

## EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

Present: Councillors:  
Ray Bloxham (Chairman)  
Trevor Cope  
Douglas Hull  
Andrew Moulding  
Stephanie Jones  
Graham Troman

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

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 3.10 pm.

\*1 Minutes

The notes of the previous meeting of the New Homes Bonus Panel held on 13 March 2013 were confirmed as a true record.

\*2 Declarations of interest

Councillor/ Officer	Minute number	Type of interest	Nature of interest
Councillor Douglas Hull	*5	Personal	Wife is a member of Axminster Ring & Ride.

\*3 6 month update for the Parishes Together Fund 2012/13

The Community Engagement and Funding Officer reported on a 6 month update for the Parishes Together Fund 2012/13 and progress made on the various projects. It was noted that the Fund had encouraged many parishes to work together for the first time. Ali Eastland, DCC Locality Development Officer, reported that the lengths man service at Devon County Council was currently under review and would provide an update to members of the Panel once further information on the review was known. This review would have an effect of a number of Parishes Together projects.

**RESOLVED:** that the report be noted.

4 Application from Budleigh Salterton and Exmouth for provision of gazebos for Community Events

The Community Engagement and Funding Officer outlined this project which was to provide gazebos for community events to be shared between Exmouth and Budleigh Salterton and also surrounding parishes.

4 Application from Budleigh Salterton and Exmouth for Provision of Gazebos for Community Events **(Cont)**

Members discussed the minimum cost for smaller parishes to be involved in projects, some of which could only afford a small contribution. Members acknowledge that a small contribution would be acceptable providing that it was what a Parish Council could afford and that there was clear community benefit, with parish councils working together for the benefit of the community.

**RECOMMENDED:** that the Budleigh Salterton and Exmouth joint application for provision of gazebos for community events be supported.

\*5 Exploratory application from Axminster for enhanced Ring and Ride bus

This was an exploratory application through Axminster Town Council regarding provision of an enhanced Ring and Ride bus service. The Community Engagement and Funding Officer reported that Axminster Town Council had been granted £11,512.10 last year to improve the service. This new exploratory application was to obtain the thoughts of the Panel on the possibility of a grant of further funding to provide a “better” bus, if a choice was available. Axminster had found it difficult to find a suitable bus with the funds available to them.

Members noted this application could be particularly relevant with possible future cuts to Devon County Council support for rural bus services.

**RESOLVED:** that subject to Axminster Town Council providing a well documented project for an enhanced Ring and Ride service, the Panel would wish to indicate its potential support for providing additional grant funding for this project.

\*6 The Project

Councillor Andrew Moulding, Deputy Leader of the Council, reported on a request for funding from Axminster Town Council and other parishes around Axminster for ‘The Project’. This was a project started by Debbie Humberstone to help young people with teenage depression issues in the Axminster area. This emphasised the importance of early intervention and had accessed £20k of ‘start up’ funding.

Councillor Andrew Moulding reported that he had discussed funding for “The Project” with Devon County Council as they had a budget to support mental health issues amongst young people. Young people with mental health issues in Honiton and Seaton had been referred to “The Project”. It was hoped that young people from other areas of East Devon could also benefit. “The Project” needed financial assistance towards training, IT equipment, CRB checks and the cost of courses. It would be made clear that the Panel could not provide financial assistance towards day to day running costs. If the Panel was to provide financial assistance to “The Project”, there needed to be support from two or more parishes.

\*6 The Project (Cont)

**RESOLVED:** that the Panel wished to indicate its support for the work of “The Project” and requested that Debbie Humberstone be invited to talk to the Panel meeting after the March closing date.

\*7 Cranbrook Parish Forum

Councillor Ray Bloxham, Chairman of the Panel, requested that a view be sought from Devon County Council as to whether funding could be provided for Cranbrook Parish Forum, which had its own constitution and officers.

**RESOLVED:** that Ali Eastland, DCC Locality Development Officer, be requested to seek a view from Devon County Council on whether the Panel could provide funding for projects involving Cranbrook Parish Forum.