

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 9 DECEMBER 2009**

Extract from the minutes of the meeting of the Eastern Area Committee held on 20 January 2009

**48 Request for Financial Assistance – Gregson Lane Cricket Club**

(Councillor Sharratt declared an interest (prejudicial) as he was in receipt of confidential information and under the council's Code of Conduct for Elected Members he left the meeting for consideration of this item and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon. Councillor Marsh declared an interest (non-prejudicial) as he had been asked to umpire a cricket match as part of the local event and under the council's Code of Conduct for Elected Members remained in the meeting.

The Chairman explained that after the papers for this meeting had been published a request had been received from Gregson Lane Cricket Club for financial assistance towards funding a local community event.

This was to be held on Monday 4 May 2009 at Hoghton Cricket Club's ground. This was a joint venture which included Lancashire County Cricket Club and proposed to raise money for Derian House and local Guide and Scout Groups.

The request asked if the committee would consider contributing towards the costs of the event in the sum of £400.

The committee considered the request at length with a variety of views being expressed.

After considering the issues the committee was minded to provide financial assistance however it was felt that the sum of £400 was high and a figure in the region of £150-£200 was more reasonable. The committee was reminded such events brought communities together but they required considerable and lengthy organisation if they were to be successful.

During the debate there was a proposal that the request be deferred to the next meeting which was subsequently lost. The proposal to provide financial assistance to the sum of £200 was carried.

Also during the discussion the committee was reminded that the former Eastern area committee had at its meeting held on 6 November 2007 (min. no. 55 refers) deferred a request for financial assistance. This had been to Stanley Grange towards the purchase of an electric tricycle. However this item had apparently not been considered at any subsequent meetings of the area committee.

**RESOLVED:**

1. that financial assistance in the sum of £200 be given to Gregson Lane Cricket Club towards the costs of holding the community event on Monday 4 May 2009; and
2. that the matter of providing financial assistance to Stanley Grange towards the purchase of an electric tricycle be investigated.