

COMMUNITY BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

6 August 2009 at 11:15am

Present: Mike Bruce
Jackie Ferguson
John Rankine
Pamela Menzies
Marion Reynolds

Apologies: David McLaren, Dorothy Snedden

ITEM	ACTION
<p>1 <u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>Previous minutes were accepted as accurate.</p> <p>At the last meeting it was agreed that the committee would discuss the idea of a fundraising day / evening to raise funds for the Charity of the Year with work colleagues. The consensus of opinion was that there was not a great deal of interest between staff for an evening / weekend event. It was therefore agreed that we would not arrange an event at present. However in future we will include a fundraising event as part of the Company away day. This will ensure that all staff can participate.</p> <p>It was suggested that this year we could use the gifts that are handed in by Contractors at Christmas time as raffle prizes. Raffle tickets could be sold to members of staff and all money raised would be donated to the Charity of the Year. The raffle could be drawn on Christmas Eve in the boardroom. If we provide some soft drinks and nibbles it could be a small social event.</p>	
<p>2 <u>CURRENT SUBMISSIONS</u></p> <p>a) Blackburn United FC As we were unable to help the Junior football team with repairs to their changing rooms earlier in the year it was agreed that we would sponsor a match ball and purchase practice balls at the cost of £150.00.</p> <p>b) Deer Park A request was received asking for sponsorship for a Charity Golf event to be held at Deer Park golf club where all money being raised is to be donated to River Kids. However as the event is a corporate event geared towards businesses the committee decided not to support the event.</p>	<p>MR</p>

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<p>c) Livingston FC Boys Club A donation of £50.00 towards club funds was agreed for the above team.</p>	JR
<p>d) Royal Zoological Society Edinburgh Zoo have written to all corporate members appealing for donations towards building Mercedes, the Polar Bear a new home. However as the new home is going to be housed at the Highland Wildlife Park and not in Edinburgh the committee decided to decline the request.</p>	
<p>e) West Lothian Disabled Ramblers The above charity group which arranges outings and walks for disabled people have asked if we would be able to assist them with funding. The committee were happy to support the group and agreed to donate a TV / DVD combi which can be used as first prize in a raffle to raise money for the organisation.</p>	PM
<p>f) West Lothian Bowling Association – Sponsorship of the Seniors Open Weslo sponsored this event last year and it was a very good PR exercise. The event includes bowlers from all over West Lothian with the finals being held in the local Glenmavis Bowling Club, Bathgate. We have agreed to sponsor the event annually and the event will be known as the Weslo WLBA Seniors Open Championship. We have arranged for a banner to be made up to be displayed at the final and Weslo scorecards have been printed to be used throughout the competition. A Weslo representative will present the prize to the winner of the final. The total cost for sponsoring the event – covering prize money and refreshments etc is £500.00.</p>	MB
<p>g) West Lothian Bowling Association – Advert in Masters brochure A Weslo advertisement was placed in the above brochure at the cost of £60.00.</p>	
<p>h) Bathgate Athletic Amateur Football Club As with other football clubs a donation of £50.00 was agreed towards the club funds.</p>	JR
<p>3 <u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p>	
<p>a) Late submission – Open Door Accommodation Project We have been asked if we can offer financial assistance to the above organisation towards producing their annual accounts. A donation of £100.00 was agreed.</p>	MB
<p>b) Bathgate Music Festival A leaflet has been delivered to all households in Bathgate advertising all events being held for the above festival. This is the second year the festival has been running and we believe it is going to be an annual event. Pam brought it to the attention of the committee as she felt it may be an event we would like to become involved in. Mike will investigate the possibility of Weslo doing something for next year's brochure.</p>	MB

ITEM**ACTION****c) Dorothy's Resignation**

This was due to be Dorothy's last committee meeting as she has resigned from the Community Budget Committee. Mike would like to thank Dorothy for her services to the committee in recent years. We look forward to welcoming our new member Donna Jack as Dorothy's replacement.

4 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER 2009 AT 11:00AM