

**Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 16 March 2015**

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 16 March 2015 at 6.00 pm.

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

**Also present: Observer Jean-Roger Kaseki**

**Councillor Richard Watts in the Chair**

Councillor Watts welcomed Councillor Shaikh to her first meeting of this Committee.

**32 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)**

None.

**33 DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item 2)**

None.

**34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**

Councillor Kaseki declared a personal interest in agenda item B1 (Local Initiatives Fund) insofar as it related to the Islington Chinese Association.

**35 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2015 (Item 4)**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

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

A revised Appendix A was laid round.

**RESOLVED:**

(a) That the new proposals 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 to the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy and Community Partnerships) being satisfied that the necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved.

(b) That the amendments to the Ward budgets resulting from project funding being returned, also detailed in the budget summary in Appendix A, be noted.

(c) That each Ward be permitted to carry forward up to £1,000 to 2015/16 so that small amounts of funding from the 2014/15 budget can be allocated more effectively in the future.

(d) That Councillors be advised that LIF funding is not restricted to activities/projects solely in the voluntary sector ie it may be used for Council activities.

**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.

**37** **ISLINGTON COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY CHEST: ROUND THREE GRANT AWARDS AND PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT 2015-18 (Item B2)**

**RESOLVED:**

(a) That grant awards for the third round of Islington Community Chest for 2014/15 be made to the organisations detailed in Appendix A of the report of the Executive Member for Economic and Community Development.

(b) That the proposal submitted by Cripplegate Foundation for the programme management of Islington Council's Community Chest, and detailed in the report, be approved and, on that basis, the Council's contribution to Islington Council's Community Chest of £200,000 per year, for three years from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2018, be approved.

(c) That thanks be expressed to the Cripplegate Foundation for their management of the Community Chest.

Reason for decision

To nurture and sustain an innovative and resilient voluntary and community sector in Islington, in particular by providing resources for smaller organisations that find it difficult to access funding from other programmes. The approval of programme management arrangements and funding contributions for the next three years would enable a successful partnership with Cripplegate Foundation to continue for the benefit of local communities.

Other options considered

None.

Conflicts of interest/ note of dispensations granted

None.

**38** **COMMUNITY FESTIVALS FUND 2015 (Item B3)**

**RESOLVED:**

(a) That grants be awarded from the Community Festival Fund for the sums indicated below and detailed in paragraph 3.4 of the report of the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing for the following community festivals:

- Bemerton Villages Management Organisation-Cally Fest- £3,000
- St Luke's Community Centre - Whitecross Street Party - £2,500
- The Angel Canal Festival Management Group - Angel Canal Festival -£1,500
- Key Changes - Islington World Mental Health Day Celebration - £1,500
- Oxjam Islington - Oxjam Islington - £1,500
- Cubitt Gallery, Studios and Education-Festival of Blackboards- £1,500
- ArchWay with Words - ArchWay With Words - £1,500
- Rowan Arts - Islington Exhibits - £3,000

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.

**39 ISLINGTON ASSEMBLY HALL: FREE COMMUNITY USE 2015/16 (Item B4)**

**RESOLVED:**

That one free hire of Islington Assembly Hall in 2015/16 be allocated to the following organisations:

- Cubitt Artists
- Ethiopian Diaspora Forum
- Holborn Dance Club
- Islington Faiths Forum
- Islington Foster Carers Association
- Islington People's Rights
- Islington University of the Third Age
- Islington Veterans Association
- Peabody Trust
- Sport Islington

Reason 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 6.15 pm

**CHAIR**