

DRAFT Minutes of the Grants Sub Committee held on 8 June 2010 in the Old Abbey House, Abingdon

Present

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

In Attendance

Mrs Sandra Hill

Deputy Town Clerk

1 **Election of Chair**

Resolved that Cllr Jan Morter be elected Chair of the Grants Sub-Committee for the Council year 2010/11.

2. **Election of Vice Chair**

Resolved that Cllr Margaret Crick be elected Vice Chair of the Grants Sub-Committee for the Council year 2010/11.

3. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from the Mayor of Abingdon, Cllr Duncan Brown.

4. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Angela Lawrence declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Vale of White Horse Foyer as the Vale of White Horse District Council's representative on The Foyer's Management Board. Also a personal interest in the Green Gym.

Cllr Lesley Legge declared a personal and prejudicial interest Abingdon Music Centre as she is a close friend of Jim Hines. Also in Stowford House as she gave a reference in support of their application for funding this project.

Cllr Jan Morter declared a person and prejudicial interest in the Abingdon Music Centre as she is employed by Oxfordshire County Council's Music Service, who will be working in association with the Abingdon Music Centre.

5 **Report of Previous Meeting**

Cllr Lesley Legge declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Stowford House (see item 4) and left the meeting room at 6.35pm

Recommended that a grant of £500 should be awarded to Stowford House this was recommended by the Grants Sub-Committee at its March 2010 meeting, but not brought forward and reported as a recommendation to the Finance & General Purposes Meeting, which took place on 23 March 2010.

Cllr Lesley Legge returned to the meeting room at 6.36pm

6 **Grant Aid Applications – General Fund**

Recommended that the following Grants be approved.

Cllr Angela Lawrence declared a personal interest in the Green Gym (see item 4).

Cllrs Lesley Legge and Jan Morter declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Abingdon Music Centre (see item 4) and left the meeting room at 6.37 pm, returning at 6.44pm.

Name of Applicant	Reason for grant	Grant Awarded and notes
Abingdon Green Gym	First Aid Course, publicity and extra equipment.	£220 - <i>original request of £200 was totalled incorrectly on the application form – should have read £220</i>
St Edmunds Football Club	Presentation Day	£350 - <i>the Club should be informed that the Town Council also contributes towards the maintenance of the football pitch.</i>
Abingdon Music Centre	Purchase of music and music stands towards schools' project	£250
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7 **Grants for well established local organisations supporting vulnerable young and elderly people:**

Cllr Angela Lawrence gave a brief presentation explaining the history of the Foyer and its aims and objectives.

Cllr Angela Lawrence declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Vale of White Horse Foyer (see item 4) and left the meeting room at 6.49pm

Recommended Vale of White Horse Foyer: Residents' activities and publicity £5,000 Foyer. It was suggested that they be informed that cooperation would be appreciated when this year's Town's Christmas Lights are being installed.

Cllr Angela returned to the meeting room at 6.52pm

8. **Budget position following agreement of Council precept**

Resolved to consider and note the budget position following agreement of Council precept.

“It was resolved by the Council (FGP minute 98/09) that *if the Vale’s draft budget results in a reduction of Town Council net expenditure, the net saving be vired to increase the Town Council grants budget by £2,000.*”

The following virements are therefore proposed:

Joint Environmental Trust	reduce grant by £5,000 (TC saving £5,000);
General grants	increase budget by £2,000 (TC cost £2,000);
Grant to Council re. twinning	reduce budget by £2,000 (TC cost £2,000);
Grant to Council re. information centre	reduce budget by £1,000 (TC cost £1,000).

General grants would therefore increase to £11,000.

For information the Twinning grant fund is £1,500.

9. **Calendar of Meetings for the Year**

Resolved that the Grants sub-committee would meet on the following dates:

Tuesday 31 August;

Tuesday 2 November;

Tuesday 4 January 2011;

Tuesday 8 March 2011.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 6.57pm