

NEWBIGGIN-BY-THE-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Grant Committee held on Wednesday 09 May 2012 at 8.45 pm at the Town Council Cottage Newbiggin by-the-Sea

PRESENT: Councillors: R McCready (Chairperson)

M Boon

W Rogers

Officer: D Earl – Town Clerk

GC01/12 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

RESOLVED: That Councillor R McCready be elected Chairperson of the Committee for the Municipal Year.

GC02/12 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 February were confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.

GC03/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Personal interests were declared by Councillor McCready as a member of Newbiggin In Bloom and Newbiggin Arts Forum.

Members considered the principle of accepting several late applications for Jubilee Grants and considered that as the expenditure would be minimal it could easily be met from the current year's grant allocation.

GC04/12 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the Agenda as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act relating to personal financial and business affairs.

GC05/12 THE QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE PARTY - APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT

Three more applications had been received for small grants towards local parties for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Councillor McCready declared an interest and withdrew from the Chair and consideration of the following application. Councillor Rogers in the Chair.

An application by the Chair of the Newbiggin Arts Forum was considered for a grant towards a party in the grounds of the premises with related art activities for children on Sunday 3rd June.

RESOLVED that a grant of £50 be awarded to Newbiggin Arts Forum.

Councillor McCready in the Chair.

An application on behalf of residents in Storey Crescent and another on behalf of residents and public at the De Baliol Care Home were considered and approved.

RESOLVED that a grant of £44.47 be approved for Story Crescent Residents and £50 for De Baliol Care Home.

GC06/12 2012 – 2013 Grant Scheme

A number of applications for grant had been submitted at the start of the financial year and could be considered against the new budget allocation.

Councillor McCready declared a personal interest as a member of Newbiggin In Bloom and withdrew from the Chair and consideration of the following application. Councillor Rogers in the Chair.

The application from Newbiggin In Bloom was considered for a further grant to provide equipment for planting in the town. Members considered that there had been no feedback on the grant approved in the previous year and felt there were outstanding issues with the project now proposed.

RESOLVED that the application 01/12/13 be refused at this time.

Councillor McCready returned to Chair the remainder of the meeting.

Projects and applications were considered in turn from RASCALS/Newbiggin Children's Centre to assist the development of outdoor gardening activities for young children; equipment to support the Land On Our Left kayak circumnavigation of Britain leaving from and returning to Newbiggin Bay; support for the cost of operating the Newbiggin Keep Fit Club; support for young people gaining horticultural qualifications through a local project operated by Get U Started; Carers Northumberland maintaining a support meeting for local carers.

RESOLVED that the following grants be awarded:

- (i) Rascals/Newbiggin Children's Centre 02/12/13 - £300;**
- (ii) Land On Our Left 03/12/13 - £300;**
- (iii) Newbiggin Keep Fit Club 04/12/13 - £300;**
- (iv) Get U Started 05/12/13 - £300;**
- (v) Carers Northumberland 06/12/13 - £300;**

Signed by the Chairperson:

Date:.....