

**Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 13 March 2018**

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 13 March 2018 at 6.30 pm.

**Present: Councillors: Kaya Comer-Schwartz, Diarmaid Ward and Richard Watts**

**Observer: Councillor Mouna Hamitouche**

**Councillor Richard Watts in the chair**

**162 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A1)**

None.

**163 DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item A2)**

None.

**164 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A3)**

Councillor Mouna Hamitouche declared an interest in agenda item B1 – Local Initiatives Fund – as a volunteer co-ordinator for the Friends of Joseph Grimaldi Park.

**165 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item A4)**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

**166 LOCAL INITIATIVES FUND AWARDS (Item B1)**

**RESOLVED:**

(a) That the proposals for funding under the Local Initiatives Fund submitted by Ward councillors and the changes to previous proposals, detailed in Appendix A (attached to these minutes) of the report of the Executive Member for Community Development, be approved in principle, subject to the Corporate Director of Housing and Adult Social Services being satisfied that the necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved.

(b) That the declarations of interest made by councillors, detailed in paragraph 3.11 of the report, be 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

**167** **ISLINGTON COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY CHEST: CONTINUATION OF THE COUNCIL'S COMMITMENT (Item B2)**

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the Council contribute to Islington Council's Community Chest for three years, from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2021.
- (b) That a commitment of £200,000 be approved for the first year (2018-2019) and that the Council's contribution for the following two years be approved in consultation with the Cripplegate Foundation.
- (c) That the Voluntary and Community Sector Development Team work with Cripplegate Foundation to establish a partnership framework and priorities for Islington Council Community Chest 2018 – 2021, including new terms and conditions.

Reasons for decision

The continuation of the Council's commitment to the Community Chest Fund would have a direct benefit to local voluntary and community sector organisations and communities, by building community resilience and tackling poverty and isolation.

Other options considered

None

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None

**168** **COMMUNITY FESTIVALS FUND AWARDS 2018/19 (Item B3)**

**RESOLVED:**

That grants be awarded from the Community Festivals Fund for the sums indicated below and detailed in paragraph 3.6 of the report of the Executive Member for Community Development, for the following community festivals:

Organisation	Festival	Amount
All Change on behalf of Word2018 Festival	Word2018	£2,000
ArchWay with Words	ArchWay with Words	£2,500
C&RT on behalf of Angel Canal Festival Management Group	Angel Canal Festival	£2,500
City YMCA on behalf of Whitecross Street Party	Whitecross Street Party	£1,500
I Will Tell	I Will Tell Film Festival – Islington Life Schools Competition	£2,500
Islington Chinese Association	Mid-Autumn Impressions	£1,500
Islington Play Association on behalf of Cally Fest	The Cally Festival	£2,000
Poet in the City	Poetry & Lyrics	£1,500

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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.

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**ISLINGTON COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY CHEST: ROUND TWO GRANT AWARDS 2017/18 (Item C1)**

**RESOLVED:**

That the funding decisions (7 November 2017) made by Islington Council's Community Chest (ICCC) Panel, in relation to the second round of ICCC grant funding for 2017/18, as detailed in Appendix A of the report of the Executive Member for Community Development, be noted.

Reasons for decision

The decisions on grant awards had already been made by ICCC and therefore the report was for the Committee's information only.

Other options considered

None.

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None

The meeting closed at 6.40 pm

**CHAIR**