

Minutes of a meeting of the Grant Aid sub committee held at the Town Hall, Denbigh on Thursday 24th July 2014 at 6pm.

Present: Councillors Raymond Bartley, Colin Hughes, Shereen Lunt, Medwyn Williams and Medwyn Jones (Town Clerk).

Apologies: Roy Tickle, Gaynor Wood, Rob Parkes

1. **Election of chairman and deputy chairman:** Cllr Colin Hughes was duly elected chairman and Cllr Shereen Lunt as deputy chairman
2. **To discuss and recommend a policy on grant aid payment for the current financial year 2014 / 2015:** It was agreed to recommend a policy to ensure that there was sufficient funding to cover all grant aid applications as follows:
 - (1) Applications from national charities. To recommend continuation of the policy of £100 per application but to retain a prerogative if a specific local situation or emergency.
 - (2) Applications from local charities. To recommend continuation of the policy that each application be dealt with on its merit.
 - (3) Taking into account the number of grant applications received by the council and the funding available within the current budget, to recommend continuation of the policy that a ceiling of £3,000 be placed on each application. It was also agreed to recommend that each application be carefully scrutinised and if need be further details be requested.
 - (4) Each application must be accompanied by a balance sheet or accounts or if not available an explanation as to why this was so.

It was reported that the grant aid total for the current financial year was £50,000. £32,450 remained available (£17,550 already allocated to eight applications)

Two applications were considered. It was agreed to recommend the following with regard to each application:

- (1) Flintshire Optec Exchange. New application. Request for a grant towards funding a Japanese Student exchange on the 31st July 2014. The students would stay with students from Flintshire High Schools and their families. Grant aid applications were being made to town and community councils in which the selected students attending the Flintshire schools resided. Denbigh town council had been selected as one pupil resided at Prion. It was agreed to recommend that the application be refused and to point out that the residence was outside the jurisdiction of the town council and suggest that an application be made to the Llanrhaeadr Community Council.
- (2) Menter Iaith Sir Ddinbych. Annual application. £2,950 sought towards project costs of £2,950 to hold a number of events in Denbigh to promote Welsh and to raise awareness of the benefits of bilingualism to the local economy during the year. It was agreed to recommend a grant of £2,950 (S.145).

Total amount of grants recommended - £2,950 thus leaving a balance of £29,500 in the grant aid budget for the remaining 8 months of the current financial year.

The meeting closed at 6.11pm

