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**CORSHAM AREA (4)
COMMITTEE**

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THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING

Minutes of the Corsham Area (4) Committee held on Tuesday 16th May 2006 in the Town Hall, Corsham, commencing at 7:00pm

Present:

ChairmanCouncillor R.L. Tonge
Councillors P.R. Davis, H.T. Jones and
M. Rousell.

Officers present:

D. Burbidge (Chief Executive), V. Welsh (Community Partnerships Officer), M. Gilmour (Principal Community Partnerships Officer) and J. Whittleton (Policy & Democratic Services Assistant)

CO35. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors D. Darby, A.S.R. Jackson, C. Reid and from Councillor J.M. Hartless of Box Parish Council.

CO36. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions

There were no public questions nor petitions received.

CO37. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21st March 2006 (circulated with the Agenda) were considered.



Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st March 2006 be approved and signed as a correct record.

CO38. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman, Councillor R.L. Tonge:

Community Area Award Scheme 2006/07

I am pleased to announce that in 2006/07 Community Area Award funding will once again be available from the Area 4 Committee for projects being led by community & voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils to help them achieve priorities identified in the Corsham Community Plan.

Funding is available for large as well as small projects, where Area 4 Committee will fund up to 50%.

We are especially looking for groups to come forward seeking £500 or less, where no matched funding is required; as last year some of this budget went unspent.

The application process has been improved to make it clearer, which we hope will encourage even more people to apply for funding

There will be three funding rounds during the year. The funding rounds are as follows:

Area 4

Deadline for applications 7th April for Area 4 Committee on 16th May

Deadline for applications 4th August for Area 4 Committee on 12th September

Deadline for applications 1st December for Area 4 Committee on 16th January 2007

Details of the Community Award Scheme, including funding criteria, guidance for completion plus the application form is available on the Council's website

www.northwilts.gov.uk/communitygrants

If preferred paper copies of the pack can be obtained from Victoria Welsh on 01249 706 446.

Wiltshire Community Web-site

The Wiltshire Community Web has been set up by the Wiltshire Customer First Partnership, a partnership that brings together all of Wiltshire's major public sector agencies. Funding was secured from County and District Council's along with the Voluntary and Community Sector through the Governments 'Change Up' Programme. A local voluntary organisation, 'Community First' manage the site on behalf of the partners.

The idea is simple - to allow local groups, parish councils, councillors and clubs the chance to build and maintain web-sites for free and provide a single place in which a range of community sites can link and be easily found.

The site is going to be officially launched on 24th April 2006, however we need as many local groups, clubs and Councillors etc. to create sites before this date to help populate the site.

If you already have a web-site, then you are still able to create a single web page and have a link to your main web-site.

Just click on the 'Create a Site' button when you enter the site.

www.northwilts-communityweb.com

Kathryn Spencer from Corporate Admin & Member Support will be happy to offer support, if you need help setting up your web-site.

Please contact Kathryn Spencer on 01249 706371.

Agenda Order

I propose to take item 7, Area 4 Community Area Revenue Funding 2006/07 ahead of item 6, Area 4 Community Area Funding Distribution 2006/07.

CO39. Declarations of Interest

None.

CO40. Area 4 Community Area Funding Distribution 2006/07

Consideration was given to Report No. 6 (circulated with the Agenda) asking Members to consider 2 applications seeking 2006/2007 Community Area Award funding.

Representations were received from Mrs L. Beeho, Manager of the Mansion House Pre School.

Issues discussed included:

- Previous capital awards which have not been used;
- That the projected costs of the Mansion House Playgroup have risen considerably;
- The tenancy arrangements for the current and proposed (playgroup) premises;
- The involvement of Wiltshire County Council in pre school provision; and
- Lottery funding.

Resolved

- (1) To agree funding distribution of the Area 4 Community Awards budget based on the agreed criteria for 2006/2007;
- (2) That the Corsham Youth Shelter be awarded an in principle Award of £5,000 from the capital budget to erect a Youth Shelter on Springfield Recreation Ground, conditional upon:
 - (i) Planning Permission is granted.
 - (ii) The balance of all other funding being in place.
- (3) That authority be delegated to the Community Partnerships Team Leader, in consultation with the Corsham Area (4) Chairman, to release the award upon receipt of planning permission.
- (4) That the Mansion House Playgroup be awarded an in principle Award of £11,274 from the capital budget to extend and modernise premises for the playgroup, conditional upon all other funding being in place.

CO41. Area 4 Community Area Revenue Funding 2006/07

Consideration was given to Report No. 7 (circulated with the Agenda) asking Members to consider a virement from their 2006/07 Community Area Awards revenue budget.

Issues discussed included:

- Previous funding awards to Relate Mid Wiltshire and the Corsham Festival.

Resolved that approval be given to a one off virement of £1,000 from the Area 4, 2006/07 Community Area Awards revenue budget to the District-wide Awards revenue budget.

CO42. Corsham Area Community Planning Update

Consideration was given to Report No. 8 (circulated with the Agenda) updating Members on the developments in Community Planning for Area 4 in 2005/06 and to encourage members to support the on-going Community Planning process.

Resolved that

- (1) The contents of the Report be noted;
- (2) In their community leadership role, the Committee recognise the importance of their involvement in the Community Planning process; and
- (3) That the Committee actively encourage the involvement of the community in working with the Corsham Area Community Partnership (CACP) to deliver the Corsham Area community Plan, and report progress back to this Committee.

CO43. Corsham Tourist Information Centre/Heritage Centre

Consideration was given to Report No. 9 (circulated with the Agenda) regarding information on the Corsham Tourist Information Centre/Heritage Centre.

Resolved that the Report be noted.

CO44. Representatives on Outside Bodies

Consideration was given to Report No. 10 (circulated with the Agenda) enabling those members appointed to outside bodies to update the Committee on any topical issues.

- Councillor M. Rousell commented that the Leafy Lane Playing Fields Project was going from strength to strength. The construction of an all weather pitch may be a future project.

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- Councillor M. Rousell informed the Committee that the Rudloe Community Association is to undergo a feasibility study. She commented that there were problems with the building layout which restricted certain activities.
- Councillor P.R. Davis stated that the Potley & Pockeridge Community Association was enjoying success. The Community Centre has become a focal point for the community and activities taking place include playgroups and educational facilities. Westlea Housing Association have donated 4 laptops for use in the centre. There may be a need to provide secure storage for the centre.

Resolved that the Report be noted.

The meeting started at 7:00pm and finished at 7:35pm

There were 3 members of the public present.

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