

GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE

Summary: To provide an update on Action points resulting from the June 2017 Grants Sub Committee meeting.

Recommendation: That the update be noted.

Officer Ref: Edward Bonn, Rural Skills and Grants Officer (01451 862032)

Current update:

As no Action points were noted in the Minutes to the September 2017 Executive Meeting, the following update is provided:

A Sub-Committee meeting is envisaged in January 2018, pending receipt of the ongoing applications listed below. All Sub-Committee members will be informed about this proposed meeting, to determine a mutually agreeable date and time.

This meeting will also include a discussion by the Officer about a thematic approach to the grants programme, possible improvements to the ongoing administration of this programme, and a communications / promotional initiative currently under discussion with the Communications Officer.

In terms of the Sustainable Development Fund the majority of funds have already been expended and the following grants have been allocated for 2017-18:

- Penny Williamson: Interpretative information board (**£1,198**)
- Camelot Community Partnership LLP: meadow restoration near Painswick Beacon (**£2,298**) – delegated authority
- Chalford Village Shop: postal service (**£2,761**)
- Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group SW: Carrant Landscape Restoration Project (**£8,000**)
- Hanwell Parish Council: village festival (**£2,289**)
- **Total: £16,546**

Ongoing support is also being provided to the following potential applicants by the Officer, to submit applications for consideration during the next meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee:

- Brailes Flood Group: Brailes flood reduction scheme (**£7,552**) – invited to resubmit for consideration by the Grants Sub Committee in April 2018
- Hawkwood College: interpretation and signage (**£8,000**): **application submitted 29/11/2017**
- Ascott Martyrs Project: village memorial (**£5,000 - £10,000**)
- Cotswolds Tourism: video trail commemorating the 2017 Tour of Britain route (**amount to be confirmed**)

- National Trust: Chedworth Activity project (**£5,000**)
- Mr Channing (**organisation to be confirmed**): dry stone walling restoration (**amount to be confirmed**)
- Stroud Valleys Project: educational initiative involving Rural Skills tuition for young people and related media (**amount to be confirmed**)
- Shipston Oliffe Parish Council: cycle shelter and pathway improvements – sustainable transport initiative (**£5,000**)

Available funding for 2017-18 is £27,593, with £16,546 allocated to-date. Accordingly, £11,047 is available for the remainder of 2017-18.

Supporting Paper(s):

None