

**Madeley Parish Council**

**LEISURE & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Leisure & Community Committee of Madeley Parish Council held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2006 at Jubilee House, 74 High Street, Madeley, Telford and commencing at 6.30pm.

---

**PRESENT: Councillors: D Edwards, D Davies, J Jones, M Swift.**

In attendance: Councillor G Green, Clerk, Deputy Clerk.

**06/29 Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Rae Evans -

Councillor Dylan Harrison - Meeting - Accepted

Councillors Alan Mackenzie - Work - Accepted

**06/30 Remarks from the Chair**

There were none.

**06/31 Public Discussion Time**

No members of the public were present.

**06/32 Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

**06/33 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September were agreed and signed as a true record.

**06/34 Madeley Living History Project**

The Clerk presented the Business Plan for Councillors information. Of particular note was the launch of the Parish Pubs booklet, to take place as part of the Christmas lights celebrations on 25<sup>th</sup> November.

**34.1 To consider the production of Greeting Cards**

The recently produced Madeley Heritage Trail contains illustrations by Maggie Humphries of local landmarks and buildings of importance.

These illustrations could be reproduced in the form of greetings cards and the meeting was asked to consider this proposal.

Councillors felt that more information was needed before a firm decision could be taken. In particular they asked for more detailed costings and distribution outlets.

## **06/35 Finance**

### **35.1 Comparison Report**

Presented for information – noted.

### **35.2 Preparation for Precept**

The Deputy Clerk presented a draft budget for 2007/2008 and asked for confirmation on the following:

- a) That Leisure & Community Committee manage the Gardening scheme budget, including salaries, and that this element of the budget be transferred from Finance and General Purposes Committee to Leisure Committee.
- b) That £10,000 be moved from the Grants budget to the Community Partnerships Budget, held by Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- c) That the basic grant budget provision (grants under £1,500) be increased by 20%.

#### **Resolved:**

That all of the above be approved.

## **06/36 Grants**

### **36.1 Revised Grants Policy**

The clerk presented a revised Grants Policy for Councillors consideration. Councillors agreed with the greater part of the document but felt that modification was required to clarify the difference between 'grants' and 'partnerships' and how the applications would be assessed through the committees. The amended document will be submitted to Full Council.

### **36.2 Feedback from Previous Recipients**

The Clerk presented the feedback report for Councillors information (Appendix A). Since the production of the report, further information had been received: -

- A report from Telford Youth Football Scheme detailing the success and progress of the project.
- Receipts from Sutton Hill Church detailing final payment on the installation of the doors.
- A detailed report from Madeley Guides on the 'Off the Couch' programme
- Receipts from Woodside Youth Club for the purchase of the pool table.

Of the outstanding items, the following action was agreed:

- That a letter be written to Sutton Hill Residents Association informing them that the time for claiming their grant had passed and inviting them to reapply at a later date.

- That Wrekin Star Judo Club be contacted once more to ask for receipts to account for the grant.
- That Rev Hopper be contacted to ask for an update on the position at Fletcher Memorial.
- That the Telford Youth Project be contacted to ask for a progress report on the project and to ascertain if they still require the £1,000 that is being held on their behalf.

### **36.3 Applications**

#### **36.3.1 Madeley Rest Room**

*Funding requested to assist with the installation of a new hot water system and radiators in the gents toilets.*

This application was previously presented at the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> September. Further information had been requested concerning the resources of the group and the usage of the facility by the wider community. A detailed reply had been received enabling the Councillors to discuss the application fully.

Councillors were particularly pleased to learn that a number of groups now use the Rest Room on a regular basis and felt these groups should have access to proper facilities. They also thought that for the Rest Room to bear the whole expense of nearly £4,000 would be a significant drain on their resources.

#### **Recommendation**

That Madeley Parish Council contributes a sum of £2,000 toward the cost of the hot water system and radiators. If approved by Full Council the award will be subject to terms in a Partnership Agreement.

#### **36.3.2 The Friendly Retirement Group**

*Funding of £110 requested to pay for a drum workshop as part of the group's programme of activities*

The Friendly Retirement Group meets weekly at Jubilee House. It is a thriving group with a large membership and provides pleasure and interest for many local people. Councillors agreed that further support would be appropriate and that community groups of this nature should be assisted.

#### **Resolved**

That an award of £110 be made to The Friendly Retirement Group to fund a drum workshop.

#### **36.3.3 Over 50's Aerobics**

*Funding of £500 requested for exercise equipment.*

Over 50's Aerobics also meets weekly at Jubilee House and provides an alternative weekly session at Hall Barn. This is a self run, well established group, although the financial viability of the Hall Barn

sessions should be addressed. Funding has been supplied in the past although no applications have been received since 2000. Councillors considered that this was another group run by the community for the community and agreed they should receive financial assistance but felt the amount requested was disproportionate to the numbers who would benefit.

**Resolved**

That an award of £250 be made to the Over 50's Aerobics group.

**36.3.4 St Michael's Church Sunday School**

*Funding requested to subsidise places on an 'Early Years First Aid Course' run by St John's Ambulance.*

The Sunday School have booked a First Aid Course for their helpers and wished to make it available to others working with young children but were concerned that the cost could be prohibitive for other voluntary groups (£63.65 per person). Funding was sought to subsidise places and bring the costs down to a more affordable level.

Councillors appreciated the need for this training but would have been happier if the funding request had been received prior to the booking of the course. There was also some concern expressed about the level of financial assistance that has been given to St Michael's Church over the course of the last few years.

**Resolved**

That a grant of £100 be given to St Michaels Church Sunday School to assist with the cost of providing first aid training.

**36.3.5 1<sup>st</sup> Madeley Boys Brigade**

*Funding of £200 requested to supply a secure lockable cupboard for the group's equipment.*

1<sup>st</sup> Madeley Boy's Brigade will meet for the first time on 21<sup>st</sup> November at Madeley Rest Rooms. They hope to supply a meeting place and activities for young men in a safe and secure environment. As a new group they are building up resources and need adequate, secure storage.

**Resolved**

That a suitable cupboard be purchased on behalf of the group at a cost of not more than £200.

**36.3.2 Pensioners Christmas Activities**

Using the system agreed in 2005, the budget was apportioned according to the number of club members who are residents of Madeley Parish. 2007 had attracted a higher number of applications and club membership had also increased, therefore the amount per person was proportionately lower, calculated at £6.00 per head.

Additionally it was agreed that the surplus gifts from the 2005 Pensioners Drop In and ASDA vouchers and would also be donated as raffle prizes.

The following awards were **Resolved**

Madeley Art Club	£144
Madeley Rest Room	£300
Jubilee Dance Club	£96
Madeley Day Centre	£126
Hall Barn Sheltered Housing	£300
Pensioners Bingo Club	£180
Friendly Retirement Group	£144
Madeley Cricket Club Senior Citizens	£216
Woodside Day Centre	£96
Sutton Hill Short Mat Bowls	£114
Woodside Tea Dance	£180
The Wednesday Group	£120
St Michaels Fellowship	£270
Bridle Court Club	£180
Telford Pensioners Action Association	£258
Meadcroft Sheltered Housing Scheme	£126
Woodside Sheltered Housing Scheme	£138
The Good Companions & Senior Citizens	£270

### **06/37 Community Events – Business Plan**

The Business Plan (Appendix B) was presented for Councillors information – noted.

#### **37.1 Madeley Sports Day – Proposal**

The Project Officer had submitted a report (Appendix C) outlining a proposal for a Sports Day in partnership with Madeley Court Sports Centre and T&W Sports Development staff. The suggestion is to provide taster sessions and tournaments over the course of a day, involving local sports clubs.

The recommendation was that £2,500 be budgeted, principally for advertising and promotion.

Councillors supported the proposal as an idea but felt it was premature to make budgetary provision at this stage, before Telford Trust had been consulted.

They asked that other partners be engaged and agreed that the proposal would be discussed again at the next meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2007.

**37.2 Christmas Lights Update**

The Clerk updated the meeting on the arrangements for Christmas Lights 2006.

- Eureka Jazz Band had been booked to lead the parade and play in Russell Square
- PJ the Funky DJ had been booked to host the stage activities which would include presentation of prizes, St Mary’s School Choir, John Randall School and the Darby singers
- David Wright MP
- The usual outdoor activities – stalls, fair, Santa’s grotto, storytelling.
- Fireworks
- Jubilee House will host the launch of the ‘Parish Pubs’ publication, with entertainment from Sundial Theatre Company, the presentation of ‘Thanks for Helping Awards’ and a buffet for helpers.

**06/38 Community Groups**

Business Plan (Appendix B) presented for Councillors information – noted.

**06/39 Correspondence**

There was none

**06/40 Information**

There was none.

**06/41 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Leisure and Community Committee is scheduled to take place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2007, commencing at 6.30pm.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed..... Dated.....  
(Chair)