

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Notes of a Meeting of the New Homes Bonus Panel held at the Knowle, Sidmouth on Monday 17 March 2014

- Present: Councillors:
Ray Bloxham (Chairman)
Trevor Cope
Douglas Hull
Stephanie Jones
Andrew Moulding
Graham Troman
- Officers: Jamie Buckley, Community Engagement and Funding Officer
Chris Lane, Democratic Services Officer
- Apologies Councillor:
Peter Bowden
- Officer:
Ali Eastland, Locality Development Officer, DCC

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.40 am.

*26 Minutes

The notes of the previous meeting of the New Homes Bonus Panel held on 19 February 2014 were confirmed as a true record.

*27 Declarations of interest

Panel Member	Minute number	Type of interest	Nature of interest
Trevor Cope	38 43 48	Personal Personal Pecuniary	Member of Exmouth Town Council Member of CAB Devon Board Trustee of Ring & Ride Scheme
Ray Bloxham	49	Personal	Resident of Cranbrook.
Douglas Hull	50	Pecuniary	Wife member of Axminster Ring & Ride

*28 Documentation

The Parishes Together Fund guidance notes and application form, circulated with the agenda were noted.

29 Lympstone Footpath near Lympstone School - £1,964

The Community Engagement and Funding Officer outlined the project which was to surface a new path between Lympstone Primary School and Candy's Field. This was supported by Exmouth Town Council, as some pupils lived in Exmouth.

RECOMMENDED: that the Lympstone Parish Council application for surfacing a new footpath be supported.

- 30 Application from Payhembury and Broadhembury – removal of Knotweed on common land in between Payhembury and Broadhembury - £1,000

This was a project to treat Japanese Knotweed adjacent to a water course which was the boundary between the two parishes.

RECOMMENDED: that the Payhembury and Broadhembury joint project to treat Japanese Knotweed be supported.

- 31 Application from Axminster – The Project – Providing support for young people in the Axminster area who have mental health problems - £8,545.70

The Community Engagement and Funding Officer outlined the application to provide support for young people in the Axminster area who have mental health problems. Members expressed some concerns about the lack of clinical support in the project. The application was supported by Axminster, All Saints, Dalwood, Chardstock, Hawkchurch, Membury, Musbury, Upottery and Yarcombe parishes as it would support young people in their areas.

RECOMMENDED: that the application from Axminster with surrounding parishes for funding to give mental health support to young people with mental health problems in the Axminster area be supported, subject to the importance of obtaining clinical support being emphasised and hearing back from the project organisers that this was being addressed.

- 32 Application for Awliscombe Noticeboards – Noticeboards in Awliscombe to advertise local events and information - £459.50

The Chairman outlined the application for noticeboards in Awliscombe to advertise local events and information. This was supported by Plymtree as they wished to advertise their events on the noticeboards.

RECOMMENDED: that the application for noticeboards in Awliscombe to advertise local events and information be supported.

- 34 Application for Farringdon Bus Shelters – Bus shelters on the bus route to Sidmouth - £1,650

The Chairman explained the application from Farringdon for bus shelters in Farringdon on the bus route to Sidmouth.

RECOMMENDED: that the Farringdon application for bus shelters on the bus route to Sidmouth in Farringdon be supported

- 35 Application for Rockbeare and Whimple Reading Scheme –
Rockbeare School - £2,290.20

The Chairman explained the application from Rockbeare Parish Council for a reading scheme for Rockbeare School. As some pupils were from Whimple, the application was supported by Whimple Parish Council. After both parishes' allocation there was still a shortfall of £209.80 for the project. Members decided that rather than ask the school to fund the shortfall that this be met from the leftover Parishes Together Funding from 2012/13.

RECOMMENDED: that the Rockbeare and Whimple Parish Councils application for a reading scheme for Rockbeare School be supported, including the allocation for the parishes and £209.80 from the leftover funding from 2012/13.

- 36 Application from Woodbury for a Speed Sign – Portable vehicle
activated sign - £1,947

The Chairman explained the application from Woodbury Parish Council to provide a portable vehicle activated speed sign that would be shared with the parishes involved – Woodbury, Clyst St George and Lymptone.

RECOMMENDED: that the Woodbury Parish Council application to provide a portable vehicle activated sign be supported.

- 37 Application from Luppitt for a Luppitt Lengthsman Addition Scheme
– Voluntary lengthsman scheme for the Blackdown Hills area -
£3,722.60

The Community Engagement and Funding Officer explained the application from Luppitt Parish Council for a Luppitt Lengthsman addition scheme – a voluntary lengthsman scheme for the Blackdown Hills area. Some concern was expressed that the parishioners that carried out this work would not be appropriately trained particularly with the Chapter 8 qualification. This application was supported by Awliscombe, Cotleigh, Dunkeswell, Luppitt, Sheldon, Stockland, Upottery, Membury, Broadhembury and Combe Raleigh parishes.

RECOMMENDED: that the application from Luppitt Parish Council for a voluntary lengthsman scheme for the Blackdown Hills area be supported, subject to the appropriate training, particularly the Chapter 8 qualification being obtained.

- 38 Application from Exmouth for Bus shelters – Exmouth bus shelters
project to refurbish and add positive images to the shelters -
£5,715,03

The Community Engagement and Funding Officer explained application from Exmouth Town Council to refurbish and add positive local images to bus shelters in Exmouth.

RECOMMENDED: that, Exmouth Town Council's application to refurbish and add positive images to bus shelters in Exmouth be supported.

- 39 Upton Pyne Footpath – Footpath works to footpath linking Upton Pyne and Brampford Speke

The Community Engagement and Funding Officer explained that Upton Pyne Parish Council wished to undertake footpath works to a footpath linking Upton Pyne and Brampford Speke.

RECOMMENDED: that the Upton Pyne Parish Council application to undertake footpath works to a footpath linking Upton Pyne and Brampford Speke be supported.

- 40 Clyst Honiton Play Area – improvements to equipment and seating at Clyst Honiton play area - £3,420.60

The Community Engagement and Funding Officer explained that Clyst Honiton Parish Council wished to make improvements to play equipment and seating at Clyst Honiton play area. This was also supported by Broadclyst Parish Council and Bishops Clyst Parish Council. Members were concerned about the shortfall of £709.90 for the project.

RECOMMENDED: that Clyst Honiton Parish Council's request to undertake improvements to equipment and seating at the Clyst Honiton play area be supported, with an addition of £709.60 from the leftover funding for 2012/13.

- 41 Letter requesting deadline extension for Ottery Help Scheme funding from 2012/13

The Panel received a request from Ottery Help Scheme for an extension of the period in which the granted Parishes Together funding in 2012/13 could be spent.

RECOMMENDED: that the request from the Ottery Help Scheme for an extension of the period in which the Parishes Together funding for 2012/13 could be spent for be supported.

- 42 Ottery Help Scheme – Ottery Help Scheme training and communication improvements - £5,557.30

The Chairman explained that Ottery St Mary Town Council wished to provide the Ottery Help Scheme volunteers with training. Buckerell, Talaton and Aylesbeare Parish councils supported this application.

RECOMMENDED: that Ottery St Mary Town Council's request to assist the Ottery Help Scheme with funding for training volunteers be supported.

- 43 Ottery CAB Training – Ottery and surrounding areas CAB workshops for residents “making your money go further” - £200

The Community Engagement and Funding Officer explained that Ottery St Mary Town Council wished to provide the East Devon CAB with funding for CAB Workshops for residents in the Ottery area to advise them on ‘how to make their money go further’. Buckerell, Talaton and Aylesbeare Parish councils also supported this application.

RECOMMENDED: that Ottery St Mary Town Council’s request to assist the East Devon CAB with funding for CAB Workshops for residents – “how to make their money go further” be supported.

- 44 Ottery Foodbank – Ottery Foodbank mobile phone purchase -£25

The Chairman explained that Ottery St Mary Town Council wished to provide the Ottery Foodbank with help to purchase a mobile phone. Buckerell, Talaton and Aylesbeare Parish councils also supported this application.

RECOMMENDED: that Ottery St Mary Town Council’s request to assist the Ottery Foodbank to purchase a mobile phone be supported.

- 45 Ottery Computer Club – Basic computer training of Ottery and surrounding area - £2,768

The Community Engagement and Funding Officer explained that Ottery St Mary Town Council wished to provide the Ottery Computer Club Help Scheme with funding for basic training for Ottery and the surrounding area. Buckerell, Talaton and Aylesbeare Parish councils also supported this application.

RECOMMENDED: that Ottery St Mary Town Council’s request to provide the Ottery Computer Club Help Scheme with funding for basic training for Ottery and the surrounding area be supported.

- 46 Honiton Community Cinema – Setting up a community cinema at The Beehive in Honiton - £9,980.60

The Community Engagement and Funding Officer explained that Honiton Town Council wished to provide Honiton Community Cinema with assistance in setting up a community cinema at The Beehive in Honiton. It was noted that there was a shortfall in the funding but the Community Engagement and Funding Officer confirmed that for this large amount, the grant could be held until the project could go ahead. Members felt that this was a particularly exciting project.

RECOMMENDED: that Honiton Town Council’s request to provide Honiton Community Cinema with assistance in setting up a community cinema at The Beehive in Honiton be supported.

- 47 Uplyme Lengthsman – additional local lengthsman provision for parishes involved - £7,799.50

The Community Engagement and Funding Officer explained that Uplyme Parish Council wished to have a joint trial of an additional local lengthsman services with Axmouth, Combyne Rousdon and Sidmouth.

RECOMMENDED: that Uplyme Parish Council's request to have a joint trial of an additional local lengthsman with adjoining parishes be supported, subject to the appropriate Chapter 8 qualification being obtained.

- 48 Budleigh Bus Transport service for users of health services between Budleigh and Exmouth hospitals - £10,443.90 (also requesting £11,361.10 from the leftover monies from last year)

The Community Engagement and Funding Officer explained that Budleigh Salterton Town Council wished to provide a bus transport service for users of health services between Budleigh and Exmouth hospitals. This project was supported by Otterton, East Budleigh with Bicton, Colaton Raleigh and Exmouth councils. Members were concerned about the early stage this project was at as there was no information about ownership of the bus or ongoing running costs. They were also concerned that as there was only one bus, what would happen if that bus broke down.

RECOMMENDED: that Budleigh Salterton Town Council's request to provide a bus transport service for users of health services between Budleigh and Exmouth hospitals be supported with both this year's Parishes Together Fund allocations for 2013/14, and also £11,361.10 of the leftover funding from 2012/13. The support was dependent upon the Council receiving details of ownership of the bus, how ongoing costs would be paid and a plan in the event of the bus breaking down.

- 49 Axminster Ring and Ride – New bus – between £14,257.30 and £28,874.30

The Community Engagement and Funding Officer explained that Axminster Town Council wished to request further support for a new bus for the Axe Valley Ring & Ride services from the left over funding for 2012/13. Members felt that as it was to be a second bus for the scheme that a second hand bus was sufficient, so they would need £14,257.30. Members were particularly supportive as it would be the second bus for the scheme; DCC had recently become very concerned the scheme did not have a back up bus should their current one fail as this could lead to the Ring and Ride losing its funding from DCC.

RECOMMENDED: that the application from Axminster Town Council for a second bus for the Axe Valley Ring & Ride services for £14,257.30 of the left over funding for 2012/13 be supported.

Three Cranbrook area applications

The Community Engagement and Funding Officer fed back the significant concerns of Devon County Council about the disproportionate amount of funding that would be granted to the Cranbrook area if all the following applications were granted - as Cranbrook currently only had about 1,200 residents.

- 50 Cranbrook Community fund and PC/Printer for Cranbrook Community Forum - £4,500

Broadclyst Parish Town Council wished to provide funding for a PC/Printer and a Cranbrook Community Fund for Cranbrook Community Forum. This money would come from the leftover funding from 2012/13 and not from the individual parishes allocations from 2013/14.

RECOMMENDED: that Broadclyst Parish Council's request to provide a PC/Printer and Cranbrook Community Fund for Cranbrook Community Forum be supported from the leftover funding from 2012/13.

- 51 Younghayes Cranbrook Kitchen – Bringing the kitchen at the Younghayes Centre, Cranbrook up to standard - £12,000

Broadclyst Parish Town Council wished to provide funding to bring the kitchen at the Younghayes Centre, Cranbrook up to standard. This money would come from the leftover funding from 2012/2013 and not from the individual parishes allocations from 2013/2014.

RECOMMENDED: that Broadclyst Parish Councils request to provide funding to bring the kitchen at the Younghayes Centre, Cranbrook up to standard be supported from the leftover funding from 2012/2013. This project would have to be agreed with EDDC Property Services who own and run the building.

- 52 Broadclyst Medical Transport - £10,000

Broadclyst Parish Town Council wished to improve medical transport for disadvantaged, vulnerable and isolated parishioners in Cranbrook and surrounding parishes. This money would come from the leftover funding from 2012/13 and not from the individual parishes allocations from 2013/14. Members wished to limit spending to £5,000, and that the Cranbrook Community Development Worker should be responsible administering the funding.

RECOMMENDED: that Broadclyst Parish Council's request to improve medical transport for disadvantaged, vulnerable and isolated parishioners in Cranbrook and surrounding parishes be supported up to the cost of £5,000 from the leftover funding from 2012/13.

Members wanted to support the applications around Cranbrook as they would make the community more sustainable. The population of Cranbrook was growing very quickly; in a recent community questionnaire many residents had raised concern about the lack of access to a GP surgery.

*52 Chairman's closing comments

The Chairman reported that he was pleased to see the way in which the parish and town councils were working together and producing useful projects for their communities. He thanked the Community Engagement and Funding Officer and the DCC Locality Development Officer for all the work that they had done with the parishes. He hoped that a press release would be issued indicating the projects that had been funded and a report for the next meeting of Cabinet.

The EDDC part of the NHB funding would be available in 2014/15. It was anticipated that the DCC part of the funding would be available in 2014/15. The DCC Leader, Councillor John Hart had expressed his pleasure in the way the scheme was working in Devon, particularly in ensuring parishes worked together. There was currently £10,000 unspent from the 2012/13 funding and £15,000 from 2013/14. This would be rolled over into 2014/15 for spending on suitable projects in local communities.

The Chairman thanked those present for attending the meeting.