

RUSTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

MINUTES: of the Meeting held on 23 October 2006

PRESENT: Councillors M Warrington (Chairman), J Ceiriog-Hughes, J Collins, Mrs S Lines,
Mrs M Rice, R Steward and G Tyler

104/06 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Akbar (Personal Commitment). This apology was accepted by the Committee.

105/06 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

Councillor Ceiriog-Hughes declared a personal interest in Minutes 12/06(c) and 12/06(g). He remained in the Meeting during consideration of these items and took part in the discussions and votes thereon.

106/06 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 September 2006 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

107/06 **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

The Committee RESOLVED that the Accounts be paid and the necessary cheques be drawn. A copy of these Accounts is attached and forms part of these Minutes.

108/06 **GRANT AID**

The Clerk reminded Members that the Council's past policy was to consider general applications for Grant Aid once a year at the October Meeting, using up to 75% of the Budget Provision, with 25% being retained for applications received at other times of the year.

She then reported that 50% of the provision had already been expended during the current financial year as follows:-

Arun Biodiversity Forum	£ 100.00
Lam Lahng Kung Fu	£ 100.00
Wrestling Club (J Savage)	£ 250.00
Sofas & Stuff	£ 200.00
Victim Support	<u>£ 100.00</u>
	<u>£ 750.00</u>

She said that a Report had been previously circulated, which included details of applications as follows:-

(a) 4SIGHT (Formerly West Sussex Association for the Blind)

A request for financial assistance to provide a countywide mobile rehabilitation training kitchen service.

(b) **The Manor Club**

A request for financial assistance towards the expenditure to be incurred for the Club's Christmas Party and ongoing expenses.

(c) **1st Rustington Scout Group**

A request for financial assistance towards the maintenance costs of the Scout Hall, and to ensure an adequate supply of camping and outdoor activity equipment of a good standard continues during the forthcoming year.

(d) **Arun Young Musicians (Littlehampton Rotary Club)**

A request for financial assistance towards the ongoing costs of the Annual Festival.

(e) **Arun Co-ordinated Community Transport**

A request for financial assistance towards the increasing costs of continuing the service.

(f) **WRVS**

A request for financial assistance towards the continuing costs of providing this facility in the local community.

(g) **Rustington Community Primary School**

A request for a financial contribution towards the costs to be incurred in respect of the purchase of a new storage facility to house bicycles and equipment for the Foundation Stage Outdoor Learning Environment.

Following detailed consideration of the Clerk's Report, the Committee RECOMMENDED that the following Grant Aid be awarded:-

(a) 4SIGHT (West Sussex Association for the Blind)	NIL
(b) The Manor Club	£200.00
(c) 1st Rustington Scout Group	NIL**
(d) Arun Young Musicians (Littlehampton Rotary Club)	NIL
(e) Arun Co-ordinated Community Transport	£100.00
(f) WRVS	£100.00
(g) Rustington Community Primary School	£100.00

** The Committee agreed that whilst it was unable to provide any financial assistance at the present time, the Group should be asked to submit a further application for Grant Aid in respect of the forthcoming 2007 Jamboree, at the beginning of the next financial year, namely April 2007, when additional funding would be available for the Committee to allocate to various local groups and organisations.

109/06 FARMING AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY GROUP LIMITED

The Committee considered a request received from the South East Regional Adviser for the Council to consider making an annual contribution of £35.00 to the Kent and Sussex Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group Limited, towards the Group's critical role in the future of the Sussex Countryside.

Following a brief discussion, the Committee RECOMMENDED that no further action be taken in respect of this request.

110/06 38 WOODLANDS AVENUE

The Clerk referred to Minute 101/06 and reported that the purchase chain was again progressing and all parties, with the exception of the new potential purchaser at the end of the chain, ready to proceed. She said that she understood that the aforementioned potential purchaser had received their mortgage offer just over a week ago, and once again she hoped to be able to provide a more positive report in this regard at the next Meeting.

The Committee NOTED this information.

Chairman:

Date: