

## FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the BEST VALUE, SCRUTINY AND BRIDPORT AND WEST BAY TOWN PLAN SUB COMMITTEE of Bridport Town Council held at Mountfield, Bridport on Tuesday 2 September 2014 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT                    Cllr    Miss S.A. Brown

Cllrs:	G.J. Ackerman	D.G. Rickard
	C.M. Ray	Mrs E.A. Rickard
	Mrs M.J. Ray	Ms S.J. Williams

### PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

### 12. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

### 13. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Best Value, Scrutiny and Bridport and West Bay Town Plan Sub Committee held on 3 June 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

With reference to the Code of Conduct, the following interests were declared under Appendix B of the Code (non-pecuniary interests) and, in accordance with paragraph 12 of the Code, and when and if the specific application were discussed separately, members also left the room during the decision making and voting on that application.

Minute 16:

- A3    First Dorset Credit Union – Cllr G.J. Ackerman
- A4    Read Easy – Cllr Mrs E.A. Rickard
- A16   Friends of West Dorset Music – Cllr Miss S.A. Brown.
- A17   Transition Town Bridport – Cllrs C.M. Ray, Mrs M.J. Ray, D.G. Rickard and Mrs E.A. Rickard
- A18   Chamber Orchestra – Cllr Miss S.A. Brown.
- A27   Bridport Area Development Trust – Cllr Ms S.J. Williams.

A decision on the Twinning Association (A29) was deferred due to a majority of committee members also being members of the Association.

Minute 17:

In relation to this item and the larger grants, the following interests were noted.

Museum Trust - Cllrs: G.J. Ackerman, Miss S.A. Brown and Ms S.J. Williams.

Members were advised to leave the room if the individual grants were discussed and voted on. However, the recommendations in minute 17 from the Town Clerk, regarding the levels of grant, were considered en bloc and agreed without discussion of the individual grant levels.

**15. TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS 2013/14 –  
REPORT BACK FROM GRANTS MADE LAST YEAR**

The Town Clerk reported on the reports received from organisations grant aided last year.

It was noted that the Friends of West Dorset Music’s grant last year had not as yet been spent but details of how it was to be used, in conjunction with the funding applied for in 2014, were noted and supported.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

**16. TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS TO SMALLER BODIES 2014/15**

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2849.

The Sub Committee considered each grant in turn, having regard to the Town Council's agreed criteria for grants and the application forms submitted.

Following discussion of each grant, it was RECOMMENDED that

(a) the following grants be approved, marked with the appropriate power:

	£	
St John Ambulance- first aid training in Bridport schools.	200	Power of Wellbeing
First Dorset Credit Union – Publicity	500	Power of Wellbeing
Read Easy – support for adults to learn to read and write	250	Power of Wellbeing
Bridport Bowling Club – replacement equipment shed and changing room	250	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976 s19.
Allington Hillbillies – disabled access	500	Power of Wellbeing
The Living Tree Self Help Cancer Support Group - workshops	250	Power of Wellbeing
Melplash Agricultural Society - Education Initiative	300	Power of Wellbeing
Respite and Recovery UK – Courses for carers’.	250	Power of Wellbeing
Axe Valley Ring and Ride – Community Transport Scheme	500	Local Government & Rating Act 1997 s27
Crisis and Care – furniture and equipment for drop in centre	300	Power of Wellbeing

Hughes Unit Group Supporters – support service for users and carers	100	Power of Wellbeing
Friends of West Dorset Music – opportunities for youngsters to learn an instrument	250	Power of Wellbeing
Transition Town Bridport – reprinting general leaflet.	150	Power of Wellbeing
Chamber Orchestra – autumn concert.	200	Local Government Act 1972 s145
Bridport Area 50+ Forum – computer courses for beginners.	250	Power of Wellbeing
1 <sup>st</sup> West Bay Sea Scouts – disabled access.	500	Power of Wellbeing
Youth Dance, - programme of after school classes	350	Local Government Act 1972 s145
Small Things – Arts event	300	Local Government Act 1972 s145
Bridport Area Development Trust – subscriptions and Melplash show site fee.	250	Power of Wellbeing
Gig Rowing Club – racing gig seat cushions.	300	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19.

(b) that the following grants be earmarked in the budget and the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to release the funding subject to receiving more information as below:

Chancery House Day Centre - Interior Alterations	750	More details of the work.	Power of Wellbeing
Bridport Youth FC training managers and helpers, to meet the requirements set by the Dorset FA.	500	More details on constitution and accounts.	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19.
Victim Support 4 day course for new volunteers	250	Details on how the funding will be used in Bridport	Power of Wellbeing
Symene Sports Club Replacement artificial cricket wicket.	250	Details of usage by Bridport parish residents and funding be released subject to confirmation that other funding received, including from Symondsburry Parish Council.	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19.

<b>Total Small Grants</b>	£7,700	Budget - £10,075
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(c) that the following applications be not supported at this time as it was considered that they did not meet the criteria: Autism Wessex General business support (£250), Bridport United Church (£1250) and Christine Turner Music Services (£300).

(d) that the following application for funding be supported but the funding be considered separately for allocation under the Open Spaces/Environment Committee budgets: Asker Meadow Nature Reserve (£300).

(e) that the following application be considered and determined by the Finance and General Purposes Committee due to the shared interests of members of the Sub Committee:

Twinning Association application for £250 to facilitate exchange visits

(f) that in respect of approved applications from national and county bodies, it was on the understanding that the money was ring-fenced for Bridport only,

(g) that for those grants shown above, being recommended under the Power of Wellbeing, it was considered that the expenditure in each case will achieve any one or more of the following three objectives:

- 1) the promotion or improvement of the economic well-being of the area
- 2) the promotion or improvement of the social well-being of the area
- 3) the promotion or improvement of the environmental well-being of the area (or persons in its area) having regard to the principal councils' community strategies.

## **17. TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS TO LARGER BODIES 2014/15**

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2850.

The Town Clerk reported on the SLA meetings with the main organisations subject to current two year service level agreements. Meetings had been held with the Museum and the Arts Centre with the meetings with the Leisure Centre and Citizens Advice Bureau to follow. The Leader of the Council was also attending each meeting.

The grants, as set out in the SLAs, were agreed en bloc, as below. It was also reported that West Dorset District Council was reviewing its grants to local organisations and had agreed to extend its current SLA grants for a further year, pending the outcome of that review. The Town Council would be asked, when it was setting next year's budget, to consider a further year of support for these bodies, to bring these SLAs into line with the duration of the District Council grants.

**RECOMMEND:** that the following grants be paid, in accordance with the service level agreements for 2014/15.

	£	
Arts Centre	6,000	Local Government Act 1972 s145
Leisure Centre	4,000	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19(3)
Citizens' Advice Bureau	5,000	Local Government Act 1972 s142(2)(A)
Museum	3,500	Power of Wellbeing
Service Level Agreement grants total	18,500	Budget - £18,500

The meeting closed at **12 noon**

**The next meeting of this Sub Committee will be on 9 December 2014 at 11.00am**