

Communities and Partnership Committee Minutes

Date: 1st April 2021

Time: 10:00am to 10:25am

Present: Councillors S Criswell (Chairman), L Nieto (Vice-Chairwoman), A Costello, L Every, J French, E Meschini, T Sanderson and M Smith.

349. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Ashwood and H Batchelor.

Councillor Criswell declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 4 (Innovate and Cultivate Fund – Endorsement of Recommendations) as a member of Somersham Parish Council, and advised that he would abstain from voting for the ‘Ramsey Neighbourhoods Trust’ project.

Councillor Costello declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 4 (Innovate and Cultivate Fund – Endorsement of Recommendations) as the Local Member for Ramsey and Bury, and advised that she would abstain from voting for the ‘Ramsey Neighbourhoods Trust’ project.

Councillor Every declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 4 (Innovate and Cultivate Fund – Endorsement of Recommendations) as the East Cambridgeshire Community Champion, and advised that she would abstain from voting for the ‘Littleport Parish Council’ project.

350. a) Minutes of the Meeting Held on 4th March 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

b) Communities and Partnership Committee Action Log

The Service Director of Communities and Partnerships informed Members that all ongoing actions would be discussed during the forthcoming Committee workshop and the Committee noted the Action Log.

351. Petitions and Public Questions

There were no petitions or public questions.

352. Innovate and Cultivate Fund – Endorsement of Recommendations

The Chairman informed the Committee that he had accepted this being a late report due to the Recommendation Panel meeting shortly before the publication of the agenda. Following its meeting on 24th March 2021, the Recommendation Panel had recommended nine out of thirteen applications for funding through the Cultivate funding stream. If the applications were approved by the Committee, the total amount of funding committed by the Innovate and Cultivate Fund would be £1,799,363.93.

While discussing the recommended applications, Members paid tribute to officers that had supported the application process throughout the fund's existence, welcoming the fact that unsuccessful bids still benefited from assistance in seeking alternative funding and support.

It was resolved to:

Agree to fund the following nine applications through the Cultivate funding stream:

- Cambridge Hub
- Cambridge United Youth & Community Trust
- Cogwheel Counselling
- Deafblind UK
- Headway Cambridgeshire
- Littleport Parish Council
- Ramsey Neighbourhoods Trust
- Sport Works (North) CIC
- Waterbeach and Landbeach Action for Youth (WAY)

353. Communities and Partnership Committee Agenda Plan

The Chairman observed that it was the final Committee meeting before the forthcoming local elections and praised the work of the Committee since it had been formed in 2017, noting its focus on people and improving their outcomes. He also paid tribute to the support provided by the team led by the Service Director of Communities and Partnerships.

The Committee noted its Agenda Plan.

Chairman
27th May 2021