

Grants Board
4 February 2020

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the GRANTS BOARD held on Tuesday 4 February 2020 at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE

PRESENT: Councillors S.Markiewicz (Chairman)
R.Lass (Vice-Chairman)
J.Caliskan, L.Chesterman, A.Dennis and J.Weston

ALSO
PRESENT: Councillor D.Bell (Executive Member)

OFFICIALS S.Chambers, Head of Community and Housing Strategy
PRESENT: L.Jackson, Community Partnership Support Officer
S.Keenlyside, Governance Services Officer

12. SUBSTITUTION OF MEMBERS

There were none.

13. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor E. Boulton.

14. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

Councillor L.Chesterman declared a non-pecuniary interest as appropriate by virtue of being a Hertfordshire County Council Councillor.

16. SMALL COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS - FEBRUARY 2020

Members received a report of the Corporate Director (Housing and Communities) which detailed the applications that had been received for Small Community Grants.

The report noted that Small Community Grants were limited to a maximum of £2,000 per application. There was £44,000 in total available during the financial year 2019/20 to be awarded through the Small Community Grants of which

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£18,766.90 had already been awarded this financial year and this left £25,233.10 to be awarded.

In total £24,313 had been applied for in this round of funding and there had been 14 applications.

The Council looked to support projects which helped achieve at least one of the following priority areas: maintain a safe and healthy community, protect and enhance the environment, meet the borough's housing needs, help build a strong local economy, engage with our communities and provide value for money.

Members noted that any leftover funds following allocation would be put into the fund for the Queens Sapphire Jubilee Awards – February 2020.

Activating ADHD

Activating ADHD had applied for a grant of £1966 for setting up costs, general running costs of the adult service, marketing materials and equipment and buying in outside services such as expert speakers.

The Board felt that this was a strong application which would provide a new important service for the borough.

AGREED a grant of £1966.

Crusaders Skater Hockey Club

Crusaders Skater Hockey Club had applied for a grant of £2000 for extra skates and pads, hall hire costs, advertising costs and part funding for coaching qualifications, safeguarding and first aid training.

The Board felt that the free fun skate sessions would be a great activity for young people to attend during school holidays. It would offer more variety in the choice of activities locally available and encourage young people to get fit and active.

AGREED a grant of £2000.

Cuffley Hall

Cuffley Hall had applied for a grant of £1000 for the cost of replacing the small hall floor and corridor areas.

The Board appreciated the diverse activities Cuffley Hall provided for a range of different age groups. The Board agreed that long term maintenance should ideally be the responsibility of Cuffley Hall and paid from their own reserves and that Cuffley Hall could review their charging structure to do so.

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AGREED a grant of £1000.

Friends of St. Mary's

Friends of St. Mary's had applied for a grant of £2000 to provide a one off event in the village of Essendon to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE day.

The Board approved of this community event that would raise awareness and educate young people on World War Two.

AGREED a grant of £2000.

Lemsford Football Club

Lemsford Football Club had applied for a grant of £1000 to pay for coaching courses, First Aid and Safeguarding courses, training equipment and floodlight training.

The Chairman agreed to consider this application even though this application was the second within 24 months.

The Board would remind the club that any future applications would need to be typed to be considered unless they were informed of a reason why this would not be possible.

AGREED a grant of £1000.

Music24

Music24 had applied for a grant of £2000 for room hire, music therapist fee and publicity.

The Board felt that this was a very worthwhile project and wholeheartedly supported it. There appeared to be some discrepancy in the figures on the application form but the Board would donate to the project the full amount of funding asked. The Board would request clarification on the figures and a breakdown of what the funding donation was spent on.

AGREED a grant of £2000.

Old Hatfield Ladies Running Club

Old Hatfield Ladies Running Club had applied for a grant of £2000 to provide funding for running sessions over the next 12 months.

The Board commented that the ladies running club met a specific need and particularly appreciated that participants were encouraged to lift share, walk, run, jog or cycle to meeting places to reduce traffic.

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AGREED a grant of £2000.

Peartree Wellbeing Project

Peartree Wellbeing Project had applied for a grant of £2000 to deliver several healthy activities including badminton, health walks and family sports.

AGREED a grant of £2000 subject to clarification that the Committee Management members were not being paid £15 per hour from the funding.

SPACE

Space had applied for a grant of £2000 to run the Sleep Tight course.

The Board felt that the project was filling an area of need in the community.

AGREED a grant of £2000.

Welwyn Garden City Army Cadet Force

Welwyn Garden City Army Cadet Force had applied for a grant of £500 to purchase kit.

The Board felt that this was a good organisation for young people.

AGREED a grant of £500.

Welwyn Harmony Chorus

Welwyn Harmony Chorus had applied for a grant of £1947 to pay for equipment to enable the group to recruit more members.

The Board commented on the benefits of the project, particularly for those with dementia.

AGREED a grant of £1947.

Welwyn Hatfield Women's Refuge

Welwyn Hatfield Women's Refuge had applied for a grant of £1900 for the provision of training and external clinical supervision for the Outreach and Resettlement Worker.

The Board agreed that the Women's Refuge provided a vital service and that they appreciated the work that they did.

AGREED a grant of £1900.

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Welwyn Warriors Lacrosse Club

The Welwyn Warriors Lacrosse Club had applied for a grant of £2000 to pay for a qualified coach and equipment.

The Board agreed that this project offered a further choice in sporting activities for young people and exposed them to a different sport.

AGREED a grant of £2000.

Welwyn Wheelers

Welwyn Wheelers had applied for a grant of £2000 to support the enhancement and expansion of the existing cyclo-cross track.

Normally the Board would expect a project to have over 50% membership from the local area but acknowledged that Welwyn Wheelers was a centre of excellence and that it had a regional pull.

AGREED a grant of £2000.

RESOLVED

That Small Community Grants should be paid as follows:

Organisation	Amount Sought (£)	Amount Granted (£)
Activating ADHD	1966	1966
Crusaders Skater Hockey Club	2000	2000
Cuffley Hall	1000	1000
Friends of St. Mary's	2000	2000
Lemsford Football Club	1000	1000
Music24	2000	2000
Old Hatfield Ladies Running Club	2000	2000
Peartree Wellbeing Project	2000	2000
Space	2000	2000
Welwyn Garden City Army Cadet Force	500	500

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Welwyn Chorus	Harmony	1947	1947
Welwyn Women's Refuge	Hatfield	1900	1900
Welwyn Lacrosse Club	Warriors	2000	2000
Welwyn Wheelers		2000	2000

17. QUEEN'S SAPPHIRE JUBILEE AWARDS - FEBRUARY 2020

Members received a report from the Corporate Director (Housing and Communities) which provided details of the applications received for Queen's Sapphire Jubilee Awards (QSJA). An amount of £6,000 had been allocated grant funds for the Queen's Sapphire Jubilee Awards. There was also £920 allocated to the Queen Sapphire Jubilee Awards from Small Community Grants.

The QSJA enabled the awarding of grants to help and encourage talented young people to reach their full potential in pursuit of their chosen vocation in sport, art, craft or dance. The grant could be put towards coaching, training or tuition costs; travelling expenses; competition entry fees; or the purchase of kit and equipment.

There were 34 applications (set out in Appendix A) with the total amount applied for being £11,000.

All the applications met the criteria for awards and Members agreed the following amounts:

Applicants Name	Level			Amount £
	Starter	Improver	Exemplar	
Bethany Newbury	X			100
Emily Mann	X			100
Mason Samuel Tidd	X			100
Zuzanna Anysek	X			100
Ahrin Pal		X		100
Arabella Moen		X		210

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Betty Brocklesby Sum		X		210
Christina Lily Durbin		X		210
Cleo Cockram		X		100
Dawid Dabrowski		X		100
Doraly Gill		X		300
Edward Bonn		X		210
Emily Nicolson		X		210
Emma Pledge		X		210
Finlay Woodliffe		X		210
Ivanka Eseanobi		X		100
James Hamblett		X		210
James Noble		X		210
Kayden James Brown		X		210
Lily Hartley		X		100
Louise Grenfell		X		210
Lucy Sharples		X		210
Luke Anscombe		X		210
Nikodem Miksiewicz		X		210
Oliver Gordon		X		210
Zak Martinelli		X		210
Callum Nicolson			X	310
Deborah James			X	210
Euan Woodliffe			X	500
Holly Jane Clayton		X		210

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James Ashton			X	500
Louise Fiddes			X	210
Stuart Plumb			X	210
Tom Sharples			X	210

The Board chose Euan Scott Woodliffe for the Exemplar Award in Sport and James Ashton for the Exemplar Award in Dance.

RESOLVED:

That the grants should be awarded as shown above.

Meeting ended at 9.10 pm
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