

### **Bishop Auckland Town Council**

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**Town Clerk: David Anderson** 

### TO: Members of the FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councillor David Wilson (Chairman) Councillor Lee Brownson (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Joy Allen, Jamie Blackburn, Leanda Chappell and Sam Zair

Copies to all other Members of the Town Council for information

28th November 2018

Dear Councillor,

I hereby give you notice that a meeting of the **Finance Committee** will be held in the Town Clerk's Office at the Four Clocks Centre, Bishop Auckland on **Tuesday**, **4**<sup>th</sup> **December 2018 at 5.00 p.m.** 

Yours sincerely,

David Anderson
Town Clerk

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for Absence
- 2. Declarations of Interest

To invite members to declare any interests they may have in any matter identified for discussion in the meeting.

3. Public Participation

To hear from any members of the public subject to Public Participation Policy

- 4. Report of Town Clerk
  - 1. Account Balances
  - 2. Authorisation of Cheques
    - a. Written under delegated powers
    - b. Presented for authorisation
  - 3. Applications for Community Fund / Donations

## DO I HAVE AN INTEREST?

## DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS Does the matter to be discussed affect:-

Anyone that employs or has appointed you You, or your spouse's/partner's, business, employment or profession

YES

Anyone that you or your spouse/partner has or your spouse/partner

If your Standing Orders dictate you should withdraw from the

Do not try to influence the decision.

meeting by leaving the room.

You should take no part in the discussion or vote

YOU SHOULD DECLARE THAT YOU HAVE DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

> in the Councils area, corporate tenancy or securities in which you or your spouse/ received sponsorship from က်

A contract with the Council, land or licence partner has an interest.

assistance for Councillors to help determine whether you being discussed at a Council have an interest in a matter This flowchart provides meeting.

own responsibility to comply However it is a Councillors with the Code of Conduct and declare an interest where appropriate.

section 34 of the Localism Pecuniary Interest is a criminal offence under register a Disclosable Failure to disclose or

Act 2011.

### SHOULD DECLARE THAT YOU HAVE AN OTHER REGISTERABLE INTEREST

If your Standing Orders dictate you should withdraw from the

YES

general control or management and to which

you have been appointed or nominated by

OTHER REGISTERABLE INTERESTS

200

Does the matter to be discussed affect:-1. A body where you are in a position of (a) exercises functions of a public nature

Any body which

your Council.

(b) is directed to charitable purposes or(c) whose principal purpose include the

representations or answer questions about the matter if You should not vote on the matter but you may make members of the public can do so. meeting by leaving the room.

union) of which you are a member in a

position of general control or

3. Any gifts or hospitality with more than an

estimated value of £50 management

(including any political party or trade

influence of public opinion or policy

# DECLARE THAT YOU HAVE A NON-REGISTERABLE PERSONAL INTEREST

You should not vote on the matter but you may make representations or answer questions about the matter if members of the public can do so. If your Standing Orders dictate you should withdraw from the meeting by leaving the room.

You can participate in the meeting and vote

No

1. A financial interest of a friend, relative or

close associate.

Does the matter to be discussed affect:-

YES

OTHER NON-REGISTERABLE PERSONAL

INTERESTS

### **BISHOP AUCKLAND TOWN COUNCIL**

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

### 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018

### REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

### 1. ACCOUNT BALANCES

The balance on the following accounts as at 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 will be circulated at the meeting:-

- a. Lloyds Deposit Account
- b. Lloyds Current Account
- c. Darlington Building Society
- c. Nationwide Building Society
- d. Santander

RECOMMENDED:

That the account balances be noted.

### 2. AUTHORISATION OF CHEQUES

### a. Delegated Powers

In accordance with Delegated Powers, the Mayor and Chair of Finance have authorised the following payments: -

| Chq  | CURRENT ACCOUNT                       | Detail   | £         |
|------|---------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| 1688 | Npower Business                       | Skate Park Electricity 02/05/18-28/09/08               | £44.04    |
| 1689 | Royal British Legion                  | Poppy Wreath - Type C                                  | £18.50    |
| 1690 | Durham County Council                 | Room Hire & Refreshment Horticultural Show 2018        | £597.06   |
| 1691 | Bishop Auckland Community Partnership | Office Rent & Room Hire - September 2018               | £737.50   |
| 1692 | John Alderson Photography             | Photography- Horticultural Show 2018                   | £120.00   |
| 1693 | South Church Allotment Association    | Community Fund - Annual Open Day 2018                  | £55.84    |
| EP   | Wave – NWG Business                   | Water: West Mills 09/07/18-08/10/2018                  | £138.08   |
| EP   | Wave - NWG Business                   | Water: Edge Hill 01/06/18-31/08/18                     | £49.48    |
| 1694 | Durham County Council                 | BATC Website Development and Hosting 01/04/18-31/03/19 | £3,600.00 |
| 1695 | Sedgefield Town Council               | 2x Tickets Remembrance Lunch - 10th<br>November 2018   | £34.00    |
| 1696 | Breathe Easy Durham Dales             | 2x Tickets Soundwaves Concert - 15th<br>November 2018  | £10.00    |
| EP   | Salaries, Superannuation              | October 2018   | £4,395.18 |
| EP   | Travel & Subsistence Staff            | October 2018   | £9.45     |
| EP   | HMRC - Tax and NI, Salaries           | October 2018   | £1,356.09 |
| EP   | D.C.C. Pension Scheme                 | October 2018   | £1,428.48 |
| EP   | Members Allowances                    | October 2018   | £391.44   |

| Chq  | CURRENT ACCOUNT                               | Detail   | £         |
|------|---|--|-----------|
| EP   | HMRC - Tax and NI,<br>Members Allowance       | October 2018   | £48.60    |
| 1697 | Total Business Group                          | Printing Costs - October 2018  | £45.89    |
| 1697 | Total Business Group                          | Various Office Stationery & Stamps   | £168.10   |
| 1698 | SLCC Enterprises Ltd.                         | SLCC Membership 01/11/18-31/10/19  | £283.00   |
| DC   | Post Office Ltd.                              | Signed For delivery: DHCLG Borrowing Application                                 | £2.50     |
| DD   | Grenke Leasing Ltd.                           | Photocopier Lease 01/10/18-31/12/18  | £71.93    |
| DC   | Artificial Floral Supplies Ltd.               | Decorative Cellophane  | £12.04    |
| 1699 | Victoria Design Group Ltd.                    | Structural Engineer Fees   | £150.00   |
| 1700 | Fifteas Vintage Tearoom                       | 30x Afternoon Tea Catering at Mayor's MAG & Tower Event                          | £298.50   |
| 1701 | Bishop Auckland & Coundon in Bloom            | 2x Tickets Fundraising Quiz - 12th<br>November 2018                              | £32.00    |
| 1702 | Great Aycliffe Town Council                   | 2x Tickets Charity Race Night - 17th<br>November 2018                            | £7.00     |
| DC   | Boyes   | 3x Sticky Fixers and Blu Tack  | £5.46     |
| 1703 | Auckland Castle Trust                         | Refund of payment received in error  | £20.00    |
| DC   | Timpson Ltd                                   | 2x duplicate Keys  | £10.00    |
| 1704 | North East Regional<br>Employers Organisation | Professional Services  | £669.72   |
| 1705 | Total Business Group                          | Various Office Stationery  | £40.52    |
| 1706 | Spennymoor Town Council                       | 2x Tickets Mayor Charity Night - 7th<br>December 2018                            | £52.00    |
| 1707 | Shildon Town Council                          | 2x Tickets Charity Evening - 14th<br>December 2018                               | £50.00    |
| 1708 | Spennymoor Town Council                       | 2x Tickets Mayors Civic Dinner - 22nd<br>December 2018                           | £25.00    |
| 1709 | Roadsafe Corporate Group<br>Ltd.              | Road Closure & Advanced Warning<br>Signs - Remembrance Sunday 2018               | £372.00   |
| 1710 | JAK HQ Limited                                | 10,000x Flyers & 50x A3 Posters -<br>Christmas 2018                              | £701.00   |
| DC   | B&M Retail Ltd.                               | Haribo Sweets - Christmas 2018   | £49.75    |
| DC   | Ever Ever After Parties (Cash)                | Entertainment - Christmas 2018   | £100.00   |
| 1711 | Total Business Group                          | Office Stationery  | £41.12    |
| 1712 | Bishop Auckland Community Partnership         | Office Rent & Room Hire - October 2018   | £727.50   |
| 1713 | Auckland Youth and<br>Community Centre        | Hire of Big Purple Play Bus - Christmas<br>Event, 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2018 | £180.00   |
| 1714 | John Alderson Photography                     | Photography - Christmas Event, 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>November 2018                 | £120.00   |
| 1715 | Alan Anderson                                 | Christmas Event (Santa's Grotto) 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>November 2018               | £100.00   |
| EP   | Salaries, Superannuation                      | November 2018  | £4,395.18 |
| EP   | Travel & Subsistence Staff                    | November 2018  | £9.45     |

| Chq | CURRENT ACCOUNT                         | Detail        | £          |
|-----|---|---------------|------------|
| EP  | HMRC - Tax and NI, Salaries             | November 2018 | £1,356.09  |
| EP  | D.C.C. Pension Scheme                   | November 2018 | £1,428.48  |
| EP  | Members Allowances                      | November 2018 | £390.44    |
| EP  | HMRC - Tax and NI,<br>Members Allowance | November 2018 | £49.60     |
|     | Total                                   |               | £24,998.01 |

DC - Debit Card

DD - Direct Debit

EP - Electronic Payment

RECOMMENDED:

That the action taken be confirmed.

### b. Presented for Authorisation

No cheques presented for authorisation: -

RECOMMENDED

That the information be noted.

### 3. APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY FUND / DONATIONS

The Council has allocated £5,000 to a Community Fund to award grants to organisations and activities which contribute constructively to, and enhance, the life or community of the town and benefit the people of Bishop Auckland.

These grants are limited and are made available to organisations that can demonstrate a need for assistance that fall in the following categories:-

- a. A new group/organisation that would bring direct benefit to the Town and its inhabitants.
- b. Existing groups/organisation that would bring direct benefit to the Town and its inhabitants which are experiencing financial hardship.
- c. Existing groups/organisation wishing to set up a new project that would bring a direct benefit to the Town and its inhabitants.

Grants may also be awarded to an organisation if they can demonstrate that there are special circumstances that justify funding from the Town Council.

Applications are to be considered twice a year, June/July and December.

A schedule summarising applications is attached at **Appendix 1** from the following groups for consideration.

Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club Bishop Auckland Cricket Club The Angel Trust (To follow)

Members are also requested to consider a donation to the Bishop Auckland Fellowship of Christian Churches detailed below.

The following donations have been agreed for the current year and therefore there is £2,455 available for allocation.

| Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club       | £400        |
|---|-------------|
| Henknowle Community Association         | £500        |
| Bishop Healthy Heart Beat Support Group | £210        |
| Bishop Auckland St Mary's Junior FC     | £500        |
| Richmond Fellowship                     | £250        |
| Bishop Auckland Bowling Club            | £500        |
| South Church Lane Allotment Association | <u>£185</u> |
|   | £2,545      |

### **Bishop Auckland Fellowship of Christian Churches**

The Town Council has donated £150 to Bishop Auckland Fellowship of Christian Churches the last 2 years to support a project to provide a Christmas dinner any person or couple who would otherwise have no company on Christmas Day.

Members are requested to consider supporting the project this year.

RECOMMENDED

That consideration be given to applications for financial assistance.

Organisation Name: Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club

### **Description of Project**

Each week over 350 people access table tennis at Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club, Weekly Junior coaching, adult social and coaching sessions, Disability sessions and performance sessions see's people from all walks of life, all ages and backgrounds coming together to take apart in playing table tennis or social/charitable events through the club. The club is committed to continue to provide a place where everyone can access Table Tennis and the benefits associated with being in a sports club and family. To continue for us to do this and keep the sessions accessible and affordable to all of the community the club provides the needed Equipment of bats and balls tables nets etc., so people don't have to buy equipment before trying the sport. The club's nets for the tables are now in need of replacing, so a first impression is a good one with good looking equipment to leave participants wanting to return feeling there being invested in.

### How will it benefit Bishop Auckland Town Council area and / or its residents?

The new nets would see the club continue to be able to provide a motivational, inspirational and fresh, modern facility for the people of the area to take part in table tennis; providing a place which encourages people, not only to take part in sport, but to educate them in healthy living, provide training and volunteering opportunities and provide a pathway into national, social and developmental opportunities.

The project will also have a benefit to people outside the local area with people traveling in from outside of local boundaries to use the facility but also from all over the country to take part in national and international events at the facility

The project will ensure people in the area recognise that their interests are worth investing in, consequently improving aspirations and self-worth as well as improving access to intergenerational and community work, coaching and umpiring training, and fundraising events.

### How many people living in Bishop Auckland Town Council area will benefit from the project

350

Funding is requested for:

- a. A new group/organisation that would bring direct benefit to the town and its inhabitants
- An existing group/organisation that brings direct benefit to the town and its inhabitants but are experiencing financial hardship
- c. An existing group/organisation that wishes to set up a new project that would bring a direct benefit to the town and its inhabitants.

d. Other

**Cost of Project** 

| Item or Activity      | Cost   | VAT | Total   | Amount<br>Requested |
|-----------------------|--------|-----|---------|---------------------|
| Table Tennis Nets x11 | £41.99 |     | £461.89 | £461.89             |
| Total                 | £41.99 |     | £461.89 | £461.89             |

| Applied for funding from other sources?                                 | 1               |    |
|---|-----------------|----|
| None  | Amount awarded: |    |
| Checks  | Yes             | No |
| Does the organisation have a bank account requiring 2 or more signature | res? ✓          |    |
| Most recent income / expenditure or financial statement received?       | <b>✓</b>        |    |
| Constitution or rules of organisation received?                         | ~               |    |
| Amount awarded  |                 |    |

### **Organisation Name:**

Bishop Auckland Cricket Club

### **Description of Project**

Bishop Auckland Cricket Club is a community based organisation with objective of bringing a high level or cricket to the area.

Now with a successful Senior team, the emphasis is to bring through junior players to support the club and with around 50 youngsters aged between 5 years and 18 years, qualified Level 1 & Level 2 coaches have been brought into the club.

With this higher level of qualified coaches, this will mean that a pathway can be developed for each junior member, to increase their enjoyment of the game by improving their individual skills so that they can be used in a team game.

With this type of coaching it is also important that the correct equipment is available to ensure that their greater skills are achieved. Of course this type of specialist equipment is expensive and sometimes difficult to fund from a non-profit based operation run totally by volunteers.

The club is therefore looking to see if it would be possible for a grant to be obtained from Bishop Auckland Town Council for £500, to support the purchase of a mobile cricket net which will cost around £1,200.

With a mobile cricket net available to the club, the individual coaching of batting, bowling & wicket keeping can be performed in a safe environment and this will mean the development of each of the junior cricket skills can be honed in their individual ability.

### How will it benefit Bishop Auckland Town Council area and / or its residents?

As BACC is a social hub for the local area, encouraging more persons of any age, sex or ability can join in with all the organised events held by the club can only be of benefit to themselves and the club.

### How many people living in Bishop Auckland Town Council area will benefit from the project

With the 200 plus members of the club and over 1,000 visitors each year, the success of the club is driven by the juniors and their parents and if the correct equipment is available for training and coaches sessions, this will encourage other juniors of all ages to want to belong.

### Funding is requested for:

- a. A new group/organisation that would bring direct benefit to the town and its inhabitants
- b. An existing group/organisation that brings direct benefit to the town and its inhabitants but are experiencing financial hardship
- c. An existing group/organisation that wishes to set up a new project that would bring a direct benefit to the town and its inhabitants.
- d. Other

**Cost of Project** 

| Item or Activity  | Cost      | VAT             | Total     | Amount<br>Requested |
|---|-----------|-----------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Mobile Cricket Nets   | £1,200.00 | £240.00         | £1,440.00 | £500.00             |
| Total   | £1,200.00 | £240.00         | £1,440.00 | £500.00             |
| Applied for funding from other sources                                    | ?         |                 |           |                     |
| BACC Supporters Club  | £940.00   | Amount awarded: |           | £940.00             |
| Checks  |           |                 | Yes       | No                  |
| Does the organisation have a bank account requiring 2 or more signatures? |           |                 | ~         |                     |
| Most recent income / expenditure or financial statement received?         |           |                 | ~         |                     |
| Constitution or rules of organisation received?                           |           |                 | <b>~</b>  |                     |
| Amount awarded  |           |                 |           | i s jihi d          |