

BASSETLAW ENTERPRISE BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 10th December 2012 at Worksop Town Hall

Present:

Councillor S Toms (Chair)
Councillors K H Isard, G Jones, T Rafferty and M Storey
Co-opted Members: A Mitchell and S Raison

Officers in attendance: C Crossland and R Wilkinson.

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Pidwell.

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

(a) Members

There were no declarations of interest by Members.

(b) Officers

There were no declarations of interest by officers.

R Wilkinson advised Members that application 3015 states that the applicant has received business support from him, he advised that he has never met the applicant and that the same support is given to all applicants.

23. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th SEPTEMBER 2012

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2012 be approved.

SECTION A – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN PUBLIC

Key Decisions

None.

Other Decisions

None.

24. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, and after considering the public interest test as set out by the officer in the body of the report, Members agreed that the following items of business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2, and, therefore, in accordance with Section 100A of the Act, the press and public be excluded from the meeting:

Agenda Item No 4(a) Progress Update on Grants and Loans approved by Bassetlaw Enterprise Board – Paragraphs 1 and 2

Agenda Item No 4(b)(i) – New Application 3003 – Paragraphs 1 and 2
Agenda Item No 4(b)(ii) – New Application 3011 – Paragraphs 1 and 2
Agenda Item No 4(b)(iii) – New Application 3012 – Paragraphs 1 and 2
Agenda Item No 4(b)(iv) – New Application 3013 – Paragraphs 1 and 2
Agenda Item No 4(b)(v) – New Application 3015 – Paragraphs 1 and 2

SECTION B – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN PRIVATE

Key Decisions

None.

Other Decisions

None.

25. REPORT(S) OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

(a) Progress Update on Grants and Loans Approved by Bassetlaw Enterprise Board

The Board was given an update on grants and loans approved by Bassetlaw Enterprise Board. It was noted that the balance currently available for the award of grants in 2012/13 is £6,950.00. The amount that will be carried forward from unpaid grants from 2010/11 and 2011/12 is £3,990.00. A summary of Business Support expenditure for 2012/13 was given. Details of loans in arrears were appended to the report. It is anticipated that the Council's Debt Recovery Manager will attend the next meeting of the Board to provide an update.

The Economic Development Manager apologised for the errors in the original report. He drew Members attention to application 2093, he advised that the applicant has been overpaid and apologised for this error. Members awarded the applicant a grant of £940, £1,174.64 has been paid to the applicant. Members were given the option to recover the overpaid grant or resolve to ask the applicant for invoices for the amount over paid and not recover the grant.

RESOLVED that:

1. The progress report be received.
2. Applicant 2093 be given six weeks to provide additional invoices for the overpaid amount of £234.64. If sufficient information is provided the overpaid amount not be recovered.

(b) New Applications

(i) Application No 3003

The applicant did not attend.

(ii) New Application 3011

An application for financial assistance was considered by the Board towards the costs of cleaning equipment, safe, CCTV and marketing for a cleaning and care business in Worksop which will provide self-employment for the applicant once established and 7 part time positions.

Following consultation with the Board, the Chairman

RECOMMENDED that the application be not supported.

(iii) New Application 3012

An application for financial assistance was considered by the Board towards the costs of web design, brochure production, computer and office equipment plus fixtures and fittings for a brewery in Worksop which will provide two full time positions and two part time positions.

Following consultation with the Board, the Chairman

RECOMMENDED that:

1. The applicant be awarded a grant of £1,500 towards the costs of web design, brochure production, computer and office equipment plus fixtures and fittings providing that evidence of payment is submitted for at least £3,000.
2. The award be conditional upon a progress update being provided by the applicant in six months, twelve months and eighteen months' time and the applicant paying the £3.50 fee per applicant consumer search.

(iv) New Application 3013

The applicant cancelled their attendance prior to the commencement of the meeting.

(v) New Application 3015

An application for financial assistance was considered by the Board towards the costs of office equipment, stationary and marketing for a book publishing and retail business in Retford which will provide self-employment for the applicant.

Following consultation with the Board, the Chairman

RECOMMENDED that:

1. The applicant be awarded a grant of £390 towards the costs of web design, brochure production, computer and office equipment plus fixtures and fittings providing that evidence of payment is submitted for at least £780.
2. The award be conditional upon a progress update being provided by the applicant in six months, twelve months and eighteen months' time and the applicant paying the £3.50 fee per applicant consumer search.

26. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

As there was no other urgent business to be discussed, the Chairman closed the meeting.