

NEWBIGGIN-BY-THE-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Grant Committee held on Wednesday 25 January 2012 at 6.45 pm at the Town Council Cottage Newbiggin by-the-Sea

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

GC24/11 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Boon.

GC25/11 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 November were confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.

GC26/11 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.

GC27/11 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT

The Town Council had increased the budget for small local grants in the current financial year and several further applications were submitted for consideration by the Committee in relation to the criteria for small grants and local objectives.

Applications numbered 11/12/25 to 11/12/29 were considered in turn. These ranged from requests for assistance towards the costs of students at a newly formed judo club; the costs of operating the Ashington and District Male Voice Choir; the Great North Air Ambulance and a scheme proposed for young people to assist in improving the Moor Estate by creating and providing hanging baskets for elderly residents through Community Space Challenge.

Members discussed the principles for making donations to regional based charities and considering each application on its merits and whether events could be considered local enough to benefit the majority of the community.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) A grant of £300 be approved for application 11/12/25 The Butokokan Judo Club towards student costs for competitions;**

- (ii) A grant of £60 be awarded to the Ashington and District Male Voice Choir;**
- (iii) A grant of £100 be approved for Great North Air Ambulance Newbiggin Tea Dance.**
- (iv) Community Space Challenge be awarded a grant of £300 towards the scheme at the Moor Estate;**
- (v) Application 11/12/29 by Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering was refused.**

Signed by the Chairperson:

Date:.....