

# Crawley Borough Council

## Minutes of Grants Appeals Panel

8 April 2004

### Present:

Councillor M E Mayne (Chair – on Election)  
Councillors L A M Burke, L F Hench, and A Kane.

Councillor W A Ward (as the representative of the Grants Working Group, in an advisory and non-voting capacity)

### 1. Appointment of Chair

#### RESOLVED

That Councillor M E Mayne be elected Chair of the Panel for the remainder of the Council year.

### 2. Members' Disclosure of Interest

The following disclosure of interest by a Member was made:-

Member	Report/ Item Reference	Subject	Nature of Disclosure
Councillor L A M Burke	Minute 4 CTY/21	Womens' Royal Voluntary Service	Non-prejudicial Interest

It was noted that Councillor W A Ward, the Chair of the Grants Working Group, had been invited to attend the meeting in an advisory and non voting capacity. That arrangement had been agreed when this Panel had been established in order to comply with the Council's constitution, which required that in no case would an appeal be determined by anyone involved in making the original decision, whilst providing for some input from the Grants Working Group.

### 3. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 26 March 2003 were approved as a correct record.

**4. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT AID - APPEALS FROM SIRI GURU SINGH SABHA GURDWARA, CRAWLEY AUDIO NEWS, CRAWLEY MUSEUM SOCIETY, CRAWLEY PENSIONERS ACTION GROUP, CRAWLEY FESTIVAL, GATWICK DETAINEES WELFARE GROUP, OUTSET YOUTH ACTION (WEST SUSSEX) AND THE WOMENS' ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE**

The Panel considered the report of the Head of Community Services, CTY/21, referring to the eight appeals that had been received in respect of their applications for Grant Aid during the 2004/2005 grants process, in accordance with the Council's laid down policies and procedures for determining grants. The Panel was requested to consider the information set out in the report before it and to either confirm or amend the original decisions of the Grants Working Group as ratified by the Executive at its meeting held on 21 January 2004. The Panel noted that the Grants Working Group had considered applications from 53 organisations. Grants totalling £610,383 had been recommended and subsequently approved by the Executive at its meeting on 21 January 2004. The value of grants approved and allocated for 2004/05 amounted to £658,000 and a contingency sum of £35,117 remained unallocated. Additionally £12,500 had been allocated for providing small grants in 2004/05. Eight organisations had submitted formal appeals against the decisions made in respect of their specific awards which were detailed in the report before the Panel. Copies of the appraisal summary sheets, original applications and appeal information (including monitoring reports where appropriate) were attached to the agenda as Appendices 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

The Siri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara had originally requested £9,000 to promote childrens' education, social/sports, older peoples' wellbeing and adult education. The Grants Working Group's original recommendation had been to provide nil funding, as insufficient information on the project and limited evidence of need had been provided. Additional information had now been provided and after further consideration, the Panel agreed to make a contribution of £3,000 to their project budget.

The Crawley Audio News had originally requested £3,100 to meet the rent of their premises in full. The Grants Working Group's original recommendation had been to provide £1,000 towards the rent of their premises. The Panel considered further the issues involved and in view of the circumstances agreed to make a contribution of £1,550 towards the rent of the premises at 5 Station Road, Crawley.

The Crawley Museum Society had originally requested £23,650 as a contribution towards their core costs i.e. rent, insurance, utilities and administration/general. The Grants Working Group's original recommendation had been to provide £20,250. The Panel considered further the issues involved and in view of the circumstances agreed to make a contribution of £23,650, subject to the receipt of a satisfactory service plan for 2004/05, and it being agreed with Community Services.

The Crawley Pensioners Action Group had originally requested £1,000 as a contribution towards their core costs i.e. room hire, newsletter, travel and administration. The Grants Working Group's original recommendation had been to make a nil contribution. The Panel considered the matter further and confirmed a nil contribution. It was agreed however that they be advised to consider applying for a small grant.

The Crawley Festival had originally requested £9,500 towards the core costs incurred in running the Crawley Festival. The Grants Working Group's original recommendation had been to make a contribution of £2,000. The Panel considered further the issues involved and in view of the circumstances agreed to make a contribution of £8,500 towards the core costs.

The Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group had originally requested £5,700 as a contribution towards their core costs (premises). The Grants Working Group's original recommendation had been to make a contribution of £5,400 as contingency funding. The Panel considered further the issues involved and in view of the circumstances agreed to make a further contribution of £2,700 towards their rent.

The Outset Youth Action (West Sussex) had originally requested £4,000 towards their project costs. The Grants Working Group's original recommendation had been to make a nil contribution. The Panel considered the matter further and confirmed a nil contribution.

The Womens' Royal Voluntary Service had originally requested £85,000 towards their core costs. The Grants Working Group's original recommendation had been to make a contribution of £26,574. The Panel considered further the issues involved and in view of the circumstances agreed to make a contribution of £39,962 towards their expenditure.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (1) That the following appeals be upheld, and that grants be awarded to the Siri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara for £3000 , the Crawley Audio News for £1550, the Crawley Museum Society for £23650, the Crawley Festival for £8500, the Crawley Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group for £2700; and the Womens' Royal Voluntary Service for £39962
- (2) That the appeals from Crawley Pensioners Action Group and Outset Youth Action (West Sussex) be rejected.

#### **5. Closure of Meeting**

With the business of the Panel concluded, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7 15 p.m.

M E MAYNE  
**Chair**