
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2004/05

**Responsible Cabinet Member(s) - Councillor Don Bristow,
Resource Management Portfolio**

Responsible Director(s) - Paul Wildsmith, Director of Corporate Services

Purpose of Report

1. To consider four applications in respect of financial assistance received from one charitable and non-profit making organisation and three individuals, details of which are contained in the report.

Background

2. The total committed in respect of applications made in the current year is £13,757.10. The Council has made provision within the 2004/2005 revenue budget of £15,000. This leaves a balance of £1,242.90 and is before consideration of the attached applications.
3. **Tempest Social Club, Tempest Anderson House, Brinkburn Road, Darlington.**

(a) ***Introduction***

An application has been received from the Treasurer of the Tempest Social Club for financial assistance of £150 towards the provision of summer outings and Christmas/New Year activities for its members who are pensioners.

At the present time there is a membership of 50 who each pay a subscription of 30 pence per week for the provision of tea and biscuits. The club meets on a weekly basis at the Tempest Anderson House for social activities such as bingo and dominoes, exercise classes, coffee mornings, fish and chip nights and during the year various trips are organised which include Christmas and New Year activities for its members.

(b) ***Financial Information***

Audited accounts for the two years ended 28th February, 2004 have been submitted and are analysed below.

	Year Ended 28th February	
	2003	2004
	£	£
Income		
Subscriptions	748	754
Tea Coffee	654	860
Raffles	1,178	1,486
Donations	0	469
Fundraising	618	674
Other	447	295
	3,645	4,538
Expenditure		
Entertainment	663	805
Coach Expenses	1,297	1,410
Exercises	146	0
New Year Dinner/lunches	570	600
Misc	965	928
	3,641	3,743
Surplus/(Deficit)	4	795
Balances	756	1,551

(c) *Previous Applications*

The Tempest Social Club has successfully applied for financial assistance on three previous occasions. Further details together with additional and relevant information are highlighted in the table below.

Year	Reason for Application	Minute Ref.	Grant Requested £	Grant Awarded £
1995/96	To assist with the cost of trips during the summer months and the provision of a Christmas and New Year dinner/tea for its members	G163(Ga64) March 96	150	150
1996/97	As Above	I26(Ia53) Feb 97	150	150
2002/03	As Above	C44/July/2002	150	150
2003/04	As Above	C150/Dec/2003	150	150

(d) **Conclusion**

The Cabinet is asked to consider whether it wishes to support this application in respect of the Tempest Social Club, and if so, to what extent.

4. **Andrew Finn – Invitation to Represent England at the Under 14’s Ice Hockey Championships in Windsor, Canada – December 2004**

(a) **Introduction**

An application has been received from the mother of Andrew Finn for financial assistance of an unspecified amount towards the costs of attending the under 14’s Ice Hockey Championships to be held in Windsor, Canada in December 2004.

Andrew who is 13 years old and resides in Darlington currently plays ice hockey for Billingham Bombers under 14 team. The Championships take place in December 2004 with the team spending two weeks in Canada and whilst they are there they are required to play 10 to 12 games. Training sessions are scheduled on a monthly basis in Nottingham.

(b) **Financial Information**

In order that Andrew can compete in these events he needs to raise in the region of £735. The specific purpose of this application is to assist with the attendance of this Championship and does not include for training expenses, accommodation and subsistence costs. A brief summary of anticipated costs has been obtained and is detailed in the following table:-

Expenses	£
<u>Ice Hockey Championships (under 14) in Windsor, Canada in December 2004</u>	
Travel - flight	450
Great Britain Team Kit	285
Total	735

(c) **Previous Applications**

Andrew has applied and been granted £300 financial assistance on one previous occasion in order that he could to compete in the Ice Hockey Championships in Quebec Canada in February 2004. Cabinet C172/January/2004 refers.

(d) **Conclusion**

The Cabinet is asked to consider whether it wishes to support this application in respect of Andrew Finn, and if so, to what extent.

5. **Ellie Martin – World Challenge Expeditions, Tanzania – November 2004**

(a) **Introduction**

An application has been received from Ellie Martin, an 18 year old student who resides in Darlington. She is seeking financial assistance as a contribution towards expenses incurred whilst undertaking her expedition during her gap year to Tanzania with World Challenge Expeditions, where she will teach English to primary school children. This expedition is scheduled to take place in November 2004.

World Challenge Expeditions specialise in the provision of leadership, teamwork and personal development training for young people. This organisation works with schools, colleges, central government, individuals and youth groups to ensure that every young person is encouraged to have a wide range of skills, development and educational opportunities.

(b) **Financial Information**

The total cost of the trip is anticipated to be in the region of £2,395 and Ellie has managed to raise £1,370 through the following fundraising activities.

Funds Raised	£
Fundraising Events	850
Working at Darlington Memorial Hospital and Binns	500
Donations	20
Total	1,370

Based on the financial projections there is a shortfall of £1,025.

(c) **Previous Applications**

Ellie has not previously applied for financial assistance. However, listed below are the most recent applications from volunteers who have travelled overseas to assist developing countries.

Year	Organisation	Reason for Application	Minute Ref:	Grant Requested £	Grant Awarded £
2003/04	April Britton	Two week Trek along the Great Wall of China in aid of the National Deaf Children's Society	C289/April/2003	350	350
2004/05	Eve Lucy Doherty	Raleigh International Expedition to Costa Rica and Nicaragua	C40/July/2004	Unspecified	300

(d) ***Conclusion***

The Cabinet is asked to consider whether it wished to support this application in respect of Ellie Martin, and if so, to what extent.

6. **Miss Alice Woods – Invitation to Attend the National Children's Under 14 Orchestra - Residential Courses, (NCO) at Ackworth School, Pontefract and Dorset.**

(a) ***Introduction***

An application has been received from the Alice's parents for financial assistance amounting to £600 towards the cost of attending three residential courses held throughout 2005.

Alice who resides in Darlington is 13 years old has been invited to attend the under 14 Orchestra playing the flute and piccolo. The National Children's Orchestra has been established since 1978 and exists for talented children under the age of 14. These courses provide music tutors from major orchestras, conservatoires and specialist music schools for the benefit of these students.

(b) ***Financial Information***

The cost of the under 13 full symphony orchestra residential courses both at Pontefract and Dorset amounts to £890. The specific purpose of this application, amounting to £600 is to assist with the attendance fees and does not include travel expenses, the purchase of instruments or local tuition fees

(c) ***Previous Applications***

Alice Woods has applied and been granted £300 financial assistance on one previous occasion in order that she could to attend the National Childrens Orchestra Residential Course at Ackworth School throughout 2004. Cabinet C130/November/2003 refers.

(d) ***Conclusion***

The Cabinet is asked to consider whether it wishes to support this application in respect

of Miss Alice Woods, and if so, to what extent.

Outcome of Consultation

7. No consultation is taken on this item as a decision is made by Members.

Legal Implications

8. This report has been considered by the Borough Solicitor for legal implications in accordance with the Council's approved procedures. There are no issues which the Borough Solicitor considers need to be brought to the specific attention of Members, other than those highlighted in the report.

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

9. The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area. It is not considered that the contents of this report have any such effect.

Council Policy Framework

10. The issues contained within this report do not represent change to Council policy or the Council's policy framework

Decision Deadline

11. For the purpose of the 'call-in' procedure this does not represent an urgent matter

Recommendation

12. It is recommended that instructions of Members are requested on this application.

Paul Wildsmith
Director of Corporate Services

Background Papers

(i)	Tempest Anderson Social Club	Application for Financial Assistance Audited accounts for the two years ended 28th February 2004
(ii)	Andrew Finn aged 13 – Ice Hockey	Application for Financial Assistance Summary of Anticipated Expenditure

		Letter for Selection from the English Ice Hockey Association
(iii)	Ellie Martin aged 18 – World Challenge Expedition to Tanzania	Application for Financial Assistance Summary of Anticipated Expenditure Information on World Challenge Expeditions
(iv)	Alice Woods aged 13– Flute & Piccolo	Application for Financial Assistance Summary of Anticipated Expenditure

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