

London Borough of Islington

VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE
5 March 2013

Minutes of the meeting of Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, London N1 2UD on 5 March 2013 at 6.00pm.

Present:

Councillors: Richard Greening, Barbara Sidnell and Catherine West

Councillor Sidnell in the chair

77 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A1)

Received from Councillor Janet Burgess and from Councillor Paul Convery (for item B3). Apologies for lateness received from Councillor Catherine West.

78 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A2)

None.

79 ORDER OF BUSINESS (Item A3)

The order of business was as set out on the agenda.

80 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 JANUARY 2013 (Item A4)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

81 LOCAL INITIATIVES FUND (Item B1)

A revised version of Appendix A was laid round, which set out full details of the bids received and which would be interleaved with the formal record of the meeting.

RESOLVED:

(a) That awards be approved as set out in revised Appendix A to the report of the Executive Member for Tenants, Residents and Communities and attached to these minutes, subject to the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy and Community Partnerships) being satisfied that all necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved.

(b) That a sum of up to £1,000 per Ward be carried forward to enable the small residual amounts of funding from the 2012/13 budget to be allocated more effectively in 2013/14.

(c) That larger sums be carried forward for St George's Ward (up to £4,603.43) and Junction Ward (up to £1,868.38) to take account of the balances left by the councillors who have resigned from these Wards.

(d) That the budget amendments for Junction and Bunhill Wards, detailed in revised Appendix A to the report, be noted.

(e) That, with regard to the project in Highbury West for a contribution towards the salary of a part time post (page 5 of revised Appendix A), officers liaise with the project organisers to ensure that the post can be sustained for as long as possible.

Reason for decision

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

Other options considered

None.

Conflicts of interest/note of dispensations granted

None.

82 ISLINGTON COMMUNITY CHEST GRANT AWARDS – ROUND THREE 2012/13 (Item B2)

An application for an extension of the contract with the Cripplegate Foundation for the management and development of the Islington Community Chest was laid round.

RESOLVED:

(a) That Islington Community Chest grants be awarded to the organisations detailed in Appendix A of the report of the Executive Member for Tenants, Residents and Communities.

(b) That the contract with Cripplegate Foundation for the management and development of Islington Community Chest be extended until 31 March 2014.

Reason for decision

To assist in providing resources for smaller organisations in Islington, who have difficulties in accessing funding from other sources.

Other options considered

None.

Conflicts of interest/note of dispensations granted

None.

83 DEVELOPING A COMMUNITY HUB IN CALEDONIAN WARD (Item B3)

RESOLVED:

(a) That grant funding of £30,000 be awarded to Bemerton Villages Management Organisation/ Team Cally to develop a community hub in Caledonian Ward, as detailed in the report of the Executive Member for Tenants, Residents and Communities.

(b) That officers produce a map of the distribution of hubs in the Borough by autumn 2013.

Reason for decision

To create opportunities for residents to access and benefit from activities in local community facilities.

Other options considered

None.

Conflicts of interest/note of dispensations granted

None.

84 ISLINGTON ASSEMBLY HALL: FREE COMMUNITY HIRE (Item B4)

RESOLVED:

That the following applicants be allocated one free use of Islington Assembly Hall, on the basis of the details in the report of the Executive Member for Tenants, Residents and Communities: Angel Shed Theatre, Baluji Music Foundation, Cubitt Arts, Disability Action in Islington, Islington Giving, Islington People's Rights, City YMCA, Music for People, Sport Islington and the Young Actors Theatre.

Reason for decision

To provide an opportunity for the Council to support local organisations.

Other options considered

None.

Conflicts of interest/note of dispensations granted

None.

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The meeting closed at 6.15pm

Chair