

NORTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of **SLEAFORD RENEWABLE ENERGY LIAISON PANEL** held at Committee Room - Council Offices on Tuesday, 19 January 2016 at (11.00 am - 12.40 pm)

PRESENT:

Councillor Garry D Titmus - Chairman

Councillor Richard Wright	NKDC
Councillor Mrs Julia Harrison	Kirkby la Thorpe and South Kyme
Councillor Robert Hipworth	Kirkby-la-Thorpe Parish Council
Paul Taylor	Taylor Keogh

Others in attendance:

Debbie Scott - Kirkby-la-Thorpe Parish Council
Anne-Marie Shepherd – Communities Initiatives Officer
Jason Hippisley – Communications and Media Manager
Hannah Charlish – Democratic Services Officer

24 **Apologies**

An apology for absence was received from Darren Smith (Eco2).

25 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 29 October 2015 were approved as a correct record subject to the inclusion of a note stating that Paul Taylor took part in discussion via conference call and Councillor Hipworth left the meeting at 11.55am.

26 **Funding applications**

The Panel noted the Budget Sheet for 2016/17.

It was noted that consideration to the remaining unspent funds, receipts not claimed and the existing Well Being Agreement was required before the close of the Panel.

The Panel noted the absence of complete applications from Kirkby La Thorpe.

Actions:

1. Paul Taylor suggested an open conversation with Glennmont noting the current remaining balance. The Vice Chairman suggested that he would speak to the Deputy Chief Executive, NKDC.
2. Officers to revisit the Well Being Agreement for guidance going forward.

27 **Sleaford Town Council**

Although he was not aware of the application, Councillor Titmus declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Member of Sleaford Town Council and did not take part in the consideration of the item.

Sleaford Town Council were applying for a grant of £3,025 to plant trees on grounds of the four Sleaford Primary Schools.

Decision: Deferred.

The Panel questioned the authority of the Town Council to carry out the project without general power of competence.

The Panel welcomed an application that included planting trees on Town Council property with the involvement of schools.

28 William Alvey Primary School

William Alvey Primary School were applying for £2,000 towards their project "72". A project to build a memorial to remember the 72 children who attended the school and lost their lives during World War 1.

Decision: Approved the full amount of £2,000

29 Sleaford District Photographic Group

Sleaford and District Photographic Group were applying for £650 towards a photo quality projector.

Decision: Approved the full amount of £650

30 Discussion - Kirkby La Thorpe

The Panel discussed the remaining Community Fund balance, the opportunity available for funding and potential applications from Kirkby La Thorpe in detail. Recent contact with authorities in Kirkby La Thorpe was noted.

Actions:

The Panel were in agreement that an open letter from the Chairman addressing the life of Panel, the lack of completed applications from Kirkby La Thorpe and the unspent funds should be published as a reminder of the opportunity and the absolute deadline for applications.

The letter would accompany a general press statement on the Corporate Website detailing what funding is still available and a reminder that the Panel was coming to an end. This was to be prepared by the Communications and Media Manager and the Communities Initiatives Officer.

The Panel agreed that confirmation in relation the future of the Panel was required for the next meeting.

31 Any Other Business

The Communities Initiative Officers notified the Panel of a potential application from NKDC's Tourism Team.

Actions:

The Communities Initiatives Officer had received an invitation from Sleaford Gymnastics Club inviting the Panel to attend a photo session at their venue. It was left with the Communities Initiatives Officer to advise the panel of potential dates

The Panel suggested that officers liaise with the successful community groups for photos of their project to prepare one article once the grants had been allocated.

The Communities Initiatives Officer noted to follow up an application from Sleaford Museum.

32 Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 5 April 2016.