

NEWBIGGIN-BY-THE-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Grant Committee held on Wednesday 11 March 2015 at 8.30 pm at St Bartholomew's Church Centre Newbiggin by-the-Sea

PRESENT:

Councillors: L Burns (Chairperson)
M Boon W Rogers

Officer: D Earl – Town Clerk

GC18/14 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 08 December 2014 were confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.

GC19/14 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Burns declared an interest in application number 14/24 as Chair of the Portas Town Team.

GC20/14 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.

GC21/14 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT

The Town Clerk circulated details of recent and deferred applications for grant and updated Members on the current budget position for the financial year which was again over subscribed. The Committee considered a range of applications and considered that while continuing to support local organizations it would have to reduce grants in respect of repeat applications. The Clerk was requested to notify recipients of general principle of reducing contributions to repeat applications and the need to work towards sustainability as pressure grew on the budget.

Contributions were sought towards educational courses at The Learning Hive East Moor; hosting visitors from the National Maritime Attraction Forum at the Maritime Centre; reprinting updated leaflet for the Newbiggin Arts Trail; support towards young people from Josephine Butler Campus attending Team Peru 2015 to assist building a school and assisting an orphanage; contribution towards Traders window displays in support of the Vintage Newbiggin Easter by-the-Sea Events; acquisition of bunting for town centre decoration; contribution towards set up costs for the Vintage Markets.

Each of the applications was considered in turn in relation to the local benefit criteria which Members were satisfied was met. Where necessary some payments would be delayed until the next financial year and subject to conditions.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) A grant of £300 be awarded to Blyth Resource and Initiative Centre for application No 14/18;
- (ii) A grant of £300 be awarded to Newbiggin Maritime Centre for application No 14/20;
- (iii) A grant of £300 be awarded to KEAP Creative for application No 14/21;
- (iv) A grant contribution of £150 be awarded to the Team Peru 2015 application by Daniel Anderson for No 14/22 on condition that it supported Newbiggin residents;
- (v) A grant of £20 per participating retail business up to an overall maximum of £300 be awarded to Newbiggin by-the-Sea Traders Association for application No 14/23 following confirmation of participation;

Councillor Burns declared an interest in the following item of business and withdrew from consideration of the application.

- (vi) A grant of £300 be awarded to Portas Town Team Vintage Newbiggin Easter by-the-Sea application No 14/24;
- (vii) A grant of £300 be awarded to Artily Events for application No 14/25.

Signed by the Chairperson:

Date:.....