



Minutes of the meeting of the GRANT AID COMMITTEE held on TUESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 1999 at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillor Barton (Chair)
Councillors Clark, Gillingham, I Henderson, Legg and Newcombe
(substitute for Councillor Pym)

Co-opted Member: G Edwards (Chair of the Voluntary Sector Consultative Assembly)

Officers: C Bland (Grant Aid and Administration Officer) and S Parker (Committee Administrator)

Apologies: Councillors Miles and Pym

Also Present: V Gwynn (Head of Community and Economic Development)

GA16/00 MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Grant Aid Committee held on 28 September 1999 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

GA17/00 GRANT AID PRESENTATION - BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

The Committee received a presentation from Elizabeth Jones on the work of the Bereavement Service. Details of the background to the organisation, finances, past years' achievements and weaknesses and threats to the future development of the service were presented.

The Committee thanked Elizabeth Jones for her presentation.

GA18/00 GRANT AID PRESENTATION - CHINESE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Committee received a presentation from Simon Wong on the work of the Chinese School. A background briefing to the Milton Keynes Chinese School and Community Centre was presented which included information on the work and achievements of the Group. The Committee thanked Simon Wong for his presentation.

GA19/00 GRANT AID PRESENTATION - LESBIAN AND GAY LINK (FORMALLY KNOWN AS LESBIAN AND GAY SWITCHBOARD)

The Committee received a presentation from Derek Childs of the Lesbian and Gay Link, which provided details of current projects, achievements, scope for development and weakness and threats to the organisation.

The Committee thanked Derek Childs for his presentation.

GA20/00 GRANT AID PRESENTATION - RACIAL EQUALITY COUNCIL

The Committee received a presentation from Maureen Rock, Director of Milton Keynes Racial Equality Council on the work programme of the Racial Equality Council. The Committee also noted details of its finances and progress made to date.

The Committee thanked Maureen Rock for her presentation.

GA21/00 GRANT AID COMMITTEE - REMIT

Further to Minute GA14/00, the Committee considered a report which sought to define the scrutiny, monitoring and strategic options outlined in the previous report to the Committee of 28 September 1999.

The Committee noted that the proposals, detailed in the report, were to be superseded by changes to structures that are due to be effective from next April, as part of the Council's response to new democratic management structures.

RESOLVED -

1. That to acknowledge the importance the Committee gives to its monitoring role, full monitoring reports be requested from organisations seeking Grant Aid to be presented to the next meeting of the Committee to enable the Committee to base its recommendations for Grant Aid for the financial year 2000/2001 on the information which is provided.
2. That the Democratic Structures Working Group be informed that the process to revise structures - which affects the work of the Grant Aid Committee - should involve meaningful consultation with the Voluntary Sector and should recognise the importance which the Grant Aid Committee gives to the uniqueness of the current arrangements for determining requests for Grant Aid from the Voluntary Sector.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 9.12 PM