

At a Special Meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 14th March 2012, at the Civic Offices, Wellington Road Community Centre, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor D. A. J. Thomas (Chair)

Councillors J. B. Bellis, B. Blakeley, I. A. Gunning, Ms D. Hannam, Miss M. A. Jones, Mrs P. M. Jones, D. W. Lee, Mrs M. McCarroll, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, A. J. Rutherford, W. N. Tasker and T. Thomas.

Mr G. J. Nickels	-	Town Clerk
Mr P. M. Thomas	-	Finance Officer
Miss H. J. Windus	-	Personal Assistant & Secretary

180. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors J. Butterfield (indisposed), Mrs J. Butterfield (other commitment), Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones (DCC commitment), Mrs E. M. Chard (family commitment), Mrs L. M. Edwards (work commitment) and G. Williams (other commitment).

181. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting for consideration of the following items of business in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960, on the grounds of confidentiality.

182. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT AID

The Finance Officer introduced and presented his confidential report (circulated with Agenda), relating to applications received in response to the Town Council's public invitation to voluntary and charitable organisations to apply for grant aid for the year 2012/2013.

The report:

- (i) identified the Terms of Reference of the Committee and indicated that the Committee's recommendations would be referred to the Council meeting to be held on 18th April 2012.
- (ii) identified the emphasis that had been placed upon the organisation's response to the question of the benefit to Rhyl and that the organisation's own words had been used within the written report.
- (iii) reminded Members that they should consider whether they have a personal or prejudicial interest in any applications and whether the Rhyl Town Council Code of Conduct required them to disclose that interest.

- (iv) advised that full copies of all applications were available for inspection at the meeting.
- (v) advised of the necessary budget and legal considerations.
- (vi) Appendix A to the report, which listed named organisations within the Council's budget that had submitted a valid application and advised that there was a shortfall due to the applicants having requested sums in total greater than in the Budget.
- (vii) Appendix B to the report, which identified other organisations, which had submitted valid applications and advised that there was a significant shortfall due to the applicant organisations having requested sums in total greater than in the Budget.
- (viii) Appendix C to the report, identifying organisations which had been sent application forms on request, but which had subsequently failed to make an application. In addition the Appendix identified one rejected application due its submission 10 days after the closing date.
- (ix) Appendix D to the report, identifying the relevant budgets available.
- (x) Appendix E to the report, a copy of the Grant Application Form and accompanying Advice to Applicants.
- (xi) identified a suggested procedure to be followed by the Committee in determining the applications.

With regard to the procedure the Committee decided to consider Appendix A applications followed by Appendix B applications for under £1,000 and finally all other applications. Having considered all applications individually by this method the committee was advised by the Finance Officer that the provisional recommended awards were marginally over budget by £1,100. The Committee decided that it would reconsider just the provisional awards made to the value of £1,000 or above to determine reductions that would match the required sum and this achieved the desired outcome so all other pre-determined awards were confirmed as final.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) *in respect of applications identified within Appendix A, approve grants as follows:*

Ref. No.	Organisation	Amount applied for	Budget provision	Committee Recommendation
010	Benefit Advice Shop	£8,000	£5,000	£5,000
028	Rhyl Community Association	£12,000	£10,910	£10,810
048	Denbighshire Citizens Advice Bureau	£6,000	£5,000	£4,500

(b) in respect of applications identified within Appendix B, approve grants as follows:

Ref. No.	Organisation	Amount Applied For	Committee Recommendation
001	Denbighshire Care & Repair	£1,000	£0
002	Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales	£Any	£0
003	Menter Iaith Sir Ddinbych	£593	£200 for Rhyl discos only
005	SHINE Cymru (Spina bifida Hydrocephalus, Information, Networking, Equality)	£500	£500
007	Gyda'n Gilydd (in conjunction with the National Eisteddfod)	£20,000	£0
008	North Wales Deaf Association	£1,650	£500
011	Friends of Holocaust Memorial Day North East Wales	£750	£400
012	SPAN (Denbighshire)	£2,000	£500
013	Talented Rhyl Youth (TRY)	£1,500	£500
014	Bruton Park Residents Association	£1,344	£300
015	Normandy Veterans Association North Wales Coast Branch No.94	£500	£500
016	Arcville Playgroup & Toddlers	£5,000	£500
020	Playdays Playgroup	£500	£250
022	Buxton Court Residents Association	£1,000	£500
023	17-23 Edward Henry Street Tenants Association	£3,453	£0
024	The Kids Fun Club (Rhyl & District)	£2,000	£500
026	Rhyl & District Rugby Club	£8,975	£0
029	Parish of Rhyl	£2,000	£1,000
030	Soroptimist International Rhyl & District	£500	£150
031	The Association of WRENS, Rhyl, North Wales	£1,000	£500
035	North Denbighshire Domestic Abuse Service	£3,000	£1,000
036	Park View Residents Association	£500	£300
037	Rhyl Youth Marching Band	£300	£300
038	Prestatyn & Rhyl Lions	£1,000	£250
039	Rhyl May Day Association	£1,250	£600
040	Rhyl Bowling Club	£500	£250
041	John Davies Community Facility Group / South West Rhyl Communities First	£400	£150
042	Grove Park Bowling Club	£2,000	£600
043	ACE Alzheimers Club	£1,000	£500
045	Rhyl Silver Band	£600	£300
049	Maes Y Gog & Aberkinsey Residents Association	£500	£300
050	Rhyl Steam Preservation Trust	£2,500	£500
051	Age Concern Rhyl	£1,000	£500
052	Rhyl Sea Cadets	£5,000	£1,500
053	Rhyl & District Musical Theatre Company	£2,000	£500

Ref. No.	Organisation	Amount Applied For	Committee Recommendation
054	Denbighshire Friends of ChildLine	£400	£400
055	Marine Lake Users Forum	£2,500	£0
056	North Wales Chrysalis Trust	£911.56	£400
057	Glan Morfa Cycling Association (Marsh Tracks) Limited	£7,500	£0
058	Marsh Community Association	£788.96	£300
059	Rhyl Tynewydd Townswomen's Guild	£500-£600	£300
060	Blessed Edward Jones Catholic High School	£2,662.32	£1,200 for musical equipment only
061	Rhyl in Bloom	£5,951.72	£1,500
062	Friends of Ysgol Emmanuel	£1,050	£750
063	Friends of Rhyl High School	£1,860	£0
064	Friends of Rhydwen Drive Playing Fields	£400	£200

In respect of application No. 007 Councillor D. Thomas requested that his vote against the Committee recommendation be recorded.

- (c) The following Members and Officers made declarations of interest in respect of the following applications

Councillor	Application No.	Type of Declaration Made
J. B. Bellis	001	Prejudicial
	028	Prejudicial but used dispensation to speak & vote
B. Blakeley	014	Prejudicial
I. A. Gunning	036	Prejudicial but remained to speak & vote as app. was within the £500 limit
	053	Prejudicial
	063	Prejudicial
M. A. Jones	010	Prejudicial
	061	Prejudicial
D. W. Lee	028	Prejudicial but used dispensation to speak & vote
	052	Prejudicial
	055	Prejudicial
M. McCarroll	011	Prejudicial
	015	Prejudicial but remained to speak & vote as app. was within the £500 limit
	041	Prejudicial but remained to speak & vote as app. was within the £500 limit
W. M. Mullen-James	029	Prejudicial
	050	Prejudicial

Councillor	Application No.	Type of Declaration Made
	061	<i>Prejudicial</i>
<i>T. Thomas</i>	020	<i>Prejudicial but remained to speak & vote as app. was within the £500 limit</i>
	028	<i>Prejudicial but used dispensation to speak & vote</i>
	049	<i>Prejudicial but remained to speak & vote as app. was within the £500 limit</i>
	062	<i>Prejudicial</i>

183. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Town Clerk reminded Members that all decisions should remain confidential until the April Council meeting and then there being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed.

Chair:

Date: