

GREATER WILLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
Resource Committee
Minutes of Meeting
4th March 2015

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Tinsley, Councillor Henfrey, Councillor Cogdon,
Councillor Carr, Councillor Greensmith
Councillor Bennett, Councillor Graham, Councillor Todd
Emma Mennouni, Community Services Officer
Helen Cogdon Town Clerk

Councillor Tinsley opened the Resource Committee and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

He informed those in attendance of housekeeping rules regarding the use of the washroom and fire exits.

ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Smith, Buckham and Etherington
Acceptance of apologies were proposed by Councillor Tinsley and seconded by Councillor Cogdon.

Councillor Tinsley chaired the meeting in the absence of Councillor Etherington.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Cogdon declared an interest in Items 4 and 5.

Councillor Tinsley said he as a member of Willington Cricket Club he would withdraw from discussions relating to the Club.

**TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING ON THE
4th February 2015**

Councillor Tinsley said he would like to thank Ron Hogg, the Police and Crime

Commissioner for attending the 4th February 2015 Town Council meeting. He said that it was encouraging that at the last Police and Community Together (P.A.C.T) meeting they had struggled to find priorities.

He thanked County Councillor Gunn for her work with Mr Hogg.

The minutes of the 4th February 2015 as printed and circulated were approved and taken as a true record.

Proposed Councillor Carr

Seconded Councillor Graham

Matters Arising (for information only)

None

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE AND CHEQUE RECONCILIATION

The Clerk said that;

Expenditure for February 2015 was £4,384.86

The balance on the current account at 28th February 2015 was £13,440.41

Resolved 1. Approval of the report.

Proposed Councillor Henfrey

Seconded Councillor Carr

APPROVAL OF BUDGET REPORT

The Clerk said that;

The Budget for 2014/2015 is £103,575

Total spend to date £74,218.73

The available resource on budget is £28,975.60

Expenditure is as anticipated and budgeted for. Anything not cleared this financial year will be allocated to reserves as committed costs, rather than next years budget.

The council may have the added expenditure of election costs 2015/16.

Resolved 1. This is a true record

Proposed Councillor Carr

Seconded Councillor Tinsley

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNITY FUND APPLICATIONS

The Clerk said that there is £3000 remaining on budget and we have received 6 applications.

Willington Football Club have requested £500 funding to contribute towards refurbishment of the Club House including re upholstery of seating, updating toilet areas and redecoration. The Club House was last improved six years ago. The grounds are used by Willington Football Club, Willington under 18s, Willington Ladies, two mens darts and domino teams and one ladies darts team.

It is in full use by visiting teams. This year the Club will host five Cup Finals for the Wear Valley Sunday League and The Crook and District League.

Improvements are needed to create a good impression of the Willington Club.

The last successful Community Fund award was made on 9th December 2013.

The total cost of the project is £850 the Club is asking for 59% of costs.

Resolved 1. To approve £500

Proposed Councillor Carr

Seconded Councillor Tinsley

Willington Disabled Club have asked for £500 to provide friendship and support activities for older and disabled people, to combat social exclusion.

The group plans to deliver quality of life interventions that will include outings, transport throughout the year and an Easter Meal for 50 people.

The total cost of the project is £1000 the Club is asking for 50% of costs.

Resolved 1. To approve £500

Proposed Councillor Henfrey

Seconded Councillor Greensmith

Councillor Todd joined the meeting at 6.15 pm.

The Clerk said;

Four applications were delivered this morning by the same person. The applications were from Natural High, St Johns Ambulance, 4th Willington Scouts and Stanley Way Neighbourhood Watch. Whilst the organisations are legitimate the fact that three of the applications appear to be photocopied and in the same hand writing is concerning.

She summarised the three applications.

Stanley Way Neighbourhood Watch have asked for funding to replace Neighbourhood Watch equipment to use in Crook and Willington.

e.g. x2 outdoor wireless camera kits, x5 smart water kits, x2 padlock alarms, x2 key fob autodailers, x4 personal alarms, x2 fake TV lights.

Accounts have been provided for the Home Watch Network a charity with substantial funds based in Leicester.

The total project cost is £572. The group is outside the GWTC area. They have requested £500 from the Town Council.

This is more than 75% of total project costs. Therefore this cannot be considered.

4th Willington Scouts have requested funding for a team building weekend at Ennerdale Lake on the 10th – 12th July 2015. This will also encourage them to complete their photography badge. Total cost £3200 they are asking for £500 from the Town Council. Match funding will come from the Willington Scouts Club.

They have provided global accounts from the National Scout Association not the local group and have not provided their Governing Document.

St John Ambulance have requested £500 towards a Cadet (10 – 18 yrs) and a Badger (5 – 10 yrs) team building weekend. The 12 trainees and 4 adults live in Willington and Sunnybrow and will use the skills learned to support community events.

The total project cost is £1920.

The budget for Youth Hostel and meals at £35.00ph x 16 people x 2 weekends = £1120

Match funding will be provided by the trainees contribution and fundraising.

There is no Governing Document. An Annual Report and Accounts have been submitted for the Priory Order and the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem based in London, not the local association.

The Clerk proposed therefore to defer consideration of these **three** applications until she had time to clarify their contents and intention. This was AGREED.

Councillor Todd said that he had written the applications and the authorised members had signed the forms.

Finally;

Natural High have requested £500 to perform Night of the Musicals for three nights at Spennymoor Town Hall. They need funds to provide lighting, sound, costumes and cover rehearsal costs.

They have 35 members involved with 70% of members resident in Willington. The total project costs at £4450 needs clarification as it differs from the show cost budget provided at £2400.

They have raised £3000 from the Seedbed Charity to meet the costs of the show and to support the group over the year and £500 from The Three Towns Partnership just for the show.

They are requesting £300 for radio mikes and £200 for room hire and rehearsals from the town council, which will be held at Spennymoor and Crook. These costs are included in the £2400 budget.

Resolved 1. If funding is to equate to resident membership in the GWTC area 70% of the maximum Community Fund Award is £350.

2. The Clerk will approve subject to clarification of income and expenditure.

Proposed Councillor Henfrey

Seconded Councillor Carr

7. CONSIDERATION OF CIVIC FUND APPLICATIONS

The Clerk said there is £125 remaining on budget;

Applications have been received from Willington Cricket Club, Willington Football Club and the County Brass Band Association.

Councillor Tinsley referred to his previously stated declaration of interest in Willington Cricket Club and asked Councillor Todd if he would like to declare an interest in Willington Football Club. Councillor Todd declared his interest as a committee member.

Willington Cricket Club have asked for a donation to start work on preparing the ground for the 2015 season. Costs include fertiliser, marking paint and petrol.

Resolved 1. To approve £50.00

Proposed Councillor Cogdon

Seconded Councillor Carr

Willington Football Club have asked for a donation to repair the Supporters Hut Roof. The hut is used as a meeting place for supporters and to house the shop.

Resolved 1. To approve £50.00

Proposed Councillor Carr

Seconded Councillor Cogdon

The Durham County Brass Band Association have asked for a donation to support the festival of Brass held in February, at Blackhall Colliery. The application dated 10th February 2015 was received after the last council meeting.

The event is organised to keep the brass band heritage sustained in the North East region. Over 60 competitors will be involved.

As a Town Council we benefit significantly from the services of Aycliffe and Brancepeth Brass Band.

Resolved 1. To approve £25.00

Proposed Councillor Cogdon

Seconded Councillor Carr

The Clerk said she has received an email from County Councillor Gunn from Jason Bone, father of Amy and Katie Bone. Amy, aged 10, is a Taekwondo competitor attending St Stephens Primary School.

Amy is self funded. She is a National Champion and has competed recently at the European Championship in Turkey. Katie her sister is also a commonwealth competitor. The Clerk said the Town Council normally sponsor events and activities that will benefit a number of beneficiaries rather than individuals.

However the parents are willing to discuss the town council using photographs of the children for publicity purposes.

Resolved 1. This offer is noted.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Councillor Graham said Willington Workingmen's Club have now been asked to pay for the Football Pitch they use for training at Rosedale.

9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 1st April 2015 at 6.00pm

Signed by the Chairman
1st April 2015