

Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 22 March 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 22 March 2016 at 6.00 pm.

Present: **Councillors:** Andy Hull, Asima Shaikh and Richard Watts

Also present: **Councillors (Observers)** Theresa Debono

Councillor Richard Watts in the Chair

78 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A1)

Received from Councillors Rakhia Ismail and *Jean-Roger Kaseki (*amendment made to the minutes at the meeting held on 21 April 2016).

79 DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item A2)

None.

80 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A3)

None.

81 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item A4)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

82 LOCAL INITIATIVES FUND (Item B1)

A revised Appendix A was laid round.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the proposals for funding under the Local Initiatives Fund submitted by Ward councillors and detailed in revised Appendix A (attached to these minutes) of the report of the Executive Member for Economic and Community Development, be approved in principle, subject the Assistant Chief Executive (Governance and Human Resources) being satisfied that the necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved.
- (b) That the amendments to Ward budgets resulting from project funding being returned, detailed in Appendix A of the report, be also noted.

Reasons for decision

To assist in developing and sustaining a healthy voluntary and community sector in Islington.

Other options considered

None

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None

83 ISLINGTON COMMUNITY CHEST: ROUND THREE GRANT AWARDS 2015/16 (Item B2)

The report was amended on submission as follows:

Replace the words “Round Two” with “Round Three” and “second” with “third” throughout the report.

RESOLVED:

That Islington Community Chest third round grant awards for 2015/16 be approved to the organisations detailed in Appendix A of the report of the Executive Member for Economic and Community Development.

Reasons for decision

To nurture and sustain an innovative and resilient voluntary and community sector in Islington, by providing resources for smaller organisations that find it hard to access funding from other programmes.

Other options considered

None

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None

84 COMMUNITY FESTIVALS FUND 2016 (Item B3)

RESOLVED:

That grants be awarded from the Community Festivals Fund for the sums indicated below and detailed in paragraph 3.7 of the report of the Executive Member for Economic and Community Development for the following community festivals:

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Festival</u>	<u>Amount</u>
St Luke's Community Centre	Whitecross Street Party	£3,000
All Change on behalf of Word2016	Word 2016 Festival	£1,500
Key Changes	Islington World Mental Health Day Festival	£2,800
Team Cally temporarily hosted by Islington Council	The Cally Festival	£3,000
ArchWay with Words	ArchWay with Words	£2,500
The Angel Canal Festival Management Group	Angel Canal Festival	£1,700
Oxjam Islington	Oxjam Islington Take Over	£1,500

Reasons for decision

To support local organisations to develop and deliver a broad range of events that would provide Borough-wide benefit for local residents.

Other options considered

None

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None

85 **ISLINGTON ASSEMBLY HALL: FREE COMMUNITY USE FOR 2016/17 (Item B4)**

RESOLVED

(a) That one free hire of Islington Assembly Hall be allocated to the following organisations between July and September 2016:

- MoveMe Dance
- Cubitt Artists
- Sports Islington
- Copenhagen Youth Project

(b) That the following two organisations be held in reserve, in the event that any of the organisations listed in resolution (a) above are not able to negotiate appropriate dates and timings for use of the Assembly Hall:

- Islington Council Choir
- Creative Islington

Reasons for decision

The scheme provided an opportunity for the Council to support local organisations through free use of the Assembly Hall

Other options considered

None

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None

The meeting ended at 6.12 pm

CHAIR