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WISBECH TOWN COUNCIL

Public Participation: The Meeting opened for public participation at 10 am for 15 minutes. As there were no members of the public wishing to speak, the meeting commenced at 10 am.

PRESENT: The Mayor Cllr Mrs Lawrence; Cllr Green in the Chair; and Cllrs O'Dell; and Farmer.

In attendance: Erbie Murat Town Clerk, and Clerk to the meeting.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies

2. Declarations of interest

Members were asked to declare an interest and not to participate in discussions on items in which they had a prejudicial interest.

3. Recommendations to Finance & General Purposes Committee (25/01/09).

Members AGREED to further additions to special projects budget (currently £21,000) as already agreed by F&GP and Town Council on 19 October 2009 (reducing grants budget commensurately). This addition would be for organisations with whom the Council has a special relationship.

St Johns Ambulance	£250
WisARD	£250
Arles Twinning	NIL
WOPWA (Wisbech Old Peoples Welfare Assoc)	£250

Members AGREED to recommend to F&GP Committee that the Special Projects budget for 2010/2011 be increased to £21,750, and the grants budget be reduced to £4,250.

Members NOTED that the grants budget, (once special projects were removed and adjusted) had increased in real terms from £2,750 to £4,250. The real increase is therefore £1,500 on grants and the real increase in special projects is a further £4,400.

Members NOTED that the total remaining applications for the grants budget was for £19,401.

Members AGREED that in future the grants budget should be known as the small grants budget with a lower limit of £100 and an upper limit of £1,000.

Members re-iterated and AGREED that grants could not be awarded from the grants budget unless the organisation had actually made an application.

Members AGREED to limit grant support from the small grants budget to organisations whose headquarters are in or who operate substantially within the Parish boundaries of Wisbech Town Council.

Members AGREED that unsuccessful applicants are informed of the reasons for refusal.

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Members REFUSED the following applicants due to location:

Roy's Buffet Club – Walton Highway - £750
Kit Club (Keep in Touch – Walpole Highway - £500
March Brass 2000 – March - £3,000
Chatterbox – running club – Chatteris - £500
Priory Disability Golf Academy – March - £1150
Elm Friendship Club – Elm - £800
Victim Support – Huntingdon - £500

Members APPROVED the following:

Wisbech & District Tourism Development Group .. £100 (Requested £500)
(not to be used to duplicate the work of Wisbech Town Council)

Wisbech Rugby Union Football Club	£200 (Requested £800)
Wisbech & District Indoor Bowls Club	£200 (Requested £975)
Wisbech Swimming Club	£200 (Requested £750)
Wisbech Lawn Tennis Club	£200 (Requested £476)
Angles Theatre	£1,000 (Requested £3,000)
Wisbech Music Society	£200 (Requested £200)
The Wisbech Players	£200 (Requested £500)
Wisbech Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society	£200 (Requested £200)
272 (Wisbech) Squadron Air Training Corps	£200 (Requested £950)
Volunteer Centre Fenland	£200 (Requested £950)
Wisbech & District Talking Newspaper	£100 (Requested £200)
St Augustine's Day Centre	£100 (Requested – not specified)
St Raphael Club	£100 (Requested £100)
Friends of St Peter & St Paul Church (membership)	£100 (Requested £100)
Wisbech Physically & Able Bodied Club PHAB	£100 (Requested £500)
FENVISION Isle of Ely Society for the Blind (Wisbech Group)	£100 (Requested £1,000)
Oasis Day Centre	£100 (Requested £800)
Wisbech Riding for the Disabled	£100 (Requested £100)

Members noted that the total AGREED to be paid out of the small grants budget was £3,700 - leaving £550 as a buffer.

The meeting closed at 11.30 am

Signed

Dated