

THORNBURY
TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Grants Meeting
Held on Thursday 4th December 2014

Present: Cllr. Bob Griffin (Chairman)

Cllrs. Emma Bone
Vincent Costello
Chris Clifford
Benj Emmerson
Graham Lanfear
Guy Rawlinson
Pam Shipp
Matthew Stringer

Judith Payne (Town Clerk)
Sandra Richardson (Deputy Town Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs. Clive Parkinson (Other Commitment)
Phyllida Parsloe (Indisposed)
Maggie Tyrrell (Other Commitment)

Absent : Cllrs. Gill Brooks
Gareth Davies
Neil Halsall
Helen Harrison

1 GRANT APPLICATIONS

207/14. (a) Small Grants Budget

Applications were received and given detailed consideration. Grants were approved as follows:-

Northavon Youth Theatre Company	£280.00	
Thornbury Arts Festival	£850.00	
Vitalise	£300.00*	
Thornbury in Bloom Committee	£1,200.00	(Int 1)
Thornbury Christmas Lights Association	£2000.00	(Int.2)
Thornbury Area Music Trust	£500.00	
Thornbury Carnival	£600.00	
The West of England MS Therapy Centre	£0.00	
Friends of Filnore Woods	£550.00*	
Thornbury Science Festival Committee	400.00	
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Total	£6680.00	

It was agreed that the remaining budget of £4,320.00 will be held available for late applications.

Notes:

* denotes expenditure under the terms of S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972

Int. 1 Cllr Guy Rawlinson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as Chairman of the Thornbury in Bloom Committee and left the meeting for this item.

Int 2 Cllr. Chris Clifford declared disclosable pecuniary interest as a member of Thornbury Lights Association and left the meeting for this item.

2. REVIEW OF ALL ESTIMATES

208/14. Resolved that the following amendments be made to the estimates, provisionally approved by Council, and which will be ratified at Full Council on 8th January 2015.

(a) Environment Committee – Revised Projection 2014-15

- The revised projection remains unchanged with a projected balance forward of £12,969

Environment Committee – Estimates 2015-16

- Reduce Grass Cutting to £29,000

The precept for the Environment Committee for 2015-16 will be reduced £52,296

(b) Playing Fields and Cemetery Committee – Revised Projection 2014-15

- Reduce New Play Equipment to £13,000
- Reduce Loan Repayments (Poulterbook) to £0
- Reduce Loan Repayments (Splash Pad) to £3,500

The Projected Balance Forward is increased to £63,142

Playing Fields and Cemetery Committee – Estimates 2015-16

- Reduce Summer Warden to £3,000
- Reduce Loan Repayments (Poulterbrook) to £7,000
- Reduce Loan repayments (Splash Pad) to £7,000

The precept for the Playing Fields and Cemetery Committee for 2015-16 will be £136,758

(c) Central Services Budget – Revised Projection 2014-15

- The revised projection remains unchanged with a projected balance forward of £9,392

Central Services Budget – Estimates 2015-16

- Reduce Town hall Redecoration to £6,000 as project to be spread over two years
- New Carpet for Hall Stairs and landing of Town Hall £1,500

The precept for the Central Services Budget for 2015-16 will be £190,718

(d) Land and Property Budget – Revised Projection 2014-15

- The revised projection remains unchanged with a projected balance forward of £7,669

Land and Property Budget – Estimates 2015-16

- Reduce 67, High Street Maintenance to £2,000

The precept for the Land and Property Budget for 2015-16 will be £8,430

(e) Grants and Contingencies Budget – Revised Projection 2014-15

- Reduce Grants for Town hall Hire to £500
- Reduce Revenue Grant to CAB to £1,000
- Reduce Working Balances and Contingencies to £15,000

This increases the Projected Balance Forward to £37,159

Grants and Contingencies Budget – Estimates 2015-16

- Reduce Grants for Town hall Hire to £500
- Reduce Community Toilet Scheme to £3,000
- Reduce Revenue Grant CAB to £1,000
- Reduce Working Balance & Contingencies to £30,000

The precept for the Grants and Contingencies Budget for 2015-16 will be £68,341

3. PRECEPT REQUIREMENT

209/14. The overall effect of these amendments will be to make the Council precept £456,453 for 2015-16, a reduction of 0.2% compared to last year. The precept will be set formally by Council at its meeting on 8th January 2015.

Members agreed to the amendments with a vote of 7 in favour with two abstentions.