

Tow Law Town Council

Minutes of a special meeting of Tow Law Town Council held on **Tuesday 11th December** 2012 in the Community Centre commencing at 5.00pm

Present: Councillors J. Gale (Chairman), P. Graham, A. Green, C. Hayton, E, Hindmoor, M. Hird, and L. Rowland.

Also Present: G. F. Smith (Clerk), Brenda Dye and Christina Rackley (County Durham Community Foundation)

Apologies: Councillor L. Brown

212/12 **Declaration of Interest**
None received

213/12 **County Durham Community Foundation**
Councillor Gale set the scene on the formation of the West Durham Wind Farm committee (which he is a member) and his concerns on how the funds were allocated.
Christina Rackley responded and passed out reports on grants awarded to Tow Law/Stanley/sub areas since 1st April 2010 to date. She further handed out a report on applications rejected and the reasons for the rejection. Copy of reports attached to these minutes (recently Tow Law Community Association had received £25,300 and Tow Law AFC juniors £3084).
She also circulated a copy of a proposed funding for areas within 3 miles of turbines (to be discussed by the committees of CDCF)
Councillor Rowland asked about the volunteer group that had recently been set up for the Millennium Green project.
Christina suggested that the group should fill in a funding application for consideration, same for the volunteers at the Trex Gymnasium.
Brenda Dye agreed to look at the constitution of the group with particular reference to substitutions by Councillors for Councillor Gale for this committee. There had been problems in the past when Councillor Gale was unable to attend and Councillor Rowland had agreed to attend but was advised that she could not. She would let the Town Clerk know the details.
Brenda Dye asked for information on all groups in the area that may be interested in applying for funding and handed a copy of the CDCF booklet "Building Thriving Communities", copy attached to these minutes.

The meeting finished at 6.10pm