

## GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE

16 MAY 2008

(10am – 10.35am)

**Present:** Councillors O Hedley, GM Richardson and GK Robinson (Chair)

An apology for absence was received from Councillor DP Blackie

**Officers in attendance:**

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| J Kellett  | Chief Finance Officer       |
| DM Roberts | Democratic Services Manager |
| F Cooper   | Accountancy Assistant       |

**1 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business for discussion.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2008, as circulated, be agreed as a correct record.

**4 GRANT APPLICATIONS 2008/09**

The Chief Finance Officer submitted a report outlining grant applications received for the current financial year, for consideration by the Sub-Committee in accordance with the previously agreed criteria. Members were reminded of the balances available for allocation in respect of both arts grants and general grants. Members were provided with full details of all the applications received and proceeded to consider them against the criteria.

*Note: As current Chair of Lynesack & Softley Parish Council, Councillor GK Robinson declared a prejudicial interest in the application received from the Parish Council and left the room whilst it was considered.*

**RESOLVED:**

**General Grants**

- a. That £520 be awarded to Lynesack & Softley Parish Council (contribution towards cost of litter picking).
- b. That the application in respect of pupils at St John's RC School, Bishop Auckland be refused.
- c. That the application from Lands Cricket Club be refused but that alternative funding sources be suggested to the applicant.

## **Arts Grants**

- d. That the applications from *Artworks* (Easter & Summer workshops, annual banner festival) be approved.
- e. That the application from Barnard Castle Meet be refused.
- f. That the applications from *Highlights Promotions Ltd* (programme of professional performances and workshops in villages; contemporary craft touring exhibition for 3 days and series of workshops for local schools) be approved.