

Minutes of a meeting of the Shipley Area Committee held on Wednesday, 28 July 2021 in Victoria Hall, Saltaire

Commenced 6.45 pm
Concluded 7.45 pm

Present – Councillors

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	GREEN
Dearden	Heseltine Barker Davies Sullivan Townend Winnard	Warnes

Councillor Heseltine in the Chair

28. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

29. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

There were no appeals submitted by the public to review decisions to restrict documents.

30. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public questions had been received.

31. SHIPLEY AREA COMMITTEE AND SHIPLEY CONSTITUENCY AREA PARTNERS' ADVISORY GROUP (SCAPAG) ISSUES

No items were received by SCAPAG members.

32. GRANT ALLOCATIONS AND GRANTS ADVISORY GROUP

The report of the Shipley Area Co-ordinator (**Document “D”**) provided background information and recommendations with regard to grant allocations and the constitution of the Grants Advisory Group 2021/2022.

Resolved -

- (1) That it be approved that the Shipley Area Co-ordinator, under delegated powers, has the responsibility for making decisions on all grant applications administered by the Shipley Area Co-ordinators office, after seeking guidance from the Grants Advisory Group.**
- (2) That in the current municipal year and in accordance with an established precedent, the Area Committee approves the nomination of three Councillors from the Conservative Group (Councillors Heseltine, Sullivan and Townend), one Councillor from the Green Group (Councillor Warnes) and one Councillor from the Labour Group (to be agreed)**
- (3) That the Shipley Area Co-ordinators Office be requested to continue to ensure the effective allocation of all the grant funding by providing appropriate support and advice to applicants.**

ACTION: Area Co-ordinator

33. BUSINESS RATES

The report (**Document “E”**) summarised the support that had been provided to businesses during the Covid 19 pandemic, including ongoing support and further support that was due to be introduced.

It was reported that £11m rate relief had been granted to businesses in the Shipley Constituency. A new scheme was to be launched to give the opportunity to offer discretionary rate relief to businesses not in the hospitality and leisure sectors. Information would be circulated to members once the guidance had been received and the scheme had been agreed by the Executive which was anticipated would be in November.

It was reported that the timescale to allocate the Additional Restrictions Grants was 31 March 2022. Members were advised of the ways in which businesses could access information on the existing business support.

Members discussed the percentage of fraudulent claims which was extremely low bearing in mind the amount of money paid out overall. A data matching exercise had identified 200 out of 11,000 claims made. Due diligence had been applied and the government was following up through HMRC.

It was agreed to provide members with comparative information on how quickly grants were paid to businesses compared with other authorities. It was noted that Bradford had liaised with all other authorities in West Yorkshire.

Resolved –

That members note the support that has been provided to businesses during the Covid 19 pandemic, including ongoing support and further support that is due to be introduced.

ACTION: Director of Finance

34. CLIMATE ACTION FUND

The report of the Shipley Area Co-ordinator (**Document “F”**) summarised the grants awarded from the Climate Action Fund for the benefit of communities within the Shipley Constituency. The Area Co-ordinator advised members that planning information was awaited for the projects submitted by Burley in Wharfedale Community Trust and Baildon & Shipley Friends of the Earth. The Area Co-ordinator agreed to chase progress on the Eldwick Village Hall heat pump project.

Resolved –

(1) That the wide range of groups, organisations and individuals across the Shipley area which have benefited from receiving a Climate Action Fund be noted and welcomed.

(2) That the Grants Advisory Group is thanked for their work in providing guidance to the Shipley Area Co-ordinator in the effective allocation of the Climate Action Fund.

ACTION: Shipley Area Co-ordinator

35. COMMUNITY CHEST

The report of the Shipley Area Co-ordinator (**Document “G”**) summarised the Community Chest Grants awarded in this financial year April 2021 to present and the Cohesion and Integration Innovation Fund awarded in the financial year April 2020 to March 2021, for the benefit of communities within the Shipley Constituency.

It was noted that there was a balance of £8,100 remaining and that the next closing date for applications was 13 August 2021.

In response to a member enquiry regarding year on year funding for revenue purposes, it was agreed that this could be looked into.

Resolved -

- (1) That the wide range of groups, organisations and individuals across the Shipley area which have benefited from receiving a Community Chest grant and Cohesion and Integration Innovation Fund be noted and welcomed.**
- (2) That the Grants Advisory Group is thanked for their work in providing guidance to the Shipley Area Co-ordinator in the effective allocation of the Community Chest grant and the Cohesion and Integration Innovation fund.**

ACTION: Shipley Area Co-ordinator

Chair

Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Shipley Area Committee.

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