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South Somerset District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **Area West Community Forum (Ilminster) Sub-Committee** held in the Shrubbery Hotel, Station Road, Ilminster on **Thursday, 15th November 2007**.

(9.20 p.m. – 9.35 p.m.)

Present:

Members:

Nicci Court
Robin Munday

Kim Turner
Linda Vijeh

Officers:

Andrew Gillespie	Head of Area Development (West)
Zoe Harris	Community Regeneration Officer
Nicky Doble	Community Development Support Worker
Simon Fisher	Community Development Support Worker
Andrew Blackburn	Committee Administrator

1. Election of Chairman

RESOLVED: that Cllr. Kim Turner be elected Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

2. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Kim Turner declared a personal interest in the applications for funding submitted by the Ilminster Forum as she was a member of the Forum. She also declared a personal interest in the application submitted by the Meeting House Arts Centre as she had been appointed by the Council to serve on that organisation.

Cllr. Nicci Court declared a personal interest in the application for funding submitted by the Cygnet Pre-school as she served on the managing committee of that organisation. She also declared a personal interest in the applications submitted by Ile Youth Centre and the Meeting House Arts Centre as she had been appointed by the Council to serve on those organisations.

The above members indicated that they would have a prejudicial interest and leave the meeting if any discussion took place on the amount of grant to be awarded to individual projects, which had an impact on or involved the group in respect of which they had an interest.

Cllr. Nicci Court also mentioned that, as she had arrived late at the Opportunity Ilminster event and therefore missed some of the presentations by the applicants for funding, she would not take part in the Sub-Committee's decision on the award of funding to the projects.

4. Opportunity Iminster Event (Agenda item 4)

Reference was made to the agenda report and it was noted that at the meetings of the Area West Committee held on 20th June and 19th September 2007 members agreed arrangements for holding Community Forum events within Area West. Three Sub-Committees were established for the Iminster, Chard and Crewkerne areas and each given delegated authority to agree spending of up to £30,000 on local improvement projects.

The Sub-Committee, after having heard the proposals for funding at the Opportunity Iminster event in respect of the projects shown on the list attached to the agenda, was asked to approve the award of grants.

The Sub-Committee had regard to, and was advised by, the outcome of the community vote at the Opportunity Iminster event and agreed the award of funding en bloc in accordance with that vote up to the threshold of the £30,000 budget.

The Sub-Committee noted, however, that only one of two projects that had tied votes could be awarded the full amount of funding applied for in order to keep within the total budget limit of £30,000. Members considered the action to be taken in this case and having received advice from the Head of Area Development (West) that he could look at funding the overspend of £2,204 from another budget, it was agreed to award the full amount applied for to both the organisations concerned.

RESOLVED: (1) that grants be awarded to the projects listed below:-

Applicant	Project	Amount
Iminster Martial Arts	Crash mats & uniforms for demonstrations	£929
Iminster Scout Group	Replacement folding chairs and tables	£1,500
Meeting House, Iminster	Toilet refurbishment - additional ladies toilet	£2,500
Iminster Entertainment Society	Fireproof proscenium and upgrade backstage	£825
Friends of the Town Crier	Replacement Town Crier Uniform	£950
Greenfylde School, Iminster	2 bike racks and 2 parental shelters	£5,000
Ile Youth Centre, Iminster	Drop-in café - second phase of youth club enhancement	£4,500
Dowlish Wake Playing Field Trust	Replacement of old play equipment at play area	£5,000
Margaret Excell	Iminster Flower, Vegetable and Craft Show	£1,000
Experience Iminster Co.	Iminster Midsummer Experience 4 day cultural/food and sporting event	£5,000
Horton Parish Council	Path to new village hall	£5,000
TOTAL		£32,204

(2) that the Head of Area Development (West) look into funding the additional sum of £2,204 from an alternative budget.

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Chairman