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Decision Summary

Committee:

DISTRICT COMMITTEE - BATLEY AND SPEN

Date:

THURSDAY 16 MARCH 2017

Committee Clerk:

Susan Ginty

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Chair:

Councillor Gwen Lowe

Councillors Attended

M Akhtar, F Fadia, M Grainger-Mead, D Hall, V Kendrick, J Lawson, R Light, M O'Neill, A Palfreeman, S Pandor, A Pinnock, K Pinnock and D Sheard

Attendees

Approximately 33 members of the public were in attendance

Apologies

L Holmes, E Smaje and A Stubbley

1 Welcomes and Introductions

Agenda The Chair will welcome everyone and introduce members of the Committee to the public.

Decision The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and members of the committee introduced themselves.

2 Minutes of previous meeting

Agenda To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2017.

Decision **RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2017 be approved.

Mental Health First Aid Training approved at the meeting on 7 February 2017 was being tendered.

3 Interests

Agenda The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests.

Decision Councillor Gwen Lowe declared an Other interest in item 9 budget report, reports 2 and 3 as Vice Chair of The Friends of Staincliffe Park.

4 Admission of the public

Agenda Most debates take place in public. This only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private.

Decision All items were considered in public.

5 Deputations / Petitions

Agenda The Committee will receive any petitions and hear any deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also hand in a petition at the meeting but that petition should relate to something on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

Decision None were received.

6 Public Question Time

Agenda The Committee will hear any questions from the general public.

Questions submitted in advance of the meeting may enable a fuller response to be given at the meeting. If you wish to give notice of a question please contact: Councillor Gwen Lowe, Chair of Batley and Spenningsdale District Committee, Tel: 07716 998387, or email: gwen.lowe@kirklees.gov.uk.

Alternatively, contact Susan Ginty, Area and Neighbourhood Action Co-ordinator, on the contact details below.

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Decision The committee was asked if there might be a change to the district committee's allocation of funding to wards/areas in the new municipal year?

The Chair responded that funding would be considered in the new municipal year.

7 Committee Budget Report

Agenda An overview of the District Committee budgets and consideration of grant applications and proposals for expenditure.

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Decision The remaining district committee budgets were highlighted and the committee considered grant applications and proposals for expenditure:

RESOLVED:

Revenue Approved:

- (i) **£3,190** Grant – Mount Cricket Club – ground and coaching improvements (Batley West)
- (ii) **£3,500** Grant – Friends of Staincliffe Park – Staincliffe Park Christmas lights (Batley West)
- (iii) **£1,748** Grant – Spark Skills – Youth Horizon Project (Batley West)
- (iv) **£1,995** Grant – Batley Community Alliance – community garden in Batley Memorial Gardens (Batley East)
- (v) **£1,000** Grant – East Bierley Preservation Society – East Bierley Christmas lights (Birstall and Birkenshaw)
- (vi) **£4,483** – Improving economic vibrancy in Birstall, Birkenshaw and East Bierley (Birstall and Birkenshaw)
- (vii) **£2,320** Grant – Liversedge Football Club – for an access options analysis, with a recommendation that the feasibility study should include an analysis of land ownerships for any potential access routes that are considered as part of the study (Cleckheaton)
- (viii) **£10,674** Grant – Fearless People – Heckmondwike activity programme (Heckmondwike)
- (ix) **£5,000** – Repairs to Batley Bats monument (Batley East)

Capital Approved:

- (i) **£4,708** – Improving economic vibrancy in Birstall, Birkenshaw and East Bierley (Birstall and Birkenshaw)
- (ii) **£5,000** Grant – 1st Spen Valley Scout Group Birkenshaw – provision of accessible toilets (Birstall and Birkenshaw)
- (iii) **£7,000** Grant – PCC St Paul's Church – Birkenshaw village clock repairs (Birstall and Birkenshaw)

New Homes Bonus Approved:

- (i) **£15,000** – Try It, Like It physical activity development programme
 - (ii) **£5,000** Grant – Kirklees Dementia Action Alliance – for a Dementia Friendly Community event with recommendation that further information on expenditure of a previous award is received along with breakdown/clarification of costs for the community event, prior to release of funding.
 - (iii) **£19,890** (10% New Homes Bonus) - Refurbishment of theatre seating at Cleckheaton Town Hall, subject to consultation with Chief Executive
 - (iv) **£52,626** – Dual purpose track for mountain biking and cross country running at Oakwell Hall, Birstall (phase 1).
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8 Chairs Overview 2016-2017

Agenda A summary of Batley and Spen District Committee activity over the municipal year.

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Decision The Chair Councillor Lowe, summarised district committee activity over the last municipal year. Councillor Lowe described the range of topics addressed at public meetings, the activity in development, funding allocated and the number of projects it had enabled. All the volunteers involved in Batley and Spen community projects were thanked for their commitment which was highly valued by the committee. All the attendees of district committee meetings were thanked for their valuable contributions over the year.

9 Celebrating Community Activities in Batley and Spen

Agenda Many community organisations have received funding from Batley and Spen District Committee this year. There will be updates from some of the organisations on how their funding has been used and what the impact has been.

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Decision Several community group representatives highlighted their community projects, funded by the district committee, and described the positive impacts the projects had made.

RESOLVED: Community groups were thanked for their updates and for their commitment to delivering community activities. The work of all the volunteers across the district was commended.

10 Dates of future meetings

Agenda Please check the Kirklees website, Batley and Spen District Committee on Facebook, or local press for updates on meetings in the new municipal year.

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Decision The Chair thanked everyone for attending the last scheduled meeting of the municipal year.

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