

Beaudesert & Henley in Arden JPC

Funding Community Organisations Working Party

Meeting 7th March 2017

Present; Bill Leech, Peter Crathorne, John Garner, Bob Morgan (co-opted)

Library;

Following a meeting with the Library Board on the previous day, PC had produced a document outlining the planned collaboration between the Library and the JPC. This document was reviewed and the WP agreed with the scope and content but it was decided to adjust the language to reflect their conclusion that the document be a declaration of mutual intention rather than a legally binding contract.

The Hub;

Following the JPC's approval in principal to give The Hub a grant of £20 000 per annum for the next two years, the WP examined the latest (YTD Feb 07) Hub financial information in order to confirm that such a grant would ensure sustainability.

Extrapolating the YTD figures for a full year the projected outcome shows an income of £30 000 and an expenditure of £37 000.

Income is generated by user charges, donations (£8-9K per annum) and grants (£11 335, of which £8 000 was from the JPC).

From previous discussions, key to sustainability of the youth activities will be the employment of a part time Senior Youth Worker via WAYC. This is estimated to cost £10K per annum.

If the JPC increase its annual grant by £12K (i.e. to £20K) then the projected income next year would be £42K but the expenditure would rise to £47K with the appointment of the Sen Youth Worker. Reserves at the end of year are expected to be circa £5K.

Since the takeover of The Hub by the community, grants have become harder and harder to come by and reserves have been run down. The Hub Trustees have engaged with a Consultancy who will seek to obtain grants for The Hub on a 15% commission but this arrangement has yet to bear fruit.

The Hub Trustees are in the process of obtaining a new (25 year) lease

from WCC – their current 5year lease ends this year. Given the nature and condition of the centre’s building, this new lease may give rise to capital liabilities in the future.

The WP formed the following conclusions;

- i) The JPC should give a grant of £25K per annum for the next two years to reflect the up to date financial analysis.
- ii) A professional view on future building liabilities should be obtained.
- iii) The ability to obtain grants will have a significant impact on The Hub’s sustainability. Even if they are forthcoming, decisions will need to be made as to whether they are used to reduce the level of JPC support, expand activities, or create a restricted reserve for future capital liabilities. In the happy event that money is forthcoming the decision will probably be a combination of all three above – but the JPC will need to be involved in the decision making.
- iv) In light of the WP discussions, the proposed collaboration paper produced by PC will need to be modified to reflect both a change of tone (as for the Library) and the points above.

HWMT;

The WP considered a paper on data collection required for both parties to make an informed decision regarding their future relationship. The scope of data proposed in the paper was agreed and it was further agreed that PC and BM would turn the paper into a questionnaire and then meet with all HWMT affiliates and stakeholders to collect data on the basis of the questionnaire.

Bob Morgan

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