

Minutes of the Meeting
of the Lazonby Parish Council Finance & Budget Committee
on Thursday 26th November 2015
for 2016/17

In attendance – Councillors:- Virginia Minihan, Peter Minihan, John Judson and Treasurer Chris Hoy.

GRANTS

Cumbria Association of Local Councils has provided the committee with a detailed list of criteria for Grant selection of which this has benefited the committee in recommending the following allocations.

The Finance & Budget Committee discussed a change to the grant criteria to be applied from 2016. It was agreed by those present to take the recommendations for the new grant criteria to the full Meeting of the Council in December 2015 for consideration. A copy of the new grant criteria is attached to the Finance & Budget Committee Minutes.

Once approved by the Council the new grant criteria will be available to all parishioners to view upon request.

The following are recommended to the committee for consideration.

1 GNAA Unspecified Amount Recommendation £200 Purchase two portable ultrasound scanners for aircraft and response vehicles

A vital service to the community, agreed to match last years grant of £200 as it satisfies all criteria.

2 St Nicholas PCC Applied for £500 Recommendation £200 Annual maintenance and roof repairs

The full amount was not recommended as annual maintenance counts as a recurring application from last year. However roof repairs satisfies the criteria.

3 FellRunner Applied for £445 Recommendation £445 Provision of a minibus service for the parish

Not a capital project however satisfies all other criteria. Amount requested is based on level of use in parish.

4 Lazonby Swimming Pool Applied for £250 Recommendation £250 Provision of water based activities in the pool for local children

Satisfies all criteria

5 Lazonby School Applied for £250 Recommendation £250 To replace condemned Climbing Frame for Playground

Satisfies all criteria

6 Eden Valley Camera Club Applied for £200 Recommendation £100 Purchase of Equipment
Only awarded for 'Calibration' software as the 'Mount Cutter' not exclusive to photography

7 Lazonby's Got Talent Applied for £250 Recommendation £250 (to Village Hall) Purchase specialized speakers and stand

This does not satisfy all the criteria, the sound equipment used in the Village Hall should be available for use by the whole community. Therefore recommend that the money be given to the Village Hall to go towards upgrading their speakers

8 Lazonby Bowling Club Applied for £500 Recommendation £230 Repairs to boundary stone wall

Satisfies all criteria but club has done no fundraising, therefore in agreement to match fund at £230

9 Lazonby Village Hall Applied for £1500 **Recommendation £1500 Installation of insulation**
Satisfies all criteria however work on insulation must be started within the 12 Month funding period. (May 2017)

In Summary Grants Applied For £4095 Recommendations £3425

Budget

The Committee looked at the Treasurers Preliminary Budget and initially agreed that the reserves projected at close of business March 2017 would be £11,102.

The committee invoked the new agreed contingency reserve threshold as stated in the financial regulations to recommend that the Precept remain unchanged at £11850 for 2016/17.

The Treasurer had made provision for additional expenditure on Street Lighting £3k, Scaur Close Green Project £2k over 2015/16 and 2016/17, Playground repairs £1k, Possible Summer Groundworker £1.5k, Tree works (Croglin Designs) £0.5k.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm with a decision to recommend Grants of £3425 and a Precept of £11,850.

Virginia Minihan
Chair

Chris Hoy
Treasurer

29.11.2015