

**MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP DEVOLVED FUNDING AND DEVOLVED
SERVICES SUB COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING
Thursday 30 March 2023**

PRESENT: Councillor West (Chair); Councillors Beswick, Burke, Dale, N. Emmott, S. Emmott, Hodgkinson, S. Smith, D. Williams, P. Williams, Wolf and Wynne

OFFICERS: M. Aiken (Highways), K. Davies (Committee Services) and L. Mason (Townships)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Eight members of the public, including representatives of community groups who were in attendance to present their applications for funding.

19 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allonby, Rowbotham and Wardle.

20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In relation to agenda item number 6 - Middleton Township Funds 2022/23 - the Chair, Councillor West, declared a non-pecuniary interest in the submitted funding application for Jubilee Park CCTV. Councillor Wynne declared a non-pecuniary interest in the submitted funding applications for Middleton Roundtable. Councillor Wolf also declared a non-pecuniary interest in the submitted funding application for 'Durnford Street salt bin'.

Councillor West, Councillor Wynne and Councillor Wolf therefore did not vote during consideration of these items.

21 URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business received.

22 ITEMS FOR EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

There were no items for the exclusion of press and public.

23 MINUTES

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the meeting of Middleton Township Devolved Funding and Devolved Services Sub-Committee held on 15 December 2022 be approved as a correct record.

24 MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP FUNDS 2022/23

The Sub-Committee gave consideration to a report of the Townships Business Officer which provided an update on revenue and capital expenditure, commitments and balances of Middleton Township Funds 2022/23, and to enable the allocations of funds to proposed projects.

Members were informed that the Middleton Township Capital Funds available for allocation was £28,090 and that the Middleton Township Revenue (Projects) Funds available for allocation was £91,567.

Alternatives considered:

Members were asked to decide whether or not to approve the allocations of funds to projects as appropriate.

Resolved:

1. That the expenditure, commitments and balances of the Middleton Township Funds Revenue and Capital Funds as detailed in appendices 1 and 2 of the submitted report be noted;
2. That the decisions made under delegated authority as detailed in Appendix 3 of the submitted report be noted;
3. That the Sub-Committee notes that the Townships and Communities Manager has assessed the proposed projects to be considered for funding against the criteria of eligibility for the Middleton Township Fund, the priorities of the Township and any specific risks have been identified within the report;
4. That the Townships and Communities Manager, in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair and opposition spokesperson of the Sub-Committee, be given delegated authority to make decisions on any deferred projects;
5. That applications for Middleton Township Funds 2022/2023, as outlined at Appendices 4 and 5 of the submitted reports, be dealt with as follows:

Application	Decision
Middleton Holiday @ Home 2023	Approved - £15,000 from Township Revenue Projects Fund.
HeyKids High School Musical at Middleton Arena	Approved - £1,425 from Township Revenue Projects Fund with a request to be made to Heywood Township to consider funding the remaining 50% of the amount requested.
Additional Christmas lights and features for Middleton	Approved - £6,000 from Township Revenue Projects Fund.

Long Street waiting restrictions	Approved - £4,300 from North Middleton Ward Capital Fund.
Three Pits Allotment Society security fence	Approved - £1,702.45 from North Middleton Ward Revenue Projects Fund.
Durnford Street salt bin	Approved - £1,050 from North Middleton Ward Capital Fund.
Wood Street/Hawkshead Drive knee high rail fence and bollard	Approved - £2,100 - 50% from South Middleton Ward Capital Fund and 50% from West Middleton Ward Capital Fund.
Croft Gates Road Open Space football posts	Application deferred.
Kelvin Avenue fence and access gate	Application deferred.
May Day 2023	Refused - but £5,500 to be allocated from the Township Projects / Events Fund for the event to be organised by Rochdale Borough Council Events Team.
Middfest 2023	Application for £19,000 from Townships Projects / Events Fund approved in principle and the decision delegated to Chair, Vice Chair and Middleton Township Manager pending further information from the applicant.
Middleton Market	Approved - £10,000 from Township Projects Fund.
Springfield Road verge to footway conversion	Application deferred pending further discussion between Highways and Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM).

Mills Hill Road vehicle activated sign	Approved - £1,250 from East Middleton Ward Projects Fund and £1,250 from Township Capital Fund.
Jubilee Park CCTV	Approved - £14,115.37 from Township Projects / Events Fund.

Reasons for the decision:

Management of the Middleton Township Fund is delegated to the Middleton Township Devolved Funding and Devolved Services Sub-Committee.

Middleton Township Funds are allocated to projects that benefit the Township's community and environment, and realise the Township priorities.

To enable the committee to monitor and review the use of the Middleton Township Funds to ensure continued efficient and effective use of the funds.

Eligible for Call-In: Yes