

KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL
Audit, Grants and Charities Committee

**Minutes of an emergency meeting of the Committee
held on Monday, 16th November 2009 on the rising of Council,
in the Council Chamber, the Town Hall, Kendal**

PRESENT: Councillors Chris Mayho (Chairman), Paul Beavan, Rob Boden, Geoff Cook and Graham Vincent.

APOLOGIES: Councillor John Bateson (the Mayor).

OFFICERS: John Hutchinson (Town Treasurer), and Margaret Graham (Secretary).

417/09/10 GRANT APPLICATION

The Committee met to consider an application for grant referred by full Council at its meeting earlier in the evening.

Councillor Clare Feeney-Johnson had drawn Members' attention to an application from the Kendal Judo Club for a grant towards the cost of giving needy children in the Town a chance to attend an Olympic Sports Camp in 2010. It would give children an opportunity to try a different sport, utilising all the key sporting clubs in Kendal. This had been supported by Councillor Andy Kaye. Councillor Boden had reminded Members that they had agreed to stay within last year's budget in respect of the award of grants, and Councillor Cook had suggested that consideration might be given to a grant from the Schools of Science and Art Fund. It had been stressed that any grant awarded should be directed to the most needy children in the town.

The Judo Club had requested a grant of £2,800. The cost of each place on the Camp was £150, and the Judo Club was prepared to contribute £50 for each needy child. It was stated that £2,800 would cover the cost of up to 28 needy children (suggested two from each Ward). Members felt they could not support a grant of £2,800 as it would be difficult to justify a grant which would meet the majority of the costs of a project. It was pointed out that there was only £1,170 left in the Grants fund. Members discussed whether to fund the whole £1,400 from the Schools of Science and Art (SSA) fund, or to give the balance of the Grants Fund and top it up to £1,400 with an amount of £230 from the SSA fund. It was stressed that the Judo Club should use the grant to support the most needy children who applied for a place on the Sports Camp, regardless of which Ward of the Town they lived in.

RECOMMENDED that

- (1) a grant of £1,400 be given to the Judo Club from the Schools of Science and Art Charity; and**
- (2) the Judo Club be requested to ensure that the grant is expended on the most needy applicants for places on the Olympic Sports Camp.**

The meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.