

DISTRICT GRANTS ADVISORY PANEL held at 2.30 pm at COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN on 11 JUNE 2002

Present:- Councillor D M Miller – Chairman.
Councillors Mrs C A Bayley, Mrs C M Dean, Mrs S Flack and Mrs J I Loughlin.

Officers in attendance:- Mrs L Bunting, Mrs K Robinson and A Stewart.

DG5 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs M A Caton and D J Morson.

DG6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members declared their respective interests as detailed below and did not vote on the applications concerned:

Councillor Mrs C A Bayley – any application relating to the Saffron Walden area.

Councillor Mrs C M Dean – any application relating to the Stansted area.

Councillor Mrs J I Loughlin – any application relating to the Stansted area.

DG7 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2002 were received and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

DG8 APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANTS FROM PARISH COUNCILS

At its last meeting on 21 May 2002, the Advisory Panel had recommended that a change be made in the criteria set for Community Project Grants to disallow applications for grants from parish and town councils. Members therefore recommended that all current requests from parish councils be refused.

The recommendation had been discussed at the meeting of the Community and Leisure Committee held on 28 May 2002 where Members were advised that any policy change should be dealt with by that Committee. It had been resolved that the Advisory Panel meet at its earliest convenience to reconsider the applications received from parish councils. It had also been resolved that from next year, applications from parish and town councils no longer be accepted where the parish or town had more than 1,000 residents.

Members then reconsidered the applications from parish councils and it was

RECOMMENDED that the following applications be approved for funding:

CPG/02/006	Ashdon Parish Council	£2,025.00
CPG/02/008	Littlebury Parish Council	£ 434.50
CPG/02/012	Wimbish Parish Council	£ 936.50
CPG/02/016	Birchanger Parish Council	£1,903.50
CPG/02/020	Debden Parish Council	£ 178.92
CPG/02/026	Henham Parish Council	£ 710.00
CPG/02/027	Hatfield Broad Oak Parish Council	£2,126.00
CPG/02/034	Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council	£1,630.00

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APPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS SUPPORT GRANTS

Before Members discussed the applications for Voluntary Organisations Support Grant, the Community and Development Manager raised a point of principle with regard to the application from Age Concern Essex – Home Start Uttlesford. This organisation had been granted £6,000 some years ago as a one-off grant as they would become self supporting in the future. Members discussed this and decided that, as parameters had changed in that carers were now paid for travelling costs and clients could not be charged for the organisation's services, the application would be considered on its merits.

RECOMMENDED that the following applications be approved for funding from the Voluntary Organisation Support Grants scheme:

VOSG/02/001	Essex Disabled Peoples Association	£ 720.00
VOSG/02/003	Herts and Essex Family Mediation Service	£ 500.00
VOSG/02/005	Age Concern Essex – Home Start Uttlesford	£1,000.00
VOSG/02/006	Alzheimer's Society Uttlesford Branch	£1,000.00
VOSG/02/007	Saffron Sight	£1,000.00
VOSG/02/008	Relate North Essex and East Herts	£ 500.00
VOSG/02/009	Rural Community Council of Essex	£1,000.00
VOSG/02/010	Realife Trust	£ 904.60
VOSG/02/011	Saffron Walden Opportunity Playgroup	£ 670.00
VOSG/02/012	Saffron Walden Mencap	£1,000.00
VOSG/02/013	Uttlesford Carers	£ 600.00
VOSG/02/015	Air Cadets	£ 500.00
VOSG/02/016	Uttlesford Community Sports Forum	£ 500.00

RECOMMENDED that the following applications be refused for funding from the Voluntary Organisation Support Grants scheme for the reasons supplied:

VOSG/02/002 Essex Racial Equality Council
Reason: No evidence of need in the Uttlesford area provided.

VOSG/02/004 Shelter Essex and Suffolk Housing Aid Centre
Reason: Percentage for Uttlesford low plus CAB and UDC provide similar services.

VOSG/02/014 Dunmow and District Branch – The National Child Birth Trust
Reason: It was considered that the organisation was totally health orientated and that the applicant should look at PCT Partnership Funding.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Littlebury Parish Council

The Administrative Officer reported that Littlebury Parish Council, which had been granted a Community Project Grant that had been extended to 30 September 2002, now wanted to purchase the required safety surfacing materials and store them until such time as the organisation could afford to move the playground equipment.

Members discussed the matter and decided that if the work could not be completed by 30 September as previously agreed, Littlebury Parish Council should withdraw the application and reapply next year when they would be favourably considered.

(ii) White Roding Sports Club

At the last meeting of the Advisory Panel, it had be recommended that, as no specific amount had been requested on this application, a maximum of £1,500 be granted on receipt of a suitable quotation being received. White Roding Sports Club had now submitted a quotation for £2,000. After discussion it was

RECOMMENDED that the maximum grant of £1,500 be awarded.

(iii) Councillor Mrs J E Menell

The Administrative Officer reported that Councillor Mrs J E Menell had enquired whether grants could be made towards road safety advisory speed lights. After a short discussion by Members, the Chairman stated that it was not appropriate for funding by the Advisory Panel.

The meeting ended at 3.40 pm.