

Minutes of a meeting of the Grants Committee held on Wednesday 16th March 2016 at 9.30am in the Committee Room of Beccles Town Hall

PRESENT G Catchpole, Vice Chairman, in the Chair

Mrs S Bubb
G Elliott
J Harris
S Kenward
D Peck

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs J Janney, Deputy Town Clerk

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Mrs M Haynes and H Taylor, Mayor, Chairman

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

19. TO RECEIVE FOR ACCURACY AND ADOPTION THE MINUTES OF THE GRANTS COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2016

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Grants Committee at a meeting held on Wednesday 25th November 2015 be received for accuracy and adoption

A request was made by Councillor Harris for the total grant available. This was supplied as follows:

Project Grant: £4,500 General Fund: £2,700 Bursary: £500

The next funding for the Grants Committee will be given on 1st April 2016 amounting to £5,000 and anything left in the funding pot (if any) from 2015 will be added.

Members discussed and agreed that the annual Project Grant of £7,500 (currently with £3,000 already spent on a project in 2015 leaving a balance of £4,500) should be returned to the Town Council for discussion at a full Town Council

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Councillor Harris made the request that members should read through the application list and decide which were acceptable to receive funding.

Members agreed and went through the list making notes regarding applications.

20. **TO RECEIVE GRANT APPLICATIONS AS FOLLOWS:**

a) **LINK LUNCH CLUB**

This organisation were requesting oven gloves and running costs for their lunch Club providing food for 70 elderly or disabled people on Thursday lunchtimes. Members discussed this application in detail then voted and agreed as follows:

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL that the Link Lunch Club be awarded **£250** towards the general running costs of the club and the oven gloves

b) **SENIOR CITIZEN'S VARIETY SHOW**

Members discussed this in detail. The Chairman advised members that he had attended a production in the past stating that it was a brilliant event and very well attended. Members voted and agreed as follows:

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL that the Senior Citizen's Variety Show be awarded **£250** towards the running costs of the production

c) **CHARLOTTE SARGENT – RUNNING IN THE LONDON MARATHON FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER CHARITY**

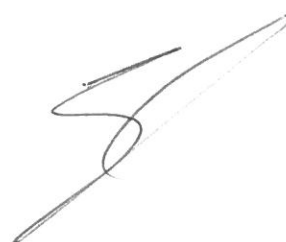
Members discussed the application and agreed not to award Charlotte Sargent funding as she was not a resident of Beccles and as the charity was a large National organisation, did not fit the criteria. Members voted and agreed as follows:

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL that the Grants Committee do not award any funding to Charlotte Sargent who is applying for funds to help raise money for Children with Cancer by running the London Marathon and putting on an event in Beccles. She did not fit the Grants criteria as she is not residing in Beccles and the charity was a large National organisation and not Beccles based

d) **BECCLES TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

Discussion ensued on this application. It was felt that some items did not justify grant money. Members voted and agreed as follows:

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL that Beccles Twinning Association be awarded **£500** in support of the Beccles and Petit Couronne Twinners Agincourt celebrations in 2016



e) **CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU**

Members discussed the CAB application in detail and as the original funding came directly from the Town Council and not from the Grants Committee it was agreed that this be returned to them for funding consideration when applications are made from CAB. Members voted and agreed as follows:

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL that as the funding for the CAB had come from the Town Council in the past and not from the Grants Committee it was agreed that this be returned to them for funding consideration when applications are made from CAB

f) **BECCLES TRIATHLON**

It was noted that no accounts had been received with this application. Members discussed this item in full and it was agreed that it should be deferred to allow further information to be received by this organisation. Another meeting is to be made for this application to be discussed.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL that as the Beccles Triathlon applicant did not supply a set of up to date accounts with their application this is to be deferred to the next meeting of the Grants Committee

g) **BECCLES LIBRARY COMMUNITY TRUST**

Members discussed the application in full and felt that this was a valuable social facility which should be supported. Members voted and agreed as follows:

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL that Beccles Library Community Trust be awarded £750 towards the refurbishment of furniture for the children's library in Beccles Library premises

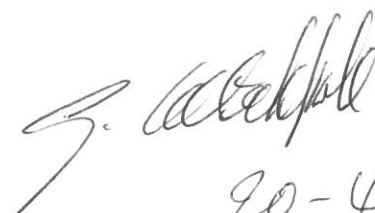
h) **BECCLES LIDO**

The application had originally been received in 2015 for a grant towards a diving board for the outside pool. Since that time, circumstances have changed and the supply of the diving board is not longer viable for the Beccles Lido. Therefore, Beccles Lido are asking if the £1,000 already received can be re-allocated toward the provision of children's play equipment in the grounds of the outdoor swimming pool. Members discussed this in detail, voted and agreed as follows:

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL that the Grants Committee of Beccles Town Council agree to the request from the Beccles Lido to re-allocate £1,000 (originally awarded for the supply of a diving board) to be re-allocated toward the provision of children's play equipment in the grounds of the outdoor swimming pool

21. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting of the Grants Committee is to be held on Wednesday 20th April 2016 at 10.00am in the Committee Room of the Town Hall


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