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To All Members of the Grants Sub-Committee

Cllr Margaret Crick - Vice Chair
Cllr Angela Lawrence
Cllr Jan Morter - Chair
Cllr Tim Oates
Mayor of Abingdon-ex officio
Chair of Finance & General Purposes Committee-ex officio

To: All other Members for information only

Dear Councillor,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the Grants Sub Committee to be held on **Tuesday 31 August 2010 at 6.00 pm** in the Committee Room at the Old Abbey House, Abingdon. Should you wish to see any additional background documents please contact Sandra Hill.

Yours sincerely

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Town Clerk

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1 **Apologies**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 **Declarations of Interest**

Members are requested to declare any personal interest, and the nature of the interest, which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting (please refer to the notes at the end of the agenda).

3 Minutes of the Last Meeting

To receive and consider the Minutes of the Grant Sub-Committee held on 2 June 2010 (attached).

Ron Etheridge, Trinity Church, Abingdon has written to thank the Town Council for the £500 grant towards the cost of replacing the church and hall boilers, adding that it would enable the church to continue with their vital work within the community.

Poppy Bensberg has written to express her gratitude to the Town Council for the £50 grant to assist with the costs of attending the Badminton Inter-County Tournament in April. As requested, by the Grants Sub-Committee, Miss Bensberg has written a report (attached).

4 Grant Aid Applications – General Fund

The following applications for grant aid have been received from the general fund. The budget for the remainder of the 2010-2011 year is £7,180.

Name of Applicant	Reason for the grant application	Previous grants received in last five years	Grant requested
Poppy Smith Age 14 – Year 10 Fitzharrys School, Abingdon	Financial assistance to aid transport costs to enable Miss Smith to attend high level coaching in Aylesbury, to attend competitions all over the UK, competition fees, personal gymnastic equipment & clothing.	No	Whatever can be spared.
2 nd Abingdon Scout Group	Extend current toilets to accommodate a disabled toilet/shower wet room with rear access ramps. Extension will also contain showers for able bodied members. The facilities are also going to be offered to a broader range of people than before.	None	Any contribution – two estimates have been received: £35,000 and £45,000.
Abbey Chamber Concert	Restart a series of Sunday Concerts for benefit of local amateur and professional players. Requesting a guarantee of 50% of fixed costs for first season.	None	£600 – total cost of project £1,200
Abingdon Concert Band	The band is once again performing a popular concert in March 2011 and has provisionally booked the Guildhall. They have previously been in receipt of Vale Hall – Community Grant which has	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 2007 - £300 music stand banners; • December 2008 – £300 new music and display boards; 	£250

	been reduced by 15% and would like assistance in recouping some of the loss of the discount and to go towards the cost of a guest presenter.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 2009 - £250 cost of hiring Guildhall and guest presenter for March 2010 concert. 	
Abingdon Jazz Band	To put on live jazz events in Abingdon featuring top quality UK performers at an affordable entrance free. Assistance with, advertising, costs for top musicians and expenses for rhythm section.	November 2005 – to assist with general costs.	Not quoted – but cost of project is estimated at £1,850
Abingdon Swimming Club	To fund training club members to achieve ASA Teacher status. A full teacher qualification is urgently required in order for the Club to comply with ASA rules.	No	£1,390
APAGE	Support production and distribution of festival brochures. Vale of White Horse District Council formerly supported with a grant of £3,000 but this has been withdrawn.	2006 - £250 for general support of the festival.	£1,000
Breakaway Club	To ensure that the minibus can remain on the road. Next expense is a tail lift service and weight checked which is usually £120; there could be a small amount of welding on the step before the next MOT.	No	£300
Oxford Summer Soccer School	Assist with paying football pitch rent and to assist with students who are unable to pay their fees.	No	£528

5 Grant Aid Applications - Twinning Grant

The following application for grant aid has been received from the Twinning Grant. The budget for the remainder of the 2010-2011 year is £1,500.

Abingdon Marathon	Assist with costs of welcoming, accommodating and entertaining fellow runners from Argentan. Also to assist with engraving costs of the Twin Towns Trophy and costs of the individual trophies.	2005 - £300 2006 - £350 2008 - £350 2009 – £400	£350 -£500
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6 **Calendar of Meetings for the Year**

The Grants Sub-Committee normally takes place a week before the Finance and General Purposes Committee so that its recommendations may be circulated for consideration by that Committee. The following dates have been agreed:

Tuesday 2 November;
Tuesday 4 January 2011;
Tuesday 8 March 2011.

Notes on Declarations of Interest

1. Any Member arriving after the start of the meeting is asked to declare personal interests, as necessary, as soon as practicable after their arrival even if the item in question has been considered.
2. With the exception of the circumstances listed in paragraph 9 (2) of the Local Code of Conduct for Members, a Member with a personal interest also has a prejudicial interest if it is one which a Member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest. In such circumstances, the Member must withdraw from the meeting room and should inform the Chair immediately.
3. It is not practical for the Town Clerk to offer detailed advice during the meeting on whether or not a personal interest should be declared, or whether a personal interest should also be regarded as prejudicial.