

## NEWBIGGIN-BY-THE-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Meeting of the Grant Committee held on Monday 28 November 2011 at 7.00 pm at the Town Council Cottage Newbiggin by-the-Sea

**PRESENT:** Councillors: R McCready (Chairperson)  
M Boon W Rogers  
Officer: D Earl – Town Clerk

#### **GC18/11 MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 October were confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.

#### **GC19/11 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

Councillor R McCready declared a personal interest as a member of Newbiggin in Bloom Association.

#### **GC20/11 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 paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act relating to personal financial and business affairs.

#### **GC21/11 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT**

Several further applications for grant had been submitted for consideration by the Committee. The Town Clerk advised that while approval of all applications would exceed the amount of the current years' budget allocation there had been an under-spend in the previous two years and the Finance Committee had agreed to increase the allocation. Members considered in turn each application in relation to the criteria for small grants and the local objectives set out in the applications numbered 11/12/18 to 11/12/24.

The first application sought a grant for assistance in staging the choir day in the town for the Wansbeck Music Festival in its 100<sup>th</sup> festival year. A request was also included to consider sponsoring a bursary for a local young person.

Application 11/12/19 sought assistance towards replacing broken musical equipment and increased cost of renting premises for elderly residents to exercise and socialise through Tea Dances.

**RESOLVED that:**

- (i) A grant of £300 be approved for The Wansbeck Music Festival towards art tuition;**
- (ii) The request to sponsor a bursary for a young musician from the town be deferred for further information;**
- (iii) A grant of £300 be approved for Newbiggin Tea Dance.**

Councillor R McCready declared a personal interest as a member of Newbiggin in Bloom Association and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the following application.

**GC22/11** Application 11/12/20 on behalf of the Newbiggin in Bloom Association requested a grant towards the cost of purchasing horticultural requisites to enable the Association to grow its own bedding plants to enhance the appearance of the town.

**RESOLVED that the Newbiggin In Bloom Association be awarded a grant of £300.**

Councillor McCready returned to chair the remainder of the meeting.

**GC23/11** An application from the Bank House Social Club sought a contribution towards the cost of tidying the planted areas in the grounds along Front Street and making safe the surface of the car park for the benefit of the public accessing this area both pedestrians and drivers. Members considered the impact this area had on the appearance of the main street and of the public use of the car park.

Two applications had been received from Northern Learning Trust recently established by the housing association on the Moor Estate to improve community engagement and skills training. Application 11/12/22 requested a contribution towards establishing a monthly Community Newsletter to encourage community activity and increasing local residents' skills. The second application envisaged setting up a 'Grow your Own' initiative for residents increasing community cohesion to develop a 'Food Co-op' and 'Healthy Eating and Living' events. Members considered the importance of these initiatives in this area of the town and the scope for it to be extended. It was felt that more information was required as to how and where the growing initiative would take place.

Application 11/12/24 from the Northumberland Community Arts & Media Partnership sought assistance to help establish a new community magazine 'Ultra Mag' for publication by its volunteers in association with Ultra Radio as a communication tool and raise awareness for local voluntary groups. This was welcomed if engagement of groups and distribution in Newbiggin could be shown.

**RESOLVED that:**

- (i) A grant of £300 be approved for the Bank House Social Club;**
- (ii) Northern Learning Trust be awarded a grant of £300 for application 11/12/22;**
- (iii) Application 11/12/23 be deferred for further information;**
- (iv) Northumberland Community Arts & Media Partnership be awarded a grant of £300 on demonstration of distribution in Newbiggin.**

Signed by the Chairperson: .....

Date:.....