

Report to the FPR Committee in respect of the outstanding loan to the Robertson Luxford Trust - (Community Hall loan)

Members are asked to consider converting the outstanding loan of £10666.40 to an one off grant to be funded from the Town Council's expected end of year surplus of between £45k and £50k. This will result in the Town Council returning this sum to the Commuted Sum balance prior to the end of year balance sheet being completed.

Minute FPR/09/2/125 resolved to

- a) defer a decision on the write off of the outstanding balance of the loan until the next meeting of the FPR Committee in November 2009.
- b) agree that the repayment of the loan be suspended in the interim.

As the situation did not improve members further resolved (FPR/09/4/295) to set aside a sum of £2000 from the contingency fund to underwrite any deficit in income to meet expenditure if needed. To date this has not been used. The Community Hall balance sheet as at 31st January 2011 reports a reasonably healthy balance of £4924.94 although winter fuel accounts are still outstanding.

It is considered the Trust or the Community Hall Management Committee do not and will not have any funds to repay the outstanding loan, in the limited period the Community Hall has to operate before it is controlled and managed by Wealden District Council.

The following recommendation is made to Council

- a) To resolve that the balance of the outstanding loan to the Robertson Luxford Trust of £10666.40 be converted to an one off grant to be repaid to the Town Council's Commuted Sum Balance by internal fund transfer from the expected end of year surplus balance
- b) To seek agreement from the Community Hall Management Committee that any balance of funds held by them on transfer of responsibility to Wealden District Council is paid over to Hailsham Town Council.

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