

BASSETLAW ENTERPRISE BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 16th April 2012 at Retford Town Hall

Present:

Councillor T Rafferty (Chair for the meeting)
Councillors B A Bowles, D Challinor and K H Isard
Co-opted Members: S Raison and C Weingaertner

Officers in attendance: C Crossland and R Wilkinson.

(The Chairman read out the Fire Alarm/Evacuation Procedure.)

33. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Toms.

34. 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.

35. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH JANUARY 2012

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 16TH January 2012 be approved.

SECTION A – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN PUBLIC

Key Decisions

None.

Other Decisions

None.

36. 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 2091 – Paragraphs 1 and 2
Agenda Item No 4(b)(ii) – New Application 2092 – Paragraphs 1 and 2
Agenda Item No 4(b)(iii) – New Application 2093 – Paragraphs 1 and 2
Agenda Item No 4(b)(iv) – New Application 2088 – Paragraphs 1 and 2
Agenda Item No 4(b)(v) – New Application 2090– Paragraphs 1 and 2

SECTION B – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN PRIVATE

Key Decisions

None.

Other Decisions

None.

37. 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 there was an underspend last financial year as there has been fewer applications than in previous years. The underspend has been carried forward and the balance currently available for the award of grants in 2012/13 is £24,100.

Members were given verbal updates on individual loan cases, which were appended to the report.

RESOLVED that the progress report be received.

(b) New Applications

(i) Application No 2091

An application for financial assistance was considered by the Board towards the costs of a laptop, concrete mixer/chop saw, telephony, stationery and advertising (website/uniform) for a builders business in Worksop which has created self-employment for the three applicants.

Following consultation with the Board, the Chairman

RECOMMENDED that the application be not supported.

(ii) New Application 2092

An application for financial assistance was considered by the Board towards the costs of refurbishment (flooring, doors etc), office desk, two chairs, waiting room sofa, blinds, alarm/CCTV cameras, advertising (local press, signage) and stationary (brochures, business cards, etc) for a memorial business in Worksop which has created self-employment for the applicant.

Following consultation with the Board, the Chairman

RECOMMENDED that:

1. The applicant be awarded a grant of £1,495 towards the costs of refurbishment (flooring, doors etc), office desk, two chairs, waiting room sofa, blinds, alarm/CCTV cameras, advertising (local press, signage) and stationary (brochures, business cards, etc) providing that evidence of payment is submitted for at least £2,990.
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.

(iii) New Application 2093

An application for financial assistance was considered by the Board towards the costs of an outdoor decked education/ learning area, sand pit, active world starter set, rocker (see saw), push along toys (cosy cars), Little Tykes play house, bird table and outdoor signs/posters cards for a child minding business in Worksop which has created self-employment for the applicant and will create a position for an apprentice once established.

Following consultation with the Board, the Chairman

RECOMMENDED that:

1. The applicant be awarded a grant of £940 towards the costs of an outdoor decked education/learning area, sand pit, active world starter set, rocker (see saw), push along toys (cosy cars), Little Tykes play house, bird table and outdoor signs/posters providing that evidence of payment is submitted for at least £1,879.
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 2088

An application for financial assistance was considered by the Board towards the costs of a laptop, printer/scanner/copier, two Sat Navs, office furniture, mobile phones (with tracking devices and software in order to plot the location of the vehicles for deliveries) for a courier business in Worksop which has created part time self-employment for the applicants and a further four part time positions.

Following consultation with the Board, the Chairman

RECOMMENDED that the application be not supported.

(v) New Application 2090

An application for financial assistance was considered by the Board towards the costs of projectors, a copy writer, logo, website and business cards for a training solutions business in Rhodesia, Worksop which has created self-employment for the applicant.

Following consultation with the Board, the Chairman

RECOMMENDED that:

1. The applicant be awarded a grant of £850 towards the costs of projectors, a copy writer, logo, website and business cards providing that evidence of payment is submitted for at least £1,700.

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.

38. 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.