

NEWBIGGIN-BY-THE-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Grant Committee held on Wednesday
08 June 2011 at 6.30 pm at the Town Council Cottage Newbiggin by-the-sea.**

PRESENT: Councillors: R McCready (Chairperson)
M Boon

Officer: D Earl – Town Clerk

GC01/11 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

RESOLVED that Councillor R McCready be appointed Chairperson for the remainder of the municipal year.

GC02/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor W Rogers

GC03/11 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 April 2011 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

GC04/11 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 paragraph 1 and 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act relating to personal financial and business affairs.

GC05/11 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT

The Committee considered an application for grant numbered 11/12/06 in relation to promotional costs for a Music Festival to be undertaken for the community and proceeds to benefit The Sir Bobby Robson Foundation. The Committee felt that the contribution to the inclusion of the community in music arts and the vibrancy of the town fit well with the criteria for small grants. The organisers aimed to make this an annual event for the town and ten acts had been attracted to this years' event on 30 July.

Application 11/12/07 had good potential to link a number of local organisations in delivering professional performance entertainment locally with other external support provided a commitment could be given to events in Newbiggin.

Members were aware of invitations to a number of voluntary organisations in the town to attend the Northumberland Alnwick Garden Party. It was felt that the Town

Council could help facilitate the attendance of a significant number of local volunteers by making a grant available towards transport costs.

The Newbiggin Maritime Centre was presently fitting out the building and establishing their office and required furniture. The Town Council had a small amount of surplus furniture and could make a desk/table available.

RESOLVED that:

- (1) A grant of £300 be approved for the Old Ship Music Festival Newbiggin-by-the-Sea towards the cost of promotion of the event;**
- (2) A grant of £300 be approved for the Highlights Rural Touring Scheme provided a local production could be staged in partnership with a local charitable organisation or the Academy;**
- (3) A grant of £300 be approved towards the transport costs for local voluntary organisations attending the Northumberland Alnwick Garden Party for volunteers;**
- (4) The surplus desk/table be donated to Newbiggin Maritime Centre.**

Signed by the Chairperson:

Date:.....