



WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE GRANTS AND GOVERNANCE SUB COMMITTEE
HELD AT 32 WATERLOO STREET
WEDNESDAY 25TH JULY 2024**

Meeting Commenced: 10.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 11.35 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Joe Bambridge, Peter Crew, Hugh Malyan (Chair), Alan Peak and John Standfield.

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE: Sarah Pearce (Town Clerk/Chief Executive), Samantha Bishop (Democratic Services Manager), Fiona Gardener (Finance Administration Manager) and Molly Maher (Senior Development Officer).

Part Attendance: Ali Waller (Youth & Community- Programmes Manager at YMCA Dulverton Group).

72	Election of Chair The Town Clerk invited nominations for the position of Chair. PROPOSED BY: Councillor Peter Crew SECONDED BY: Councillor Alan Peak RESOLVED: That Councillor Hugh Malyan be elected Chair of the Grants and Governance Sub Committee for the year 2024/25.
73	Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes Apologies for absence were received from Councillors James Clayton and Mike Bell with no substitutions.
74	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest received.
75	Election of Vice Chair The Chair invited nominations for the position of Vice Chair

	PROPOSED BY: Councillor Alan Peak SECONDED BY: Councillor Hugh Malyan RESOLVED: That Councillor Joe Bambridge be elected Vice Chair of the Grants and Governance Sub Committee for the year 2024/25.
76	To agree the accuracy of the former Expenditure and Governance Working Party Minutes held on 18th January 2024 The minutes from the previous meeting had been previously circulated. It was noted that Councillor Marcia Pepperall was not in attendance at the meeting. PROPOSED BY: Councillor Alan Peak SECONDED BY: Councillor Hugh Malyan RESOLVED: That with the above amendment, minutes of the be approved and signed by the Chair.
77	To note the revised Committee Terms of Reference RESOLVED: That the Grants and Governance Sub Committee's Terms of Reference be noted.
78	GRANTS 78.1 Small and Voluntary Grant Applications The report of the Finance Administration Manager had been previously circulated. The council's annual budget for Small and Voluntary Grants was £12,500 with £1,950 committed so far, leaving £10,550 balance remaining. Copies of bank statements, the evaluation criteria and full applications for the following organisations had been previously circulated. 78.1.1 @ Worle Grant Applied for £1000 Under power: Local Government Act 1972 section 137 @Worle were seeking financial assistance of £1000 towards the cost of a Sensory Garden and Play Area which would be for children of all ages and include comfortable seating for adults. The combined budget for both the sensory garden and the play area was £8,500 and they were hoping to raise around £4,000 in grant funding. PROPOSED BY: Councillor Joe Bambridge SECONDED BY: Councillor Alan Peak A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly, it was: RESOLVED: To award £1000 from the Small and Voluntary Grants budget. 78.1.2 Worlebury Hillfort Group Grant Applied for £10000

Under power: Local Government Act 1972 section 137

Worlebury Hillfort Group had applied for a grant for £1000 for the maintenance, repair and consumables for the powered equipment which was used to improve and maintain the area and for the purchase of hand tools and various other items. The grant is considered vital to ensure that the fort is kept clear for future generations.

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Joe Bambridge

SECONDED BY: Councillor Alan Peak

A vote was taken and **carried**. Accordingly, it was:

RESOLVED: To award £1000 from the Small and Voluntary Grants budget.

78.1.3 Friends of Grove Park

Grant Applied for £1200

Under power: Local Government Act 1972 section 137

Friends of Grove Park were looking to put on free sessions for the benefit of the community, running 6 outdoor yoga sessions, 6 Thai chi sessions and 4 outdoor art sketching sessions. They were looking for £1,200 to be able to run the sessions in which they feel were beneficial last summer.

Members noted that;

a) There was no upper or lower figure set for the amount of any grant aid, but generally, they would be restricted to a maximum of £1,000.

b) If the grant was above £1,000 then a report must be submitted to the Town Council following the use of the funds.

Concerns were raised regarding taking business away from other operating groups and the money received at bank, according to bank statements received.

It was also noted that that the council put on free yoga sessions in Ellenborough Park East.

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Alan Peak

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hugh Malyan

To award £500.

A vote was taken and **lost** (2for 3against).

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Peter Crew

SECONDED BY: Councillor John Standfield

A vote was taken and **carried**. Accordingly, it was:

RESOLVED: That the grant be refused on the basis that there were other operating groups providing the same provision and that the cash at bank was sufficient to self-fund.

78.2 Community Event Grant Applications

The report of the Senior Development Officer had been previously circulated.

The Council's annual budget for Community Event Grants was £60,000 with £27,000 committed (£700 held in retention) so far, leaving £33,000 balance remaining.

Copies of bank statements, the evaluation criteria and full applications for the following organisations had been previously circulated.

Members were advised that the Community Events Grant criteria was very different to that of the Small and Voluntary. It was more comprehensive, with a bigger budget allocation, considering match funding, economic growth and there was no grant figure limit.

78.2.1 The Steepholmers Shanty Band

Grant Applied for £4000

Under power: Local Government Act 1972 section 137

The Festival was organised by The Steepholmers Shanty Band. They seek to provide a weekend of entertainment for the residents of Weston-super-Mare, its environs and holiday-makers and visitors from further afield.

Members noted that the event brought in Tourism and was well received by local businesses.

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Peter Crew

SECONDED BY: Councillor Joe Bambridge

A vote was taken and **carried**. Accordingly, it was:

RESOLVED: That £3000 be awarded from the Community Event Grants budget.

78.2.2 Uphill Castle Cricket Club

Grant Applied for £5,000

Under power: Local Government Act 1972 section 137

The funding was sought to help with various elements of the Butcombe Big Bash, to include security, ensure the safety of the community and the success of the event.

Members were advised that whilst the application met the criteria generically, there were many other sports clubs that fundraised for their own events, which may set a precedent.

Concerns were raised regarding; event planning, up funding and that it would only benefit private members. It was also noted that full bank statements had not been provided.

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Joe Bambridge

SECONDED BY: Councillor John Standfield

A vote was taken and **carried**. Accordingly, it was:

RESOLVED: That the grant be refused on the basis that the four objectives set out within the grant criteria were not met.

78.2.3 British Bangladeshi Association North Somerset

Grant Applied for £6000

Under power: Local Government Act 1972 section 137

The funding was sought to support a free, inclusive Diwali celebration at Winter Gardens, featuring Indian dance performances, cultural activities, educational talks, and Indian cuisine, promoting community unity and cultural understanding.

The following points were raised by members; Confusion on the representations of the group and the event, a breakdown of overhead expenses was needed and it was considered a lot of funding for a 3hr event.

	It was agreed that more information was needed and there was time to defer the application noting, the application timeline and venue booking. It was also noted that the council would be the event's only funding source and therefore, did not meet one of the grant criteria. PROPOSED BY: Councillor Peter Crew SECONDED BY: Councillor Joe Bambridge A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly, it was: RESOLVED: That the application be deferred pending more information, to include a breakdown of the £4700 overheads. <u>Ineligible Grant Applications</u> Members had resolved previously that ineligible grant applications would not be brought before them. RESOLVED: To note the Ineligible grant applications received as outlined within the report. <u>Evaluation of previously awarded Community Events Grants</u> RESOLVED: To note the evaluation of previously awarded Community Event Grants as outlined within the report.
79	The Chair brought forward item: 9.1 D YMCA (£76,926) Community Service Level Agreement to allow Ali Waller (Youth & Community- Programmes Manager at YMCA Dulverton Group) to address the meeting and present the quarterly KPI reports. The reports were circulated to members of the Sub Committee the previous day. Members noted the extremely positive outcomes detailed within the report. A member referred to antisocial behavior problems in Worle and in particular the Campus, noting that resource was limited and requested if pop up signs of the YMCA'S services could be used. Ali informed that the service would be linking up with Community Response to re-engage in these areas and advised of the safety issues to consider, with the carrying of weapons. <i>The Chair thanked Ali for her report and she left the meeting at 11.15 am</i>
80	Review of current grant schemes July 2024 – Onward as follows: The Town Clerk advised members of the opportunity to review the following before the next financial year. .1 Current Grant Criteria .2 Scoring Matrix .3 Grant Evaluation Reporting from Officers PROPOSED BY: Councillor Peter Crew SECONDED BY: Councillor Hugh Malyan

	A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly, it was: RESOLVED: That members take some time to review the Current Grant Criteria; Scoring Matrix and Grant Evaluation Reporting from Officers and bring suggestions back to the October meeting, for proposals to be made in February 2025.
81	GOVERNANCE Service Level Agreements To receive quarterly KPI reports and monitor the Council's Service Level Agreements (SLA'S). The Town Clerk advised that all SLA's had been agreed by council, with the exception of C. Somewhere To Go which would be approved by the Finance and General Purposes Committee on the 19th August. As stipulated in the council's SLA's, each organisation would come and present to the Sub Committee once per year, showing evidence of working together with other organisations under SLA's with the council. Questions and suggestions on style of reporting was welcomed by Officers to achieve consistency. 81.1 Community Service Level Agreements; Members noted the councils current SLA's with the following organisations, with budget provision values as follows; A. Weston Town Centre Partnership (£19,999) – previously circulated. RESOLVED: Received and noted. B. Citizens Advice North Somerset (CANS) (£25,000) - previously circulated. RESOLVED: Received, members noted the excellent report and favored the reporting style. C. Somewhere to Go (Homeless Support Fund Total = £50,000) RESOLVED: Noted, for consideration by the Finance and General Purposes Committee on the 19th August. D. YMCA (£76,926) - previously circulated. RESOLVED: Received and noted. 81.2 Direct Service Level Agreements; E. South West Heritage (SWH) (Curatorial Services = £85,537) – Received at the meeting. RESOLVED: Due to late submission, members would need time to consider and ask any questions directly to SWH. F. North Somerset Council Community Response (£51,550) – previously circulated. RESOLVED: Received and noted. Members be requested via email to provide feedback on the impact of the SLA in their wards.

	G. North Somerset Council CCTV Provision (£95,700) (previously circulated on a monthly basis) Members noted that the live dashboard could be viewed at meetings. RESOLVED: Received and noted, asking ward members to advise of anything the Sub Committee should view at meetings.
	There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 11.35 pm Signed.....Dated Chair of the Grants and Governance Sub Committee