

Charity Committee Agenda

Thursday, 29 September 2022 at 6.00 pm

Council Chamber, Muriel Matters House, Breeds Place, Hastings TN34 3UY

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CHARITY COMMITTEE

18 JULY 2022

Present: Councillors Roark (Chair), Batsford, Hilton, James Cook (Protector)

In attendance: Kit Wheeler (Section 151 Officer), Kevin Boorman (Marketing and Projects Manager), Mary Kilner (Chief Legal Officer in attendance on Teams)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Victoria Conheady

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CHARITY COMMITTEE

Councillor Hilton asked regarding written questions which had been submitted at the last meeting. The Chief Legal Officer responded that the response will be provided at the latest by the following day and the answers to the questions will be circulated to the Committee. The Chief Legal Officer confirmed that a response had already been sent to the questions raised by Bernard McGinley and the response would also be circulated to the Committee.

Councillor Roark proposed approval of the last set of Minutes, seconded by Councillor Batsford.

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Charity Committee Meeting held on 21st March 2022 be approved as a true record.

4. MINUTES OF COASTAL USERS GROUP (21ST JUNE 2022)

The Marketing and Major Projects Manager explained that the Coastal Users Group (CUG) met on the 21st June. The papers for today's meeting have been circulated to CUG with no comments received.

The Committee noted no comments were received for the Minutes.

5. FORESHORE TRUST FINANCE REPORT

The Chief Finance Officer gave a verbal update. The Q4 position was more positive financially than had been budgeted for. The figures are still being finalised, but the parking income has been better than budgeted for with more people coming to Hastings having a positive impact.

The budget for 2022-23 is passed on an old Business Plan. Councillors and officers agreed to update this plan.

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Grant Thornton (Borough Auditors) are expected to bring a report to the Audit Committee next week which will mean the Trust can close the 2019-2020 accounts.

The Councillors asked regarding the timeline of the new business plan? The Chief Finance officer replied the plan is drafted by the Assistant Director of Regeneration and Culture. This is then costed up with the Finance team.

The Protector asked if the AGM is still going to happen in September? The Chief Finance Officer answered that the reports will probably not be ready by September. The Chief Legal Officer suggested the date for the AGM to be reviewed nearer the time with an Annual Meeting and update held instead. It would then be followed by an AGM.

6. APPOINTMENT OF GRANTS ADVISORY PANEL MEMBER

The Chief Legal Officer explained Grants Advisory Panel (GAP) must be able to have enough members to assess and evaluate grant applications under the Scheme dated 13 January 2011. The Report recommends the appointment of Christopher Cormack to the Panel for a period of three years with immediate effect and confirm and renew the appointment of Susan Coop for a further period of three years. It is recommended to run a further recruitment campaign to attract more volunteers to the Panel as soon as possible to have a pool of approved candidates.

Councillor Roark proposed approval of the recommendations, seconded by Councillor Batsford

RESOLVED (Unanimously)

Recommendation(s)

- 1. To appoint Christopher Cormack to the Grants Advisory Panel for a period of three years with immediate effect.**
- 2. To confirm and renew the appointment of Susan Coop to the Grants Advisory Panel for a further period of three years.**
- 3. To give delegated authority to the Council's Chief Legal Officer to embark on a further recruitment drive for more volunteers to be considered for the Grants Advisory Panel**

Reasons

The Grants Advisory Panel must be able to have enough members to assess and evaluate grant applications under the Scheme dated 13 January 2011.

7. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEMS

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None

8. URGENT ITEMS (IF ANY)

None

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee celebrated the Midsummer Fish Festival and gave thanks to the Kevin Boorman and his team following overnight damage to the stalls caused by the wind.

The Committee highlighted the dangers of swimming by the Harbour Arm and the possibility of having some signage.

Councillors asked if it's possible at the end of the season to arrange to meet the beach teams and the people who work on behalf of the Foreshore Trust.

Councillor Hilton asked if the Constitution could be changed so that public questions can be had at all Charity Committee meetings. The Chief Legal Officer responded that she would consider and discuss her proposal with the Protector.

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at. 6.26 pm)

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Agenda Item 4

Report to: Charity Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: 12th September 2022

Report Title: Foreshore Trust Small & Events Grants Round 6 recommendations

Report By: Victoria Conheady
Assistant Director Regeneration and Culture

Key Decision: Yes

Classification: Open

Purpose of Report

1. To present the recommendations of the Grant Advisory Panel (GAP) in respect of applications for the Small and Events Grants Round 6 2022-23.

Recommendation(s)

That the meeting:

1. Consider for approval the Small and Events Grants Round 6 2022-23 recommendations of the GAP as set out in Appendix 1 (with projects listed in Appendix A)

Reasons for Recommendations

The Grant Advisory Panel has appraised the merits of the applications received for Small and Event Grant support and has made a number of recommendations for grant awards that can be funded from the available 2022-23 budget.

Background

1. The Foreshore Trust Small and Events Grants Programme is a small and events grants scheme for voluntary and community groups offering an activity, service or running an event within Hastings & St. Leonards. £45,000 is available for round 6 in the 2022-23 financial year for grants of up to £6,000 each.
2. Hastings Borough Council, as administrator for the Foreshore Trust Grants Programmes, advertised the programme in June 2022 via a social media campaign and in the Hastings Voluntary Action newsletter, the Hastings Observer and in East Sussex County Council's external funding newsletter.

An e-mail was also circulated to all previous Foreshore Trust grant applicants. The deadline for receipt of applications was 15th July 2022

Small and Events Grants Awards Round 6 2022-23

3. A total of 48 applications were submitted and assessed with a total amount requested of £246,611.
4. The GAP met at HVA, Jackson Hall on 16th and 18th August 2022 to review and score the applications. As in previous years the GAP members were paired up for the initial assessments and these were then jointly reviewed at the meetings.
5. All GAP members had previously declared conflicts of interest, which precluded them from appraising applications from particular organisations.
6. In assessing the applications, the GAP attempted to ensure they were assessed in terms of the organisations' ability to deliver their proposals, how closely the proposed activities match the priorities of the Charity Committee, their value for money and a fair distribution of funds amongst all the priorities and members of the community.
7. Following a full assessment process, GAP members agreed to the recommendations shown in appendix A of the GAP chair report (appendix 1).
8. Of the 48 applications considered, GAP recommends to the Charity Committee that 9 of these be approved for funding at various levels. All the projects are to be proposed to be delivered by no later than end of September 2023.
9. The projects recommended for approval total £45,001.

Timetable of Next Steps

10. Please include a list of key actions and the scheduled dates for these:

Action	Key milestone	Due date (provisional)	Responsible

Consideration of GAP recommendations	Assessment at Planning meeting prior to formal Charity meeting	30/08/22	Charity Committee members, GAP chair
Approval of organisations to fund	Charity committee meeting	12/09/22	Charity Committee members
Notification of approval/rejection and contracting approved projects	After budget and project approval at Charity meeting	After 12/09/22	HBC secretariat officer

Wards Affected

All

Policy Implications

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	Yes
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	
Risk Management	
Environmental Issues	
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	
Organisational Consequences	
Local People's Views	
Anti-Poverty	
Legal	

Additional Information

Appendix 1 – Report by the Chair of the Grants Advisory Panel with the Panel's recommendations (Appendix A).

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Report to: Charity Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: 12th September 2022

Report Title: Appendix 1: Foreshore Trust Small & Events Grants Round 6
GAP recommendations

Report By: Andrew Colquhoun
Chair, Foreshore Trust Grants Advisory Panel

Purpose of Report

1. To make recommendations as to which organisations should be funded under the Foreshore Trust Small & Events Grants Round 6 2022- 2023 and the allocations that will be made to each.

Recommendation(s)

1. To consider the Grant Advisory Panel's (GAP) recommendation to award small and events grants to the organisations shown in Appendix A.
2. To request grant funding for this round at £45,001

Reasons for Recommendations

1. The recommended organisations for grant funding have been selected following an open application process and awarded to those considered by the GAP to best meet the Foreshore Trust's aims and objectives.

Introduction

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Assessment of applications

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5. In assessing the applications, the GAP attempted to ensure they were assessed in terms of the organisations' ability to deliver their proposals, how closely the proposed activities matched the priorities of the Charity Committee, value for money and a fair distribution of funds amongst all the priorities and members of the community.
6. Following a full assessment process, GAP members agreed to the recommendations as shown in Appendix A.
7. Of the 48 applications considered, GAP recommends to the Charity Committee that 9 of these be approved for funding at various levels. All the projects plan to deliver within 12 months of approval of the grant.
8. The projects recommended for approval total £45,001

Policy Implications

9. The Foreshore Trust's Grants Programme is a funding regime that will impact positively on the economic and financial environment in the Borough and will assist organisations in delivering a range of activities for local people.

Wards Affected

Ashdown, Baird, Braybrooke, Castle, Central St. Leonards, Conquest, Gensing, Hollington, Maze Hill, Old Hastings, Ore, Silverhill, St. Helens, Tressell, West St. Leonards, Wishing Tree

Policy Implications

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Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	Yes
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Risk Management	Yes
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	No
Local People's Views	No
Anti-Poverty	No

Additional Information

Appendix A – Foreshore Trust Small & Events Grants Programme Round 6 2022-23 recommendations

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Appendix A - Foreshore Trust Small & Events Grants Programme Round 6 2022 - 2023 Recommendations

Applicant	Project (in their own words)	Funding recommended
FT-SE604 – Education training consortium Sussex (ETC)	PANTRY By feeding people in need. In addition by providing help to get further support and access to volunteering and training opportunities which may eventually lead them out of poverty	£6,000
FT-SE607 Hastings Community Trust	Fresh Food Boxes The fresh food boxes will be given to desperate households alongside their regular Foodbank nutritionally balanced parcels	£6,000
FT-SE609 Hastings & Rother YMCA	Y Centre Youth Club Our Youth Club membership has grown to 45 and we have a waiting list. We need a fund to support the activities, learning and provide age-appropriate enrichment opportunities which includes subsidising food, transport costs and learning materials including paying for visiting educators	£5883
FT-SE612 Karmabank	Karmabank Community Kitchen & Food Support Every Thursday from 1 - 3 pm we prepare a hearty Vegetarian lunch and after enjoying food together, everyone takes home a bag of fresh fruit and vegetables plus some ambient goods - all supplied by Fareshare. Tackling food poverty with food waste	£5,800
FT-SE617 Hastings Advice and Representation Centre (HARC)	HARC Combatting the cost-of-living crisis This project will enable us to continue providing successful community-based outreach advice surgeries within Hastings and St Leonards and launch new or increased advice surgery venues. Those experiencing food insecurity are more likely to struggle financially. HARC aims to maximise their income, stabilise expenditure and give clients the tools to help manage their own finances in these troubling times	£6000
FT-SE625 Seaview	Seaview's got Talent We propose putting on an event, showcasing the hidden talents of our service users. Working to bring people together who experience significant challenges in their lives, working on their music and performance abilities to showcase in a community performance	£6,000

FT-SE627 XTRAX	Reaching Out Funding from the Foreshore Trust would enable Xtrax to deliver 25 additional outreach sessions. Guided by communities, young people and agencies such as Sussex Police, skilled Xtrax workers will go to areas such as Hollington, Wishing Tree, Ore (Valley and Village) and Central St Leonards. Outreach into disadvantaged areas, where drugs and anti-social behaviour undermine communities, will help repair and rebuild those neighbourhoods. We work closely with local community organisations and Police while retaining the trust of young people	£1,600
FT-SE645 Emmaus	The Garden Escape Our project is to improve the overgrown area beside our accommodation block and create a garden area where residents can relax and enjoy their time off, reconnecting with nature. The garden will be divided into distinct areas including a lawned area, a space for growing vegetables, a wild garden and a decked area with outdoor seating	£4,850
FT-SE650 Umbrella Sussex	Celebrating Sharing Our celebrations of sharing will include Clothes Swops- These are excellent ways of redistributing quality used things to people who need them. Dare to repair making and mending sessions. Informal signposting to places where people can get more formal support, to include HARC, Hastings and Rother Credit Union and the Energy Advice Service	£2,868
Total		£45,001

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