

BASSETLAW ENTERPRISE BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 12th December 2011 at Retford Town Hall

Present:

Councillor S Toms (Chairman)
Councillors R B Carrington-Wilde, K H Isard and T Rafferty
Co-opted Members: A Mitchell

Officers in attendance: C Crossland and R Wilkinson.

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B A Bowles and D Challinor and co-opted members P Elliot and S Raison.

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

(a) Members

Councillor T Rafferty declared a personal interest in Application 2082, as the applicant is related to her son.

(b) Officers

There were no declarations of interest by officers.

23. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17TH OCTOBER 2011

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 17TH October 2011 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 2082 – Paragraphs 1 and 2

Agenda Item No 4(b)(ii) – New Application 2083 – Paragraphs 1 and 2
Agenda Item No 4(b)(iii) – New Application 2084 – Paragraphs 1 and 2
Agenda Item No 4(b)(iv) – New Application 2085 – 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 2011/12 is £10,569.00.

The Economic Development Manager informed Members on the progress on the conditional grant scheme which will be launched at the beginning of the New Year.

Members were updated on the Enterprise Club, the first meeting has been held and was successful with 21 local businesses signed up to the initiative to provide guidance to new start-up businesses.

In response to questions raised regarding other support available for business after the closure of business link, the Economic Development Manager informed Members that £2000 from the Bassetlaw Enterprise Board budget will be used to provide business support during the interim period and the possibility a member of the economic development team providing direct business support is being considered.

RESOLVED that the progress report be received.

(b) New Applications

(i) Application No 2082

An application for financial assistance was considered by the Board towards the costs of an autoclave, tools, stationary and advertising to assist in establishing a footcare 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 £1,150 towards the costs of an autoclave, tools, stationary and advertising providing that evidence of payment is submitted for at least £2,300.

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.

(ii) New Application 2083

An application for financial assistance was considered by the Board towards the costs of a reception desk, 2 dryers (with chairs), floor covering and a reception couch for a hairdressing business in Worksop, which has created self-employment for the applicants and a further part time position.

Following consultation with the Board, the Chairman

RECOMMENDED that:

1. The applicant be awarded a grant of £1,500 towards the costs of a reception desk, 2 dryers (with chairs), floor covering and a reception couch 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.

(iii) New Application 2084

An application for financial assistance was considered by the Board towards the costs of an Apple I-Mac, printer and software to establish a graphic design business in Worksop which will create part-time employment for the applicant then full-time employment once established.

Following consultation with the Board, the Chairman

RECOMMENDED that:

1. The applicant be awarded a grant of £1,385 towards the costs of an Apple I-Mac, printer and software providing that evidence of payment is submitted for at least £2,769.
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 2085

An application for financial assistance was considered by the Board towards the cost of a compact tractor to establish a forestry business in Worksop which has created full time employment for the applicant and a three full time positions.

Following consultation with the Board, the Chairman

RECOMMENDED that the application be not supported

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.