

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Notes of a Meeting of the New Homes Bonus Panel held at the Knowle, Sidmouth on Tuesday 21 October 2014

Present: Councillors:
Ray Bloxham (Chairman)
Douglas Hull
Andrew Moulding
Graham Troman

Officers: Jamie Buckley, Community Engagement and Funding Officer
Ali Eastland, Locality Development Officer, DCC
Chris Lane, Democratic Services Officer

Apologies Councillors
Trevor Cope
Stephanie Jones

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 10.45 am.

*8 Minutes

The notes of the previous meeting of the New Homes Bonus Panel held on 22 July 2014 were confirmed as a true record.

*9 Declarations of interest

Panel Member	Minute number	Type of interest	Nature of interest
Ray Bloxham	*10	Personal	Wife was involved with CHIC.

10 Cranbrook Community Fund for Cranbrook Community Forum - £4,000

(Minute 50 of 17 March 2014 refers)

Members noted that at its March meeting the Panel had granted £4,000 to Broadclyst Parish Council to create a 'Cranbrook Community Fund'. The Cranbrook Community Fund decision making body had been members of the Broadclyst Parish Council accompanied by members of the Cranbrook Community Forum. Members were advised that following the Cranbrook Community Forum Annual General Meeting there were currently no officers within the Cranbrook Community Forum to take part in the decision making process. The Panel was also very concerned about the apparent unresolved breakdown of communication between Cranbrook Community Forum and Broadclyst Parish Council, latterly with members of the Forum not properly engaged in the decision making process`.

As a result it was agreed that as an interim arrangement the Cranbrook Community Forum should be removed from the decision making process of the fund. If new officers were recruited and elected to the Forum the Panel would review the Forum's involvement in the Fund.

- 10 Cranbrook Community Fund for Cranbrook Community Forum -
£4,000 (Cont)

RECOMMENDED: that the Cranbrook Community Forum be informed that because of its lack of appointed officers and the current breakdown of the relationship between the Forum and Broadclyst Parish Council, as an interim arrangement the process to make decisions on applications for funding be changed to be solely made by the Finance Committee or other appropriate committee of Broadclyst Parish Council. If new officers were recruited and elected to the Forum the Panel would review their future involvement in the Fund.

- 11 Health & Transport Scheme
(Minute 50 of 17 March 2014 refers)

Members noted that £5,000 had been granted to Broadclyst Parish Council at the Panel meeting on 17 March 2014 to support disadvantaged, vulnerable and isolated parishioners, mainly including residents of Cranbrook, right across the parishes of Broadclyst, Whimple, Rockbeare, Clyst Honiton & Clyst Lawrence by rebating the cost of approved travel methods when accessing healthcare facilities at Pinhoe/Broadclyst via Clyst Caring plus the RD&E hospital via a local taxi firm or any other community transport scheme.

A request had been made that financial assistance be given to provide transport for a two year old from Cranbrook to Broadclyst for pre-school on two days a week from the scheme. Members noted that the funding was for costs of approved travel methods when accessing healthcare facilities in an interim period until permanent medical provision was provided in Cranbrook. Panel members considered that the case presented to them was not within the remit of the grant, so should not be funded. It was considered that there were other ways to meet the need presented.

RECOMMENDED: that, with the information at hand funding to pay for taxi costs to deliver the child concerned to pre-school was not within the remit of the grant, so should not be funded. The Panel did recognise the need of the family though but felt there were more appropriate means of investigating this need. Ali Eastland from DCC would put the healthworker in contact with Kerry Thorne from Early Years Childcare to see what could be done.

- *12 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Panel would be held on Monday 24 November 2014 at 10am in Room 1.