

6.3 Membership of CATPC

RESOLVED: that the Council becomes a member of the Cheshire Association of Town and Parish Councils and that the 2004 subscription is approved for payment.

7. LETTERS OF THANKS FOR DONATIONS

7.1 British Legion

RESOLVED: that the letter of thanks is received.

7.2 Sandbach & District Talking Newspaper

RESOLVED: that the letter of thanks is received.

7.3 St John Ambulance

RESOLVED: that the correspondence and letter of thanks are received.

8. APPLICATIONS FOR DONATIONS

8.1 Sandbach RUFC

Cllr D Lloyd-Griffiths declared an interest as a member of the Rugby Club. A grant of £350 was awarded at the Special Town Council Meeting of 5 February 2004.

RESOLVED: that the payment is confirmed.

8.2 Wheelock Community Association Annual Fete

RESOLVED: that the payment of £250 towards the Fete is made.

8.3 Lions Youth Brass

They seek support towards their costs of £6,500 to take part in an International Youth Festival of Music in the Czech Republic.

RESOLVED: that a payment of £500 towards their costs is made.

8.4 Sandbach Stars Dance Troupe

Mrs Bailey seeks a grant of £320 to cover the cost of taking the troupe to the Championships. The application form stated that there were no accounts available.

RESOLVED: that a payment of £320 towards their costs is made subject to a satisfactory response from Mrs Bailey about the Troupe's accounts.

8.5 Sandbach Transport Festival

RESOLVED: that the annual expected payment of £1,000 is made.

8.6 Sandbach Festival

Cllr N T Price declared an interest as one of the organisers of the event.

They seek urgent funding of £1,750 to allow the project to continue. An application form is awaited.

Concern was expressed about the term Festival being used to commemorate the slaughter of Scots and local people. The Chairman allowed Cllr Price to describe the organisers' proposals of which re-enactment of the skirmish was a small part.

RESOLVED: that the requested donation of £1,750 is made.

9. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Finance Committee Meeting is to be on to be held at 8 pm.

RESOLVED: that the next meeting of the Finance Committee takes place at 8 pm on 15 April 2004 in the Mayor's Room, Westfields.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

M R Sherman
Chairman

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