

NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
FINANCE ECONOMIC & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
Minutes of a meeting held on 6 March 2012

Present: Cllr Mrs S E Thorpe (Chair)
Cllr Mrs A Elliott
Cllr N I Kay
Apologies: Cllr P Carter
Cllr J L Duckworth
Cllr Mrs S M Reed
Cllr M P Robinson
Cllr S Robinson

Consideration of grant applications received:
The following grant applications were recommended for approval:

Nailsworth Festival	£2,000
Nailsworth Twinning	£1,000
Rockness Trust	£ 160
Stroudwater Textile Trust	£ 200
Shrubberies School	£ 150
Glos Chest Fund	£ 200
Victim Support	£ 100
Nailsworth Community Workshop	£ 200
5 Valleys Sound	£ 150

	£4,160

The £3,140 under spend should either be carried forward into next year or be exceptionally re-allocated to unexpected new projects eg. purchase of police station.

Forest Green Residents Association had submitted an early application for the 2012/13 financial year for £1,800 for the services of Playrangers in August 2012. It was decided to hold the application and recommend it be considered favourably in the correct financial year.

Applications from Transition Stroud, League of Friends for Stroud Hospital, Youth Exploring Sustainability, Vitalise and Independence Trust were not approved.

It was agreed that a paragraph should be added to the grants form asking whether, and if so how many, Nailsworth residents would benefit from the grant application.

Councillors expenses

The distinction between allowances and expenses was noted – the committee was only considering the possibility of claiming expenses incurred in carrying out council business or representing the council at meetings and events. Discussion ensued concluding that cllrs should not be out of pocket in carrying out their duties and should be able to claim legitimate expenses which could include for example travelling, photocopying, postage, telephone etc. It was agreed to recommend to council that a policy and procedures be drawn up setting out the circumstances when expenses could be claimed and listing the precise expenses and rates payable.

Financial regulations and standing orders

Members reviewed the documents and did not consider any amendments were necessary.

Council Insurances

The policy was kept under regular review and no additions were required at present although it was noted that some adjustment might be required to cover events organised as part of the Nailsworth Games and Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

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Chair