

DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES and REPORT of the MEETING of the POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE of the Council held in the **Methodist Church Rooms, Castle Street, Dursley** at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 10th September 2015 for presentation to the Council on the 6th October 2015.

PRESENT

Chairman: Councillor R Blackwell-Whitehead

Councillors: C Nelmes, M Laybourne, S Creswick, A Stennett & F Firth.

In Attendance: Town Clerk, J Kay

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N Grecian, B Marsh, M Nicholson (all personal).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations.

4. REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Malcolm Coates; representing Kingshill House: Approximately 150 visitors per week, Local Arts/Crafts centre, 20+ years, music & education – both for viewing and participation. Room hire available – key income. Small grant requested to provide a stained glass window on main staircase; opportunity for pupils to carry out works under Caroline Lambert, grant towards materials cost.

Jessica Efford – Ultimate Cardio: Dursley Diamonds cheerleading squad, since 2009. Winners at European and National Championships level. Small Grant requested for essential equipment – practice mats.

Diane Purshouse – Henlow Court: Small Grant request for sensory equipment to support end of life and dementia care.

Julia Carter – ConnectAT: Volunteer Youth Group, started at Berkeley Vale, using Community Rooms in Dursley since 2012 and now using Vibe. Ages now split into two groups covering 10-18 year olds. Small grant request to help with annual costs.

Cllr Gordon Wheeler – Vale Vision: 10 years of community projects in Cam, Dursley and surrounding parishes. Funding requested for two projects: What's On leaflet (approx. 2500 distribution) and to promote Uley, Dursley & Cam Greenway; a cycle, mobility friendly access route to Cam & Dursley station.

There were no questions to public representations by councillors at this stage.

5. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on the 18th August 2015 were approved and signed.

6. a) TO CONSIDER SMALL ANNUAL GRANTS FOR 2015/16

IT WAS RESOLVED to recommend approval at the council meeting on the 6th October 2015 of the following small grants:

Applicant	Brief Description	Amount	Comment/Conditions
Kingshill House	Stained Glass Window	£500	None
ConnectAT	15 additional session for Young People	£250	To be funded from Town Council youth budget.
Friday Lunch Club	Coach outing to Dobbies, Cirencester	£250	Conditional on producing an equal opportunities policy/statement. DTC to provide a copy of GRCC model document.
Churches Together	Costs towards Christmas lunch	£100	Conditional on producing an equal opportunities policy/statement. DTC to provide a copy of GRCC model document.
Henlow Court	Sensory/holistic equipment	£500	None
Vale Community Hospital - Allotments	To be negotiated.	£500	Conditional on the funding being spent in 2015/16 and agreement of funding usage.
Dursley Welcomes Walkers	Promote DWW activities and arrangement for 2016 walking festival	£500	None
Breakheart Community Project	Essential maintenance equipment	£500	None
Stepping Stones Playgroup	Tables & Chairs	£800	None

It was noted that the grant application for Ultimate Cardio could not be recommended to council due to its applicant status as a business but should there be a change of status the council could reconsider future applications.

6. b) TO CONSIDER LARGE (REVENUE) ANNUAL GRANTS FOR 2016/17

IT WAS RESOLVED to recommend approval at the council meeting on the 6th October 2015 of the following large (revenue) grants:

Applicant	Brief Description	Amount
Vale Vision	Whats On publication and to promote Uley/Cam/Dursley Greenway	£1,000
Dursley Festival	Festival funding and improved entertainment	£2,000

IT WAS RESOLVED to recommend approval at the council meeting on the 6th October 2015 of the following urgent (revenue) grant for 2015/16 and that dispensation should be given to allow a 2016/17 Revenue grant be submitted from the Dursley & District Community Association.

The vote was 3 votes FOR (Cllrs Blackwell-Whitehead, Nelmes & Creswick), 2 votes AGAINST (Cllrs Firth and Laybourne) and one abstention (Cllr Stennett).

Applicant	Brief Description	Amount	Comment/Conditions
Dursley & District Community Association	General maintenance, redecoration, running costs, insurance, licenses and broadband.	£6,000 (£4,000 towards energy costs & £2,000 towards renovation works)	The grant is payable on the conditions: 1) that a functioning website for the Community Centre is established. 2) a plan for financial stability is provided to the town council.

7. Youth Service Provision

It was noted that Cam Parish Council have now approved the Service Level Agreement and Specification. The youth provision is now up and running and that a joint committee will oversee the contract.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:15 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date