

**VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE**  
**17 March 2014**

Minutes of the meeting of Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, London N1 2UD on 17 March 2014 at 6.00pm.

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Andy Hull, Barbara Sidnell and Richard Watts

**Observers: Councillors:** None

**Councillor Sidnell in the chair**

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

Received from Councillor Kaseki.

**126 DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (A2)**

None.

**127 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A2)**

None.

**128 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 JANUARY 2014 (Item A4)**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

**Matter arising**

**Minute 124 (c) – London Councils' Grants Committee levy 2014/15**

Councillor Hull requested that the decision to award the £20k rebate from London Councils' Grants Committee to Islington CAB to fund support for residents affected by welfare benefits reform, be notified to all partners in the Islington Advice Alliance.

**129 LOCAL INITIATIVES FUND (Item B1)**

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

Councillor Sidnell proposed additional recommendations as follows:

“(i) That, in the period preceding and immediately after the local elections on 22 May 2014, funding of up to £1,000 per Ward councillor (£3,000 per Ward) be made available from 2014/15 Local Initiatives Fund allocations to fund applications from community groups for festivals, street parties, summer trips and other seasonal trips and activities and (ii) That applications submitted by Ward Councillors by 1 April 2014 be considered at the meeting of the Executive on 3 April 2014 and that consideration and agreement of any applications received after that date be delegated to the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy and Community Partnerships), subject to the usual checks”

**RESOLVED:**

(a) That awards be approved in principle, 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 £1,000 per Ward be carried forward to enable small residue amounts of funding from the 2013/14 budget to be allocated more effectively in 2014/15.

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(c) That the budget amendments for Canonbury and Hillrise Wards, resulting from project underspends and detailed in Appendix A, be noted.

(d) That, in the period preceding and immediately after the local elections on 22 May 2014, funding of up to £1,000 per Ward councillor (£3,000 per Ward) be made available from 2014/15 Local Initiatives Fund allocations to fund applications from community groups for festivals, street parties, summer trips and other seasonal trips and activities.

(e) That applications submitted by Ward Councillors by 1 April 2014 be considered at the meeting of the Executive on 3 April 2014 and that consideration and agreement of any applications received after that date be delegated to the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy and Community Partnerships), subject to the usual checks.

### 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.

## 130 **ISLINGTON COMMUNITY CHEST GRANT AWARDS – ROUND THREE 2013/14 (Item B2)**

### **RESOLVED:**

(a) That Islington Community Chest grant awards be approved 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 until 31 March 2015 be approved.

### Reason for decision

To assist in developing and sustaining a healthy voluntary and community sector in Islington. Islington Community Chest enabled funding to be directed towards meeting the needs of low income residents and disadvantaged communities.

### Other options considered

None.

### Conflicts of interest/note of dispensations granted

None.

## 131 **COMMUNITY FESTIVALS FUND AWARDS 2014/15 (Item B3)**

### **RESOLVED:**

That grants from the £16,000 Community Festival Fund for 2014/15 be awarded to the following organisations:

Angel Canal Festival, BVMO / Team Cally, Cubitt Gallery and Studios, Freightliners City Farm, Friends of Archway Market, Friends of Gillespie Park, Friends of Pooles Park, Holloway Neighbourhood Group, Islington Exhibits, Key Changes, Kings Cross Church, Little Angel Theatre, Manor Gardens Centre, Newington Green Action Group, New River Baptist Church, Oxjam Islington, Peel Institute, Reel Islington, Rowan Arts, London Met University, Resource for London Consortium, St Luke's Parochial Trust, St Mary's Church, Yaram Arts

### Reason for decision

The Community Festivals Fund provided an opportunity for the Council to support local organisations to develop and deliver a broad range of events for local residents.

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### Other options considered

None.

### Conflicts of interest/note of dispensations granted

None.

## 132 **ISLINGTON ASSEMBLY HALL: FREE COMMUNITY USE 2014/15 (Item B4)**

### **RESOLVED:**

That one free hire of Islington Assembly Hall be allocated to the following organisations in 2014/15:

- Cubitt Artists
- Freightliners Farm
- Islington Carers Hub
- Islington Mental Health Forum
- London Sinfonietta
- Manor Gardens Welfare Trust
- Mind Yourself
- Oxjam Islington
- Rowan Arts
- Sport Islington

### Reason for decision

The scheme provided an opportunity for the Council to support local organisations.

### Other options considered

None.

### Conflicts of interest/note of dispensations granted

None.

## 133 **VOTE OF THANKS**

This being her final meeting, Councillor Sidnell extended thanks to officers for their work in supporting the Committee.

On behalf of the Committee, Councillor Watts thanked Councillor Sidnell for all her valuable support to the Committee and the voluntary sector.

### **RESOLVED:**

That a cordial vote of thanks be extended to Councillor Sidnell for her valuable work to support this Committee.

The meeting closed at 6.15pm.

**Chair**