

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Notes of a Meeting of the New Homes Bonus Panel held at the Knowle, Sidmouth on Wednesday 13 March 2013

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

Also Present: Councillors:
Brenda Taylor(Devon County Council)
Eileen Wragg(Devon County Council)

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

Apologies Councillors:
Trevor Cope
Douglas Hull
Stephanie Jones

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.30 am.

*11 Minutes

The notes of the previous meeting of the New Homes Bonus Panel held on 1 February 2013 were confirmed as a true record.

*12 Matters Arising

Application from Dalwood and Shute for a project to work on drainage and other flooding issues (Minute 6 of 1 February 2013 refers)

The DCC Locality Development Officer reported that DCC was happy with this application subject to the Devon County Council Flood Team being involved in the planning and were happy with any works.

Application from Axminster Ring and Ride (Minute 7 of 1 February 2013 refers)

Members noted that both Colyton and Uplyme Parish Councils had added their money to the Axminster Ring and Ride project.

*13 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting. A number of amendments were made to the applications as set out on an annex to the agenda:

- On page 24, Chardstock and All Saints application, of the agenda, change £1,203.60 to read £1,205.60.
- On page 26, Honiton and surrounding parishes application, change total cost of the project from £12,600 to read £12,597.20.

*13 Chairman's remarks (Cont)

- Page 27, change grant requested from the PTF from £12,600 to £12,597.20.
- Page 27, Town and Parish Councils contributions, delete £12,593 and leave the box blank.
- Page 53, Exmouth Jurassic Coast Team, change of amounts contributed by each Parish after the closing date, Axmouth - £90, Beer - £240, Branscombe - £185, Budleigh - £1,900, Exmouth - £10,800, Seaton - £2,750, Sidmouth - £4,800. The total amount applied for stays the same.
- Page 72, Broadhembury and Payhembury, change £762.57 to read £814. Page 87, Woodbury and Lypstone the split of the £2,381 of funding is £2,282 from Woodbury and £100 from Lypstone.
- Page 96, Rewe and Stoke Canon – change 'grant requesting from the parishes together find' information to read - £950.40 (£342 Rewe and £520 Stoke Canon).

*14 Documentation

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

15 Application from Budleigh Salterton and Exmouth for Sharing Street Cleaning and Handyman

The Community Engagement and Funding Officer outlined the project which was to purchase equipment and training for the current shared street cleaning and parish handyman service in Exmouth and Budleigh Salterton. The Exmouth Town Ward Members indicated a concern that they had not been sufficiently briefed on the project and felt that there should be follow up on the money spent to make sure that it had been used appropriately. Cllr Bloxham explained that this was part of the funding agreement that parishes sign.

RECOMMENDED: that the Budleigh Salterton and Exmouth joint application for sharing Street Cleaning and Handyman be supported.

16 Application from All Saints and Chardstock Parish Councils to improve transport links between two parishes in adverse weather conditions

This was a project to improve the transport links between the parishes of All Saints and Chardstock in times of adverse weather by the provision of grit bins and by the introduction of measures to reduce the effects of flooding at Kit Bridge. The Locality Development Officer reported that DCC would not provide maintenance for the 3 grit boxes and the proposed work to Kit Bridge would need to be agreed with the Flood Risk Team.

RECOMMENDED: that the All Saints and Chardstock joint project to improve transport links between the two parishes in adverse weather conditions be supported, subject to negotiations between the local Ward Member, both Parish Councils and the Highways Officer and Flood Risk Officer on the best way forward.

- 17 Application from Honiton with surrounding parishes for equipment for various activities

The Community Engagement and Funding Officer and the DCC Locality Development Officer outlined the application to buy full sets of equipment for a range of activities and age groups. Each set would be stored in a metal 'grab box' and would be available free to groups who were working to provide benefits to the people in the contributing parishes.

RECOMMENDED: that the application from Honiton with surrounding parishes for equipment for various activities be supported.

- 18 Application for Jurassic Coast Tourism – promoting the Jurassic Coast as an all-seasons tourist destination

The Community Engagement and Funding Officer and the DCC Locality Development Officer outlined the application to promote the Jurassic Coast as an all-seasons tourist destination. The project had a lot of community support and had encouraged the local councils to work together.

RECOMMENDED: that the application to promote the Jurassic Coast as an all-seasons tourist destination be supported.

- 19 Application from East Budleigh with Bicton and Otterton extra works and visits by the Parish lengths-man

The DCC Locality Development Officer explained the application from East Budleigh with Bicton and Otterton for extra works and visits by the Parish lengths-man. There was no facility to expand the current DCC Lengths man operation so this work would have to be undertaken by a private contractor.

RECOMMENDED: that the East Budleigh with Bicton and Otterton application for extra works and visits by the Parish lengths man be supported, subject to the work being undertaken by a private contractor and the parishes contacting the DCC Highways and Flood Risk Teams to discuss the best way forward.

- 20 Application from Broadhembury and Payhembury to undertake repairs to the surface of Green Lane

The DCC Locality Development Officer explained the application from Broadhembury and Payhembury Parish Councils to undertake repairs to the surface of Green Lane. Members noted that this work would help bring a lane back into use for local residents.

RECOMMENDED: that the Broadhembury and Payhembury Parish Councils application to undertake repairs to the surface of Green Lane be supported, subject to negotiations with the DCC Flood Risk Team.

- 21 Application from Beer and Axmouth to undertake a trial programme of works for brook clearance & maintenance, using appointed contractors in Beer & Axmouth

The DCC Locality Development Officer explained that the two parish councils wanted to work together to undertake a trial programme of works for brook clearance and maintenance, using contractors in Beer & Axmouth.

RECOMMENDED: that the Beer & Axmouth Parish Council application to undertake a trial programme of works for brook clearance and maintenance be supported, subject to them contacting the Flood Risk Team at Devon County Council.

- 22 Application from Woodbury and Lympstone to restore two tombs at Guiliford Burial Ground

The Community Engagement and Funding Officer explained that the two parish councils wanted to work closely together to restore 3 tombs at Guiliford Burial Ground which was situated in Woodbury Parish on the edge of the boundary between Woodbury and Lympstone Parish Councils. It was owned by Woodbury Parish Council and was open to the public at all times.

Members were concerned that there did not appear to be any demonstration of the two parishes working together or any substantial community benefit. Funding put aside for this project could be better used for the joint project to lay plastic mesh across the entrance to Cliff Field, Lympstone.

RECOMMENDED: that the Woodbury and Lympstone Parish Councils application to restore 3 tombs at Guiliford Burial Ground be not supported.

- 23 Application from Woodbury and Lympstone to lay plastic mesh (grasscrete Type) across the entrance to Cliff field, Lympstone

The Community Engagement and Funding Officer explained that the two parish councils wanted to work together to lay mesh (grasscrete type) across the entrance to Cliff Field, Lympstone. Members wished to see consideration being given by Woodbury Parish Council to provision of more funding for this project

RECOMMENDED: that Woodbury, Exmouth and Lympstone application to lay mesh across the entrance to Cliff field, Lympstone be approved, with delegated authority being given to the Chairman in consultation with the Community Engagement Officer and DCC Locality Development Officer, should Woodbury Parish Councils wishes to contribute more finding as their main application (12 above) was refused.

24 Rewe and Stoke Canon

a. Installation of a bus shelter at one end of the village at Rewe

The Community Engagement and Funding Officer explained that Rewe Parish Council wished to install a bus shelter at one end of the village at Rewe. Members noted that Rewe had already received Invest in Devon funding for the bus shelter.

RECOMMENDED: that the Rewe and Stoke Canon Parish Councils application to install a bus shelter at one end of the village at Rewe be not supported.

b. Renew the ground area of the play park in Stoke Canon

The Community Engagement and Funding Officer explained that Stoke Canon Parish Council wished to renew the ground area of the play park in Stoke Canon. Members discussed whether Rewe and Stoke Canon would wish to put all of their funding towards this project bearing in mind that the bus shelter project had been refused.

RECOMMENDED: that the Rewe and Stoke Canon Parish Council application to renew the ground area of the play park in Stoke Canon be supported, .

*25 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.

The EDDC part of the NHB funding would be available in 2013/14. It was yet to be confirmed whether the DCC part of the funding would be available in 2013/14, this would be decided after the May elections. There was currently £40,000 unspent from the 2012/13 funding. Members discussed the options from this funding.

The Chairman thanked those present for attending the meeting.

RESOLVED: that the £40,000 unspent from 2012/13 be rolled into 2013/14 as a separate fund to spend on providing extra funding for good projects for local communities.