

At a Special Meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2010, 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, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, C. Davies, Mrs L. M. Edwards, M. C. Espley, Ms D. Hannam, Ms G. A. Jones, Miss M. A. Jones, D. W. Lee, Mrs M. McCarroll, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James and G. J. Pickering

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

**197. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs P. M. Butters (family commitment), Mrs P. M. Jones (family commitment), I. A. Gunning (on holiday), W. N. Tasker (work commitment) and G. Williams (family commitment).

**198. 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.

**199. 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 2010/2011.

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 21<sup>st</sup> April 2010.
- (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 requires 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 form.
- (vii) Appendix B to the report, which identified other organisations, which had submitted valid application forms 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 and one applicant that had submitted a late application.
- (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 suggested procedure, a Member expressed concern that Appendix A applications were set against individual pre-identified budgets, and that it would be unfair, should the proposed awards exceed the budgets, to take any excess from the identified budget for general applications. Conversely if proposed awards were less than the identified budgets then the Member thought that this sum should be added to the budget for general applications. Following discussion it was

***RESOLVED*** that in respect of Appendix A applicants, the recommended awards should not exceed the individual identified budgets, with any surplus being made available towards general applications.

The Committee, having adopted a revised procedure, considered each application individually in turn and when completed were advised by the Finance Officer that the recommended awards were in excess of the agreed budget. Thus it was necessary to consider each award again and for the committee to make appropriate reductions. The Committee considered the methodology for doing this and determined that only certain high value awards should be reviewed and this was agreed accordingly. Having completed the review the Finance Officer advised Members that the adjustments were still insufficient so Members again considered and agreed how the resulting shortfall should be addressed. Having completed the second review the total value of awards now fell exactly within budget.

**RESOLVED** that:

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

<b>Ref. No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount applied for</b>	<b>Budget provision</b>	<b>Committee Recommendation</b>
021	Benefit Advice Shop	£8,000	£6,000	£5,000
039	Rhyl Community Association – Fforddlas,  Tynewydd &  Wellington Community Centre	£5,455  £9,040  £5,455	£5,455  £9,000  £5,455	£16,750  <b>One aggregate award to the Rhyl Community Association</b>
017	Denbighshire Citizens Advice	£5,500	£5,000	£5,000

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

<b>Ref. No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount Applied For</b>	<b>Committee Recommendation</b>
001	Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod	£100	£100
002	Hope House Children's Hospice	"as much as you can give"	£130
003	Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales	"any amount"	£130
006	Denbighshire Care and Repair	£5,000	£1,000
007	Rhyl Music Club	£500	£500
008	North Wales Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus	£500	£500
009	Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru 2010 Ebbw Vale	£5 - £5,000	£0
014	Bedford Street Community Company Ltd	£3,000	£1,500
015	The North Wales Association of	£1,000	£1,000

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	WRENS		
016	SPAN (Denbighshire)	£6,000	£1,800
019	Rhyl Bowling Club	£1,000	£1,000
020	Normandy Veterans Association North Wales Coast Branch No.94	£200	£200
023	North East Wales Veterans Group	£500	£500
025	Rhyl May Day Association	£1,000	£1,000
027	Bruton Park Residents Association	£1,222	<b>£1,222 from the Public Spaces revenue budget</b>
028	Clwyd Coast Credit Union	£5,000	£4,000
029	Rhyl Youth Marching Band	£600	£600
031	Playdays Playgroup	£500	£500
033	Parish of Rhyl	£25,000	£4,000
034	Glan Morfa Cycling Association	£2,100	£1,500
035	Rhyl Unit Sea Cadets	£7,000	£4,000
036	The Ginellis	£2,000	£0
038	Denbighshire Disability Forum	£1,500	£500
040	Look Hear Social Group	£1,000	£500
041	Grove Park Bowling & Social Club	£2,000	£1,000
042	North Denbighshire Domestic Abuse Service	£4,000	£1,000
045	Rhyl Silver Band	£600	£600
048	Park View Residents Association	£250	£250
049	Denbighshire Learning Disability Forum	£2,642	£1,500
050	St. Vincent De Paul Society	£3,000	£1,500
051	RhylCreate Ltd	£5,000	£4,000
052	Rhyl in Bloom	£10,000	£4,500
053	West Rhyl Community Company Limited	£11,600	£0
054	Rhyl Shopmobility	£5,000	£0
055	Rhyl Steam Preservation Trust	£4,000	£1,800
056	Rhyl Football Club 91 Limited	"up to £30,500"	£0
057	Denbighshire Friends of Childline	£350	£350
058	Rhyl Community Furniture Recycling Ltd	£5,000	£1,000
059	Marine Lake Users Forum	£250	£250
060	St. John Ambulance Wales Division – Rhyl	£5,000	£0
061	Alzheimer's Society – Denbighshire Branch	£600	£600
062	Rhyl Football in the Community Ltd	£5,740	£1,000
063	Rhyl & District Musical Theatre Company	£2,000	£1,000
064	Ysgol Mair PTA	£200	£100
065	Radio Elwy Point FM Ltd	£5,000	£0
066	Soroptimist International	£500	£500
067	Rhyl Youth Action Group	£6,200	£1,000
068	No.1340 Rhyl Squadron Air Training Corps	£2,069.13	£1,000
069	Denbighshire Neighbourhood Watch	£250	£250

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070	<i>Marsh Community Association</i>	<i>£1,000</i>	<i>£1,000</i>
071	<i>Hope Rhyl</i>	<i>£500</i>	<i>£500</i>
072	<i>Rhyl &amp; District Rugby Union Football Club</i>	<i>£20,000</i>	<i>£1,800</i>
073	<i>Re:Act</i>	<i>“any help will be appreciated”</i>	<i>£250</i>
074	<i>Clwb CIC (Clwb Ieuenctid Cymraeg) Welsh Young Peoples Club</i>	<i>“any help will be appreciated”</i>	<i>£250</i>
075	<i>Denbigh &amp; Flint County Show</i>	<i>No amount specified</i>	<i>£0</i>
076	<i>North Wales International Music Festival</i>	<i>£500 - £5,000</i>	<i>£0</i>

*[After consideration of Application No.056 on the first round a five minute comfort break was taken – Councillor C. Davies did not return to the Chamber for the remainder of the meeting]*

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

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Type of Declaration Made</b>
<i>J. B. Bellis</i>	006	<i>Prejudicial</i>
	028	<i>Prejudicial</i>
	033	<i>Prejudicial</i>
	039	<i>Prejudicial but used dispensation to speak &amp; vote</i>
	075	<i>Prejudicial</i>
<i>B. Blakeley</i>	065	<i>Personal &amp; vacated</i>
<i>J. Chamberlain-Jones</i>	033	<i>Prejudicial</i>
	052	<i>Prejudicial</i>
<i>L. M. Edwards</i>	075	<i>Prejudicial</i>
<i>M. C. Espley</i>	033	<i>Prejudicial</i>
	039	<i>Prejudicial but used dispensation to speak &amp; vote</i>
	059	<i>Prejudicial</i>
<i>C. Davies</i>	039	<i>Prejudicial but used dispensation to speak &amp; vote</i>
<i>G. A. Jones</i>	052	<i>Prejudicial</i>
	059	<i>Prejudicial</i>
<i>M. A. Jones</i>	033	<i>Prejudicial</i>
	052	<i>Prejudicial</i>
<i>D. W. Lee</i>	035	<i>Prejudicial</i>
	039	<i>Prejudicial but used dispensation to speak &amp; vote</i>
	059	<i>Prejudicial</i>
<i>M. McCarroll</i>	023	<i>Prejudicial</i>
	028	<i>Prejudicial</i>
	073	<i>Prejudicial</i>
	074	<i>Prejudicial</i>
<i>W. M. Mullen-James</i>	039	<i>Prejudicial but used dispensation to speak &amp; vote</i>
	052	<i>Prejudicial</i>
	055	<i>Prejudicial</i>
<i>G. J. Pickering</i>	021	<i>Prejudicial</i>
	028	<i>Prejudicial</i>
	033	<i>Personal but remained</i>
	054	<i>Prejudicial</i>
	064	<i>Prejudicial</i>
<i>D. A. J. Thomas</i>	028	<i>Prejudicial</i>
	073	<i>Prejudicial</i>
	074	<i>Prejudicial</i>
<i>G. J. Nickels (Town Clerk)</i>	028	<i>Prejudicial</i>

*[Due to declarations of interest submitted by the Chair and Vice-Chair, in relation to Application No.028, Councillor Ms D. Hannam presided]*

**200. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

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

Chair: .....

Date: .....