

BARRY TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE, POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 21 MARCH 2011 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor T C Stenstrom (Chair) plus Councillors B Brooks, G Davey, P Drake, J Evans, A D Hampton, N P Hodges, K A Kemp, K Kuhnell (Town Mayor, Ex-Officio) and L M Payne.

ALSO PRESENT: Derek Wolfe – Executive Officer
Mark Sims – Responsible Finance Officer
Amy Bardsley – Administration

F289. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S A Hodges.

F290. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor G Davey declared a non-prejudicial interest in relation to application no. 9 regarding Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Group, Councillor L M Payne declared a prejudicial interest in relation to application no. 48 Shakespeare Residents Association and Derek Wolfe, Executive Officer, declared a prejudicial interest in relation to application no. 44 Rotary Club of Barry by virtue of being a member of the Club.

F291. GRANTS AND DONATIONS 2011/12

The Committee considered 57 applications for financial assistance as detailed in various appendices attached to the Executive Officer's report. Councillors agreed that any organisations that had not provided all the necessary paperwork to meet the eligibility criteria would not be awarded a grant. It was also agreed that nationally based organisations would not be awarded a grant unless their applications specifically related to a project or service provided for the benefit of residents in Barry.

RESOLVED that:-

1. in accordance with the provisions of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, grants be awarded as follows:-

	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Amount Awarded</u> £
1.	5 th Barry Sea Scouts	500.00
2.	372 Barry Squadron Air Training Corps	150.00
3.	All Saints Church	500.00
4.	Amy Britton Singers	175.00
5.	Arts 4U	500.00

6.	Barry Ambulance 1 st Response Scheme	600.00
7.	Barry Arts Centre	600.00
8.	Barry Basketball Club	350.00
9.	Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Club	529.00
10.	Barry & District Chrysanthemum Society	210.00
12.	Barry Island YPO	269.00
13.	Barry Ladies Choir	500.00
14.	Barry Male Voice Choir	350.00
18.	Barry Sea Cadets	400.00
19.	Barry Vereran Bowlers	100.00
20.	Baruc Art Group	200.00
23.	Boys Brigade Association	188.00
27.	Coastwatch	459.00
32.	Holton Road AFC	500.00
34.	Kiddiwinkles Playgroup	250.00
36.	Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod	50.00
39.	Music in the Vale	250.00
41.	Positive Image Photographic Society	300.00
48.	Shakespeare Residents Association	300.00
52.	Vale of Glamorgan Brass Band	500.00
53.	Vale of Glamorgan District Sports Council	250.00
54.	Vibe Experience	350.00
56.	Wales Air Ambulance	500.00
57.	WRVS Colcot Derby & Joan Club	200.00
	TOTAL	<u>10,030.00</u>

2. that grants not be awarded to:-

11. Barry & District Y3A
15. Barry Mediation Centre
16. Barry Mens Forum
17. Barry Probus 2
21. Billboard Ensemble
22. Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales
24. Brecon Court Residents Group
25. Camau Cyntaf Cylch Meithrin
26. CAVRA
29. Follow Your Dreams
30. Gibbonsdown Children's Centre
31. Gibbonsdown & Treharne Community Association
33. Intersensory Club
37. Media A Cardiff
38. Merchant Navy
43. Relate Cymru
46. Scouts & Guide Hospital Community Project
47. Shahjahan Foundation
49. Shelter Cymru
50. SHUA
51. Sully Centurions
55. Victim Support

3. that application no's. 28; Cruise Bereavement, 40; Old Pioneers Social Club, 42; Rainbow Women's Group, 44; Royal British Legion be deferred to a future meeting of the Working Party to discuss an alternative way in which the Town Council can assist financially;
4. that with regard to application no. 35, a letter be sent to the Knap Community Action Group requesting they give a presentation to a future meeting of the Working Party in support of their application for a financial grant and that with regard to application number 45 (Rotary Club of Barry) further discussion to take place within the Working Party;
5. that awards to the organisations listed below be subject to the following conditions:-
 4. Amy Britton Singers - to cover the cost for the music they require;
 5. Arts 4U - to support 'the coming of the light' celebration, the free music concert and the art of the singing tree subject to the Town Council's name being advertised as a sponsor;
 7. Barry Arts Centre - to cover the cost of the stage lighting upgrade subject to the Town Mayor being invited to switch the lights on;
 8. Barry Basketball Club - to help fund the Club's basketball kit subject to the Town Council's logo being placed on the kit as sponsor;
 9. Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Club - to cover the cost for hiring the pool and the hall;
 10. Barry & District Chrysanthemum Society - to cover the cost of hiring the hall;
 12. Barry Island YPO - to cover the cost of the volley ball posts;
 13. Barry Ladies Choir - to cover the cost of purchasing the new pieces of music referred to in the application;
 14. Barry Male Voice Choir - to cover the cost for the soloists/guest appearances subject to the Town Mayor being invited;
 20. Baruc Art Group - to cover the costs for demonstrators to provide workshops etc.;
 27. Coastwatch - to purchase 2 IC-M505 radio training simulators subject to these being presented by the Town Mayor;
 32. Holton Road AFC - to help enhance the quality of the Club's kit subject to the Town Council's logo being placed on the kit as a sponsor;
 34. Kiddiwinkles Playgroup - to purchase outside toys for the playgroup;
 48. Shakespeare Residents Associations - to help fund an event to be held in the Summer of 2011 subject to the Mayor opening such event;

53. Vale of Glamorgan District Sports Council - for the purchase of an achievement prize.

F292. **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS MARCH 2011**

Concerns were raised with regards to the cost of heating, electricity and water in the Cemetery Chapel. Councillor Davey requested that the Chair and the Leader of the Council investigate these costs and report back with a defined method of usage for Cemetery staff to adhere to. Councillor Brooks, as Chairperson of the Amenities Committee, requested that a full report be submitted to the Amenities Committee.

The Responsible Finance Officer informed the Committee that there were a few amendments to the schedule of accounts namely that cheque No. 106480 be amended to read £16 inc Vat, cheque no. 106489 be amended to read £81.01 inc Vat and cheque no. 106493 be amended to read £54 inc Vat with the total being amended to read £10,503.86.

Councillor Davey drew the Committee's attention to British Gas direct debits in the amounts of £456.91 and £255.64. She claimed that the Committee at a previous meeting had agreed (as a result of previous concerns regarding the "on costs" of the Chapel) that it was not necessary to keep the heating on all the time keeping the furniture warm, but that it appears that the Committee's previous concerns had gone unheeded. She asked the Leader and the Chair of the Committee to investigate the problems with gas, water and electricity usage in the Chapel, and have a defined method of usage for Cemetery Staff to adhere to. As stated previously in Council "we support the Chapel, but it should not be a millstone but an asset to the Council".

Councillor Brooks, Chair of the Amenities Committee, asked that the result of any investigation be reported to the Amenities Committee. In response the Chair of the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee considered that the results of the investigation should be reported to the Chair of the Amenities Committee, as well as to the Leader and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee.

RESOLVED:

1. that the schedule of payments for March 2011 consisting of direct debits and cheque numbers 106467 to 106502 inclusive, in the amended amount of £10,503.86, be approved subject to the paperwork being correct;
2. that a full report investigating the problems with gas, water and electricity usage in the Cemetery Chapel be submitted to the Leader, the Chair of the Amenities Committee, and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee, to enable a defined method of gas, water and

electricity usage in the Chapel to be identified for Cemetery staff to adhere to.

F293. **PROPOSED VIREMENTS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL'S 2010/11 BUDGET**

RESOLVED: that the eight proposed virements set out in the Officer's report and totalling £3,050 be approved.

F294. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: that the next ordinary meeting of the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee be scheduled for Monday 18 April 2011 at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.57pm.

SignedDated
Chairperson