

NEWBIGGIN-BY-THE-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Grant Committee held on Wednesday 23 January 2013 at 8.30 pm at Newbiggin Sports and Community Centre

PRESENT: Councillors: R McCready (Chairperson)

M Boon

Officer: D Earl – Town Clerk

GC18/12 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor W Rogers

GC19/12 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 October 2012 were confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.

GC20/12 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.

GC21/12 2012 – 2013 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT

A number of further applications for grant assistance were to be considered and details were circulated by the Town Clerk. The Committee considered the budget situation following the additional allocation of £1,000 to the current budget at the Council meeting. Applications were considered by the members in accordance with the criteria of benefit to the local community.

Applications numbered 12/13/17 to 12/13/21 were in respect of contributions towards the cost of providing costumes for performances by pupils of the Simonside Dance Academy; fund-raising for the facilities provided for local children and their families by the Sick Children's Trust; improvements to the Community Hall for the Salvation Army; the Great North Air Ambulance Service; Community Works Gardening and Handyman Service provided by the Castle Morpeth Disability Association.

Assistance was sought by 20,000 Voices to develop and consolidate the Community Choir recently established in Newbiggin by-the-Sea.

Council had delegated decisions concerning concessions towards room hire costs at Woodhorn Villa which would amount to grants recognising community benefits. The Kids Arts Forum and the Little Gem Gallery formerly operated as part of the Newbiggin Arts Forum until its demise provided activities for children and a visitor attraction for the town and it was agreed that hire rates should be affordable for community benefit organizations. It was felt that an information point should be incorporated in the Gallery Room and that it should be available for other events from time to time.

RESOLVED that the following grants be awarded:

- (i) £300 for application 12/13/17 towards the cost of costumes for Simonside Dance Academy;
- (ii) £300 for application 12/13/18 towards the operation of Crawford House by the Sick Children's Trust;
- (iii) £300 for application 12/13/19 towards the cost of improvements to the Community Hall for Newbiggin by-the-Sea Salvation Army;
- (iv) £60 for application 12/13/20 towards the Great North Air Ambulance Service ;
- (v) £60 for application 12/13/21 towards the operation of the Castle Morpeth Disability Association Community Works Initiative.
- (vi) £300 for application 12/13/24 towards the development and consolidation of the Community Choir for 20,000 Voices;
- (vii) The Kids Arts Forum be charged a concessionary room rate of £7 per week;
- (viii) The Little Gem Arts Gallery be charged a concessionary rate of £250 per year for the operation of the Gallery.

Signed by the Chairperson:

Date:.....