

Note of Bradford on Avon Area Board - Grants Advisory Group - held on 7 July 2011

Present: Bil Bailey, Limpley Stoke Parish Council
 Terry Biles, Westwood Parish Council
 Matthew Midlane, Monkton Farleigh Parish Council
 Alan Mines, Wingfield Parish Council
 Peter Dunford, Bradford on Avon Community Area Manager (secretary)

New applications to the Community Area Grants Scheme:

- i) **1st Winsley Scout Group**
 - TB declared an interest and took no part in the debate
 - The further financial information showed that the proposed account deficit of £ 1, 291.88 would be recovered when the gift aid is reclaimed
 - Free reserves of £ 4, 806.13 are also available
 - The project is a good one and deemed to be eligible
 - **Given the resources available to the applicant the Grants Advisory Group recommended that 50 % of the grant should be awarded, being a total of £ 462**

- ii) **Saxon Church and St Mary Tory Trusteeship, Bradford on Avon**
 - TB declared an interest and took no part in the debate
 - Further financial information from the applicant showed that their reserves are healthy
 - Concern remains that the project does not fit the criteria - signage is the responsibility of the local authorities and this bid is also supporting a private tourist attraction
 - **The Grants Advisory Group considered that the project was ineligible for support and should be recommended for refusal.**

- iii) **Limpley Stoke K6 Telephone Kiosk Refurbishment Group**
 - BB declared an interest as a volunteer member of the applicant group
 - As this is a new community initiative, no accounts are available
 - The project is volunteer-led and will provide a useful service to the community; there are successful examples elsewhere of the similar use of redundant phone boxes
 - **The Grants Advisory Group recommended approval of the requested sum of £ 560**

Bradford on Avon Arts Festival

It was reported that the applicant was content with the recommendation of the GAG that the application should be withdrawn and resubmitted in the next financial year, closer to the date and when more details are known of the exact costs of the proposed event in June 2012.

Voluntary and Community Sector Awards 2011

PD circulated the nomination on behalf of the Graffiti Art Mural at the Heaven Scent building in Bradford on Avon - in the category 'Best Community Initiative nominated by an Area Board 2011/12' – submitted in time for the deadline of 15 July.

Feedback on meeting with Wiltshire Councillors regarding the grants decision-making processes

It remains the intention that the representations made by the GAG to the Bradford on Avon Board members at the meeting on 17 June be copied to Councillor John Thomson, the Cabinet member with responsibility for the area boards and communities portfolio. **It was agreed that AM would suggest revised grant eligibility criteria for incorporation in any future revisions to the grant scheme.**

It was re-iterated that if the Area Board is to take an opposing view to any of the recommendations made by the GAG, that reasons should be given to aid understanding, as agreed at the ABC meeting on 17 June

A further meeting with the Chairman/ Vice Chairman was requested ahead of the Area Board meeting on 20 July. Possible dates to meet were Thursday 14 July, Monday 18 July, Tuesday 19 July PM.