

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GRANT AID COMMITTEE
HELD AT BURNTWOOD LIBRARY, SANKEYS CORNER
ON THURSDAY 21 OCTOBER 2011 COMMENCING AT 7.40 P.M.**

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs Woodward in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Banevicius, Bradbury, Brown, Campbell, Mrs Evans, Humphreys, Isaacs, James, Mosson, Norman, Mrs Stokes, Taylor, Mrs Tranter, Walker MBE, Willis-Croft

In attendance:

Mrs M Danby, Town Clerk

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Mrs Brettell, Constable, Drinkwater, Mrs Fisher, Heath and Mrs Rigby.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Banevicius declared a personal interest in Application No. 12 (Burntwood Live at Home Scheme).

Councillor Bradbury declared a prejudicial in Application No. 8 (Burntwood Chase Heritage Group/Sankeys Corner Arts Miner Project) and a personal interest in Application No. 12 (Burntwood Live at Home Scheme).

Councillor Campbell declared a personal interest with regard to Application No. 24 (Fusion Credit Union).

Councillor Mrs Evans declared a personal interest with regard to Application No. 10 (Burntwood Gardening Guild) and a prejudicial interest in Application No. 19 (Chase Terrace Methodist Church).

Councillor Taylor declared a personal interest in Application No. 7 (Active 60s Group) and a personal interest in Application No. 12 (Burntwood Live at Home Scheme).

Councillor Walker MBE declared a personal interest with regard to Application No. 12 (Burntwood Live at Home Scheme), a personal interest in Application No. 18 (Chase Terrace Bowling Club), a prejudicial interest in Application No. 19 (Chase Terrace Methodist Church) and a personal interest in Application No. 24 (Fusion Credit Union).

Councillor Willis-Croft declared a personal interest with regard to Application No. 32 (The Fulfen Association).

Councillor Mrs Woodward declared a personal interest with regard to Application No. 10 (Burntwood Gardening Guild) and a prejudicial interest in Application No. 19 (Chase Terrace Methodist Church).

3. STATUTORY PROVISIONS AND POLICY CRITERIA

RESOLVED That the Statutory Provisions and Policy Criteria and the Guidance Notes and Conditions of Funding be received and noted.

4. BUDGET PROVISION

RESOLVED That the reminder of the grant aid budget of £8,000 for the 2011/12 financial year be received and noted.

5. 2011/12 GRANT AID APPLICATIONS

The Grants Sub-Committee had met on Wednesday 12 October 2011 to consider 34 applications for Grant Aid. The Sub-Committee considered all applications in detail and their recommendations are set out in Appendix 1 to those Minutes.

The Grant Aid Committee was requested to formally receive and consider the Minutes of the Meeting of the Grant Aid Sub-Committee held on 12 October 2011 (Minute Nos. 1 – 3 and Appendix 1).

RESOLVED That:

- a) The Minutes of the Grant Aid Sub-Committee meeting held on 07 October 2010 (Minute Nos. 1-3 and Appendix 1) be received.
- b) That the following clause be added to the Scheme Guidance Notes and Conditions of Funding:

"Applications will only be considered from organisations where Burntwood residents comprise at least 50% of their membership and/or participants."

- c) Under powers given by the Local Government Act 1972, s.137 Grant Aid be awarded as set out in the **APPENDIX 1**.
- d) The Grants Sub-Committee be thanked for their hard work in assessing the grant aid applications and making the recommendations to the Grant Aid Committee for consideration.

(The Meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.)

Signed

Date

SUMMARY OF 2011/12 GRANT AID APPLICATIONS

ORGANISATION	NO.	2011/12 REQUEST £	RECOMMENDE D GRANT £	PURPOSE OF GRANT
1 st Burntwood Girls' Brigade	1	350	250	Purchase digital camera and laptop.
1 st Burntwood Scout Group	2	580.80	350	Towards the cost of skimming and carpeting the Meeting Room floor at their HQ.
2 nd Burntwood Boys' Brigade	3	270	270	Training of members to undertake supervisory and assessor accreditation courses.
2 nd Chase Terrace Guide Unit	4	300	200	Towards the cost of going to Go Ape! At Cannock Chase as part of the Challenge Badge.
2 nd Chasewater Rainbow Unit	5	300	200	Towards cost of outdoor activities as part of the LEGS11 badge and table linen for overnights.
1444 Brownhills Squadron	6	130	130	Purchase a "Resusci Anne" training dummy to continue 1 st aid training.
Active 60s Group	7	300	150	Towards the cost of trips out.
Burntwood Chase Heritage Group	8	200	200	Towards the purchase of glass (Perspex) topped display tables for viewing and security of items.
Burntwood Family History Group	9	200	100	Towards the cost of continuing the "War Memorial Project".
Burntwood Gardening Guild	10	100	100	Assistance with increasing cost of speakers fees and the purchase of a "flip chart".
Burntwood Gateway Club	11	200	200	To provide day trip on the Walsall Enterprise Narrowboat.

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Burntwood Live at Home Scheme	12	920	500	To assist with room hire costs for the weekly arts and crafts session.
Burntwood Memorial Community Association	13	1,000	500 ¹	Towards the cost of installing a Fire Alarm in the Hall.
Burntwood St Matthews Cricket Club	14	350	350	Replacement of the homemade scoreboard.
Burntwood Singers	15	150	50	Towards the purchase of sheet music.
Burntwood Swimming Club	16	500	350	Assistance with hire of Burntwood Swimming Pool and replacement of some of their smaller equipment items.
Burntwood Town Football Club	17	500	250	To fund coaching and equipment for coaching.
Chase Terrace Bowling Club	18	400	300	To assist in meeting the Green hire costs for 2011.
Chase Terrace Methodist Church	19	500	300	Assistance to meet part of the cost of improvement meeting space and storage at the Church.
Chasetown Darby and Joan Club	20	300	200	To subsidise mini bus costs to enable disabled members to weekly meetings.
Chasetown Womens Institute	21	500	150	Towards the long-term project to increase membership (speakers' fees, room hire, publicity, stationery).
Chasewater District Guides	22	1000	550 ²	Assistance with the cost of setting-up a new senior section, to aid two Brownie units for LEGS11 activities and coach hire for organised events.
Embroidery for Burntwood Community	23	150	150	Towards the cost of fabrics and threads for the Heritage Panel for Burntwood Memorial Institute.

ORGANISATION	NO.	2011/12 REQUEST £	RECOMMEND ED GRANT £	PURPOSE OF GRANT
Fusion Credit Union	24	300	300 ³	Assistance with the cost of undertaking a publicity campaign to improve levels of membership in Burntwood and money boxes to encourage grandparents and grandchildren to work together.
Hammerwich Cricket Club	25	300	150	Assistance with the purchase of a clock for league games.
Hammerwich Parent and Toddler Group	26	300	200	Towards the purchase of outdoor play equipment and craft materials.
Meiji Judokwai	27	7,000	300	Assistance sought with replacing judo mats (£6,880) and starter packs to encourage new members (£480).
Pathway Project	28	500	500 ⁴	Towards the cost of refitting a bathroom within the Burntwood Refuge.
St Matthews Football Club	29	350	200 ⁵	Towards the cost of insurance, new kits, etc and upkeep of the Club's ground.
SSAFA Forces Help	30	150	150	To assist caseworkers for reimbursement of their expenses – the caseworkers are volunteers and they do not receive payment of any kind.
Step Forward Stroke Support Group	31	990	150 ⁶	26 speech therapy sessions (650), 1 waterproof banner (£45) and Selection of educational equipment (£295)
The Fulfen Association	32	500	0 ⁷	Assistance with installing a Bike Rack at the school.
The National Association of Widows	33	321.96	100	Assistance with room hire for their monthly meetings.
The Redwood Friendship Club	34	200	150	Towards the cost of taking members out for meals.

Foot notes:

- ¹ Application No. 13
The Association is encouraged to consider charging a Membership Fee to offset the costs of running and upgrading the Hall.
- ² Application No. 22
Grant aid is subject to receipt (before the cheque is released) of a project plan showing how the money will be spent.
- ³ Application No. 24
The Town Council is recommended to seek an Outside Body appointment to the Fusion Credit Union's Board.
- ⁴ Application No. 28
Grant aid awarded subject to confirmation of the status of the Burntwood Refuge.
- ⁵ Application No.29
Grant aid awarded towards the cost of new equipment and nets.
- ⁶ Application No. 31
Grant aid awarded towards the purchase of the educational equipment.
- ⁷ Application No. 32
Application does not meet the Scheme criteria (specifically Para. 11 of the Guidance Notes).