aid for 2012/13, and to seek approval to develop and enhance the reporting of Grant Aid.

### **RESOLVED 2012/014**

That Members approved that a annual report be produced

### **ARTS AND SPORTS GRANT AID FUNDING ALLOCATIONS 2012-13**

Sue Cullen, Sports and Arts Service Manager, Children, Families and Cultural Services provided Members with information relating to the portfolio of arts and sports grants awarded in 2012 to date.

A list of Nottinghamshire Arts Fund and Community Sports Fund details were circulated in the report. It was noted that the Arts Grant of £30,885 had levered in over £100,000 with projects being run by over 200 volunteers. Sue Cullen reported that the sports grants were based on criteria to engage new participants.

### **RESOLVED 2012/015**

That the report be noted.

## **RESPONSE TO PETITION OPPOSING THE REMOVAL OF THE CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU IN NEWARK**

Cathy Harvey presented the report informing Members of the response to the petition opposing the removal of Newark Citizen's Advice Bureau which had been presented to the County Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

Cathy Harvey reported that Grant Aid funding had been committed to the CAB network for the next 3 years with £200,000 for 2012-13 and 2013-14. A reduced award of £178,480 would be for 2014-15. He stated that it is the CAB Consortium's decision how to spend their allocation but he added that CAB services would be provided in Newark but not in the current format.

### **RESOLVED 2012/016**

That the report be noted and the Committee kept updated on any issues relating to this matter.

The meeting closed at 3.50 pm

**CHAIR**