

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE

21 March 2002
(2.30 – 5.25pm)

PRESENT: Councillors J. Rosenstiel (Chair), Benstead, Callaghan, Ellis-Miller, Knowles, Reed, Talbot and Taylor.
Councillor Hipkin attended as the alternate member for Cllr M Schofield.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

02/d/015 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2002 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Subsequent to the meeting, Councillor Reed queried the minuting under 02/d/07 when she and others were recorded for an amendment put by the Labour Group. After investigation, the Committee Manager agreed that the minute had been incorrectly recorded under Standing Order 56 (2). The revised minute has been incorporated in the signed copy and is replicated below together with the original version:

Previously:

Councillor Reed's amendment was lost by 6 votes to 4 (Councillors Benstead, Callaghan, Reed and Talbot for the amendment)

Amended to:

Councillor Reed's amendment was lost by 4 votes to 6 (with Councillors Benstead, Callaghan, Reed and Talbot for the amendment; Councillors J Rosenstiel, Ellis-Miller, Knowles, Levison, M Schofield and Taylor against).

02/d/16 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Levison and M Schofield.

02/d/17 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Code of Conduct (non-financial) interests were declared:

Councillor Benstead (02/d/22) rate relief 12th Scout Association, Gilbert Road as daughter attended brownies.

Councillor Callaghan (02/d/22) Trustee of Black Women's Support Group, Ethnic Community Forum and Women's Resources Centre (when all these applications were considered, the member left the room).

Councillor Ellis-Miller (02/d/22) user of Romsey Mill, CIAC, Junction/Drama Centre, Council observer on Women's Resources Centre.

Councillor Hipkin, (02/d/22) Council observer on The CDC/Junction Board.

Councillor Knowles (02/d/22) as a Friend of the Folk Museum, Arts Theatre, member of Refugee Support Group, Council observer on GET Board, (02/d/22) Chair, Arts Forum

for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough.

Councillor Rosenstiel (02/d/22) Trustee of Student Community Action (when this was considered, the member left the room). (02/d/20) recipient of training through the Reaching Out Project. (02/d/21) daughter sometime user of Greenhouse Kids Club. (02/d/22) rate relief 12th Scout Association, Gilbert Road as daughter sometimes attended because of being a Girl Guide.

Councillor Talbot (02/d/19 and 27) a relative was employed at Parkside Pools.

The following pecuniary interest was declared:

Councillor Rosenstiel (02/d/22) Cruse Bereavement – employee (when this application was considered the member left the room)

02/d/18 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from the public.

02/d/19 **REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS, CARRY FORWARDS AND SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES**

The Committee noted during discussion on the budget variance for Parkside Pools, that attendance had not been noticeably affected by the price increases implemented from 1 January.

Resolved

To seek approval from City Board to carry forward an estimated total of £60,000 into 2002/03 subject to final outturn position.

02/d/20 **EMPLOYMENT FOUNDATION SCHEME BUSINESS PLAN FOR 2002/03**

The Committee welcomed the report (the fifth Business Plan for the Employment Foundation Scheme). The Committee noted that the Business Plan covered a range of services and there would always be the potential to expand certain elements. However, officers were mindful that its disadvantaged clients must not be compromised by any desire to expand the business.

In response to a request from Councillor Taylor, officers undertook to do some work for next years Best Value Continuous Improvement Programme to look into the geographic spread of the Greenfingers service. Councillor Hipkin asked if EFS could look into offering more out-reach work across the City.

Resolved

- 1) To approve the Business Plan for 2002/03.
- 2) To endorse the bid for an enhanced Learning Gateway contract from the Learning and Skills Council for Cambridgeshire for 2002/03.

02/d/21 **FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO VOLUNTARY AND NOT-FOR PROFIT ORGANISATIONS 2001/02**

The Committee noted a revised report to that included in the agenda (which had been tabled). The officers advised that the revised report contained up to date information of small grants agreed under delegated powers from November 2001.

The Committee agreed to defer the decision relating to Greenhouse Kids Club and noted that the officers were in continued discussion with the Club.

The Committee was advised that the Cambridge Museum of Technology had received confirmation from the Southern England Museum Council of its properly constituted museum status.

Resolved

To approve the grant to Cambridge Museum of Technology of £2900 and defer a decision on the application from Greenhouse Kids Club pending more financial information

02/d/22 **FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO VOLUNTARY AND NOT-FOR PROFIT ORGANISATIONS 2002/03**

Councillor Talbot, speaking as a Kings Hedges Ward Councillor, commended the work that Chris Freeman had done for the Arbury Community Association in the last twelve months and requested that this be placed on record. The Committee noted that the Association had been through a recent difficult period and would be advised further by officers if required in 2002/03. The details of grants and discretionary rate relief are appended to these minutes.

Resolved

- 1) To confirm the allocation of grants for community development voluntary and not-for-profit organisations for 2002-03 listed in Appendix 1. (*Councillors Rosenstiel and Callaghan withdrew from the room as indicated under Declaration of Interest above [02/d/17], and the Vice Chair took the Chair during consideration of the five grants in question*).
- 2) To confirm the allocation of grants and discretionary rate relief for economic policy voluntary and not-for-profit organisations for 2002-03 listed in Appendix 2.
- 3) To approve a further grant of up to £10,000 for the Cambridge and County Folk

Museum to contribute to its redevelopment programme. The grant will only be released if other fundraising is insufficient to meet costs. (Section 3.3)

- 4) To undertake the allocation of up to £20,000 in 2003-04 and up to £20,000 in 2004-05 for the Cambridge and County Folk Museum to contribute to its redevelopment programme. The grants will only be released if other fundraising is insufficient to meet costs. (Section 3.3)
- 5) To confirm the allocation of grants for leisure voluntary and not-for-profit organisations for 2002-03 listed in Appendix 3.
- 6) To approve recommendations for 2002-03 discretionary rate relief for community development organisations listed in Appendix 4.
- 7) To approve recommendations for 2002-03 discretionary rate relief for leisure organisations listed in Appendix 5.

02/d/23 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BEST VALUE FUNDAMENTAL
SERVICE REVIEW – PROJECT DEFINITION**

The Committee asked to be copied into the consultants brief re. the future strategy for community-use buildings. Councillor Reed requested that all members should be involved in, and informed of, the various stages of the Best Value Review wherever possible.

Resolved

To approve the BVFSR Project Definition without amendment.

02/d/24 **ARTS PLAN FOR CAMBRIDGE**

The Committee welcomed a report which provided policy direction for the Council's own arts services and gave a context for partnership with grant aided clients and others in the arts sector.

Resolved

To endorse the Arts Plan for Cambridge and its Action Plan.

02/d/25 **PHONE MASTS IN CAMBRIDGE – DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION**

The Committee received a report which was being considered by all service committees prior to its submission to City Board for determination on 16 April.

The Committee agreed with the contents of the Action Plan and at Councillor Knowles' suggestion agreed that the proposal for a Liaison Officer should, at least initially, be a part-time post.

Resolved

That the above comment be passed on to City Board for consideration on 16 April.

02/d/26 FOOTBALL MONUMENT/SCULPTURE ON PARKERS PIECE

The Committee received a report which proposed the erection of a sculpture on the eastern corner of Parkers Piece which commemorated the Cambridge Rules for Football written in 1863.

Resolved

- 1) To grant permission to erect a sculpture on Parkers Piece to commemorate the creation of 'The Cambridge Rules' on the site indicated in the report.
- 2) To request officers to assist Zion Eagles FC in pursuing sources of funding.

02/d/27 BEST VALUE FUNDAMENTAL SERVICE REVIEW OF SPORTS SERVICES

The Committee thanked the officers who contributed to this Best Value Review. The Chair stated that a key element was the integration of the swimming service and the Committee had already taken decisions at its meeting on 8 November 2001 to begin this process. The Chair drew attention to the comment in the report that implementing some parts (of the Plan) would only be possible with extra resources which would be priced and bid for as part of the annual budget process when each would be prioritised and progressed depending on the funding available.

In response to questions from Councillor Reed concerning the work undertaken toward the development of a Trust for the swimming service, the Director of Community Services stated that there had been no moves made in that direction. The Committee noted that legal advice had been taken on the tendering of the swimming service to ensure that there existed a level playing field during the procurement exercise.

Resolved

To approve the Best Value Review of Sports Services and the Action Plans for continuous improvement for the service.

02/d/28 POST RESTRUCTURING REVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Resolved

To delegate second tier restructuring resulting from the post-restructuring review to

the Director of Environment & Planning in consultation with Chairs and spokes of Environment and CD&L Committees, or post 23 May, Chair and Spokes of Civic Affairs Committee.

02/d/29 **OTHER BUSINESS**

With the permission of the Chair, Councillor Talbot proposed that the Committee instruct officers to pass on the Council's good wishes to Cambridge United FC for the Final of the LDV Trophy at the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff on Sunday 24 March. The Committee agreed to this proposal.

Subsequent to the meeting the Mayor wrote to the football club on behalf of the City.

02/d/30 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC**

Resolved

To exclude members of the public from the meeting on the grounds that, if they were present, there would be disclosure to them of information defined as exempt from publication by paragraph 8 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

02/d/31 **FOLK FESTIVAL PRODUCTION CONTRACTS**

Resolved

- 1) That the contract for provision of marquees is awarded to Owen Brown Ltd for 2002 at a cost of £53,889.35 and that year 2003 be awarded subject to satisfactory service and inflationary increases. Total anticipated value of the two year contract period is estimated at £109,395.
- 2) That the contract for provision of toilet and shower facilities is awarded to John Anderson Hire Ltd for 2002 at a cost of £41,245 and that years 2003 and 2004 be awarded subject to satisfactory service and inflationary increases. Total anticipated value of the three year contract period is estimated at £127,484.
- 3) That the contract for provision of power and lighting facilities is awarded to Pearce Hire for 2002 at a cost of £44,577 and that years 2003 and 2004 be awarded subject to satisfactory service and inflationary increases. Total anticipated value of the three year contract period is estimated at £137,783
- 4) That the contract for provision of PA and sound facilities is awarded to Cane Green for 2002 at a cost of £24,335 and that years 2003 and 2004 be awarded subject to satisfactory service and inflationary increases. Total anticipated value of the three year contract period is estimated at £75,259.

- 5) That in all cases, the Director of Central Services and Director of Finance be authorised to approve the contract extensions, subject to satisfactory performance.

Finally, the Chair said that, as the Council would be adopting new political structures in May 2002, this was the last ever meeting of the Committee. She paid tribute to the members and officers who had been involved with the Committee over the years, and thanked them for their hard work. Members of the Committee concurred.

The meeting ended at 5.25 pm.

CHAIR