

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee North Warwickshire Area Committee

Date of Committee 16th January 2008

Report Title Report of the Funding Sub-Group

Summary This report seeks to inform the Area Committee of proposals made by the Funding Sub-Group in relation to new applications and seeks endorsement of an approach for the allocation of remaining monies.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?

No.

Background papers Agenda and Reports of the Funding Sub-Group Meeting held on 5th December 2007.

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) Cllr Ray Sweet - Area Committee Chair
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member
- Chief Executive David Carter
- Legal Sian Stroud
- Finance Nicola Cumberledge
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police

Other Bodies/Individuals

Area Committee Funding Sub-Group

FINAL DECISION YES

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

Further consideration by
this Committee

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To Council

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To Cabinet

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To an Area Committee

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Further Consultation

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Agenda No

North Warwickshire Area Committee – 16th January 2008

Report of the Funding Sub-Group

Report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development

Recommendation

Small Grants Schemes

1. That the applications in relation to the Girls Brigade (£440) and Baddesley Colt Football Club (457.57) be approved.

Community Computers

2. That the six remaining community computers be allocated to the Polesworth Community Association (2), Hurley Community Association (1), 1st Warton Scout Group (1) and North Warwickshire Home Services Group (1)

Social Inclusion Fund

3. That a sum of £1500 be allocated towards the development of a Warwickshire Wide Handbook for New and Emerging Communities.

Well-Being Fund

4. That the applications for the Well Being Fund in relation to 'Come Dance with Us' and 'Recognising the new and emerging communities of North Warwickshire' be approved.

Future Application of Funds

5. That the approach outlined in Section 6 be endorsed specifically the following:
 - a) That the remaining Social Inclusion monies (£8491) be added to the Well Being Fund (£7631) to create a combined pot of £16,122.
 - b) That a bid relating to the promotion of volunteering within the North Warwickshire be brought to the March meeting of the Committee. This bid will be for a three year communications project to assist in the delivery of a much wider project to increase the number of people involved in active volunteering within North Warwickshire. The bid will be approximately £10,000.
 - c) That remaining monies be used to approve those Community Development Fund applications which narrowly missed approval at the last meeting of the Committee (attached as Appendix 3)
 - d) That any shortfall arising from b) and c) above be met through the Small Grants Fund
 - e) That any unspent Public Realm Grant monies remaining after the April round of Forums be used to top up the Small Grants pot for 2008/09.

1. Introduction

1.1 Members of the Committee will be aware that the Funding Sub-Group considered a number of applications at its meeting held on 5th December 2007. However given the composition at the meeting it was not possible for the Sub-Group to formally agree the applications and seek Area Committee endorsement. Instead the following deliberations of the Funding Sub-Group are being submitted for approval by the Area Committee.

- **Small Grants Scheme:** Approval for two applications.
- **Community Computers:** Approval of six allocations.
- **Social Inclusion Fund:** Approval for an allocation of £1500 towards a handbook for New and Emerging Communities.
- **Well Being:** Approval for two applications.
- **Future Application of Funds:** Proposed allocation of funds for the remainder of the financial year.

1.2 In addition interim reports were also considered from Davina Key, Community Development Worker and Christine Lambert, Village Traffic Plans Officer. The reports form part of the background papers to this report and are available on request.

2. Small Grants Scheme

2.1 The Committee is asked to approve two applications. The first relates to sum of £440 for the Girls Brigade at Polesworth to provide cycle training for the Group. The second application is for the sum of £457.57 and is from Baddesley Colts Football Club. The grant will assist in the purchasing of equipment and specialised clothing. Both applications are recommended for approval.

3. Community Computers

3.1 At the last meeting of the Committee a total of 14 applications were approved leaving a further 6 that remained to be allocated. Through joint work between the Area Office and the CVS; it is recommended that the following six applications be approved:

- Polesworth Community Association: 2 computers for the Community Association and the Clerk.
- Hurley Community Association: 1 computer to enable an IT class at Hurley Village Hall
- 1st Warton Scout Group: 2 computers to help with the administration of the group and improve communications.
- North Warwickshire Home Services Group: 1 computer to help with the administration of the Group.

4. Social Inclusion Fund

4.1 A key theme of the annual partnership event of the North Warwickshire Community Partnership held on 21st November was the issue of New and

Emerging Communities and the need for information and signposting. After discussion with the Police it became apparent that a partnerships handbook for new and emerging communities was in the process of being produced for the South of the County. After discussion with partners and other Area offices it now transpires that an allocation of £4500 from Nuneaton, North Warwickshire and Rugby will enable the document to be produced on a countywide basis in Polish and Portuguese.. A sum of £1500 is therefore being recommended for the allocation from this area. An illustrative example of the final product can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.c5consultancy.co.uk/PolishBook.htm>

5. Well Being Fund

5.1 Two applications have been received in relation to:

- Come Dance With Us (£3840): This project seeks to expand an existing intergenerational dance project that was held at Bracebridge Court , Atherstone, by holding similar exercises in residential homes across the Borough.
- Recognising the New and Emerging Communities of North Warwickshire (£7865): This project follows on from the LSP's partnership day where the need for reliable and accurate data in relation to the numbers, nature and location of new and emerging communities was acknowledged. The exercise which would be conducted by the CVS would assist in the planning and provision of services.

5.2 Full copies of the applications that were submitted to the Funding Sub-Group are available on request.

6. Future Application of Funds

6.1 Appendix 1 outlines the remaining funds that are available to the Committee should the applications contained in this report be approved. Given that there are three months remaining of the current financial year the following is proposed:

- f) That the remaining Social Inclusion monies (£8491) be added to the Well Being Fund (£7631) to create a combined pot of £16,122.
- g) That a bid relating to the promotion of volunteering within the North Warwickshire be brought to the March meeting of the Committee. This bid will be for a three year communications project to assist in the delivery of a much wider project to increase the number of people involved in active volunteering within North Warwickshire. The bid will be approximately £10,000.
- h) That remaining monies be used to approve those Community Development Fund applications which narrowly missed approval at the last meeting of the Committee (attached as Appendix 2)
- i) That any shortfall arising from b) and c) above be met through the Small Grants Fund

j) That any unspent Public Realm Grant monies remaining after the April round of Forums be used to top up the Small Grants pot for 2008/09

6.2 Notwithstanding (h) above, the Committee are asked to note that North Warwickshire Borough Council have allocated £5000 towards the proposed project at Gun Hill Allotments (Appendix 2). The sum was endorsed at a full council meeting on 19th December 2007.

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North Warwickshire Delegated Funds 2007/08 - update

Wellbeing Fund (£52,880 + 3556.00 roll-over)		56,446.00
Village Traffic Plans Officer (Community Life)		15000.00
Sloppy Slippers Project (Health & Wellbeing)		800.00
Establishment of Nwarks Allotment Consortium		1,000.00
Doorway - Community Life (Housing Dept)		5000.00
Royal Meadow Drive Play Improvements (CYP)		5500.00
Atherstone Booktown Project (Economy)		3000.00
Retail Support & Business Development in Polesworth (Economy)		6800.00
New & Emerging Communities (Stronger)		7865.00
Come Dance with us (Stronger)		3850.00
Total spent		48815.00
Total available		7631.00
Social Inclusion Allocation		59591.00
Community Development Worker		30,000
Nuisance Coordinator Post		13,000
CragRats(ASB)		6,600
New & Emerging Communities Handbook		1500.00
Total spent		51100.00
Total available		8491.00
Public Realm Grants		4681.00
North Area Forum	Funds available	£561.25
East Area Forum	Funds available	£1,373.25
South Area Forum	Funds available	£1,373.25
West Area Forum	Funds available	£1,373.25
Wishaw & Moxhall		1000.00
Kingsbury Parish Council		373.25
	Funds available	£0.00
Small Grants		6275.00
Merevale Allotments		500.00
Mancetter Sports Football Club		500.00
Hartshill Youth Project		500.00
Happy Faces Pre-School		433.00
1st Warton Scout		500.00
Baddesley Luncheon Club		500.00
Mancetter Village Association		260.00
The Girls Brigade 2nd Polesworth Company		440.00
Baddesley Colt Football Club		457.57
Total Spent		4090.57
	ACEC Fund (Additional-24/10)	3840.00
	Total available	6024.43

Community Development Fund		22282.00
Total spent 13/7/07	t 24/10/07	22282.00
	Total available	0.00
Health and Arts		10000.00
Arts 4 Health Project		10000.00
	Total available	0.00

Appendix 2

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATIONS 2007/8								
Ref No	Project	Name of Association	Description	Ward(s)	Eligibility	Score	Request	Recommend
NW0701	"How does your garden grow"	Kingsbury village Pre-school	Developing children's knowledge of how flower's and vegetables grow, promoting healthy eating & recycling. Training trip to Dobbies, purchase of seeds, compost bin garden storage tools and books.	Kingsbury	Y	11	£1278.90	No. Offer Small Grant Recommend Heart of England Co-Op 'Helping Hands'
NW0703	Provision of access ramp and toilet facilities to Bowling Green	Thistle Bowls Club	Builder's fees to provide concrete base, soil connection and extension to main building and furnish with 2 WC's and hand basin.	Newton Regis	Y	9	£2.500	No. Recommend Area Forum Fund, NWBC
NW0705	Access to Gun Hill Community Wildlife Garden and Gun Hill Allotments	Gun Hill Allotments Association	Landscaping to provide central roadway access to wildlife garden & allotments. Provision of turning area and disabled parking. Soakaway for surface water.	New Arley	Y	11	£3.500	No. Should have been included in initial project bids. Recommend E-on Central Networks Safer Communities Fund
NW0707	Baddesley Fun Club	Baddesley Fun Club	To provide equipment and stationary for children 0-8 to socialise and learn new skills.	Baddesley	Y	8	£1532.71	No. Offer Small Grant. Recommend Area Forum Fund, NWBC
Total							8811.61	