

It was agreed to look at a lower Council Tax increase highlighting the increases due to outside forces.

631.2 NALC Localisation of Council Tax Support. Noted.

Councillors **AGREED** that a letter should be sent to Mr Pickles and the Member of Parliament.

**ACTION TOWN CLERK**

### 632/12 Grants

Councillors discussed the grants which had been applied for, the details having been circulated separately. It was **AGREED**, based on the previous discussions regarding budgets and precept, to award a significantly lower total amount in 2013/14.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Collins, seconded by Cllr. Smith, and **AGREED** that the total budget for grants awarded should not exceed £12,000.

	Award	Interest declared
Air Training Corps	£0	
Aylesbury Vale Dial A Ride	£250	
Aylesbury Vale Fibromyalgia Support Group	£0	
Aylesbury Vale Transport Users Group	£0 (a)	
Buckingham Churches Childrens Holiday Club	£500	
Buckingham Festival of Music & Drama	£200	
Buckingham Summer Festival	£750	
Citizens Advice Bureau	£5,000 – Cllr. Smith	Friends of the
Old Gaol Museum	£0 – Cllrs. Smith and Bloomfield	
Frogs (Friends of Grenville School)	£0	
Milton Keynes Credit Union Ltd.	£500	
North Bucks Carers Support Group	£400	
Project Street Life	£500	
Relate Mid Thames & Bucks	£100	
St Peter & St Pauls Church	£1,000 – Cllrs. Hiron and P. Collins	
The Swan Community Hub Ltd	£500 – Cllr. Mordue	
Vitalise	£0	
Well Street United Church	£500 (b)	
YC2 – Buckingham & Winslow Young Carers	£300	
<b>Total Grants Awarded</b>	<b>£10,500</b>	

(a) – the organisation would be offered the use of the Chamber free of charge

(b) – on production of a set of accounts

### 633/12 Chairman's Announcements

None.

### 634/12 Date of next meeting

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2013

### 635/12 Committee in Private Session.

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Ratified 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013

In terms of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, the following items were likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters and, therefore, pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press were excluded.

**636/12 Motion from Councillor Mrs. G. Collins**

That the Town Council provide the budget to the Christmas Parade Committee only and leave them to run the event in its entirety; the event plan and road closure would be their responsibility as this would be their event and they have a committee to organise and run it.

Councillors discussed whether there had been a breach of the Town Council’s bullying and harassment policy by members of the Christmas Parade Committee at the event run on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

Councillors discussed further what may happen should the event be returned in its entirety to the Christmas Parade Committee and potentially fold due to lack of support by the Christmas Parade Committee. Councillors **AGREED** that they did not want the event to fold and that the Town Council would re-address the Council’s involvement, should that scenario arise. However the purpose of the discussion at the FA&P Committee meeting was due to the series of events that had directly affected Town Council staff.

Proposed by Cllr. G. Collins, seconded by Cllr. Newell. and **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Council provide the budget to the Christmas Parade Committee only and leave them to run the event in its entirety; the event plan and road closure to be their responsibility.

**637/12 Staffing**

Councillors discussed the report and commented that reaching the top of a pay scale band should not necessarily result in a review of pay scales.

Proposed by Cllr G Collin and seconded by Cllr P Collins, and **AGREED** to increase to the staff salaries (as per the staff contracts) with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013, and that a staffing review is undertaken by the Town Clerk which will encompass looking at any possible regarding of paybands

An amendment to the motion proposed by Cllr Smith, and seconded by Cllr P Collins and **AGREED** that there should not be a need to review unless specific areas of responsibilities had changed. This was added to the recommendation and the amended motion was **AGREED** by vote.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed.....  
FAP 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013  
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