

RECORD OF DECISIONS

DATE:	31 st October 2007
SUBJECT	Community Grants – October 2007
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1. BACKGROUND

There are four rounds to the Community Grant Scheme 2007/08 (1st April, 1st July, 1st October and 1st January) and thirteen applications for grant aid have been received for consideration from the third round. Following grants awarded for the first two rounds, there is £11,113 remaining, and grants totalling £7,505 are recommended from this round which if approved would leave a balance of £3,608. There is also a sum of £2,500 remaining in the Capacity Building pot.

Details are as follows:

2. COMMUNITY GRANT

2.1 Facilities (up to £1,500)

2.1.1 All Saints Church Hall, Weston (CF.31) (*Rural*)

The project is to refurbish the village hall at a total cost of £22,500. This will enable them to fully utilise the hall for local groups and events. They are applying to WREN for the majority of funding and it is recommended that they be awarded the maximum amount under this category of £1,500 which will be favourably recognised by WREN.

2.1.2 Hough & Chorlton Village Hall (CG.38) (*Rural*)

This is the last phase of the total refurbishment of the whole of the village hall and the cost is £1,547. This project is to redecorate and furnish the kitchen with crockery/microwave and to provide baby changing facilities as the hall is used for mums and toddlers groups. The Committee have used most of their own funding for the works and as this is a well used facility a grant would enable them to complete the project and generate more funds to help with sustainability. It is recommended that they be awarded £760 for re-decoration and baby changing facilities and advise them to apply to Awards for All for crockery and microwave.

2.1.3 St. Andrews with St. John the Baptist Church Hall (CGA.37) (*Alexandra/St.Johns Wards*)

The project is to renew the gas boiler and the total cost is £6,140. This is a well used community hall and to be without heating over the winter would seriously affect the use of the hall. They have some funding in place and have applied to other external funding sources. It is recommended that they be awarded the maximum £1,500.

2.2 Activities (up to £500)

2.2.1 Wishing Well Project (CGA.36) (*West End/Maw Green mainly*)

Previously run by the Borough Council, this is now a Not For Profit Organisation and the project is to help elderly residents in the West End of Crewe to run armchair exercises. This is for sessions running for a period of 12 months and they are requesting £500 to enable them to run for the first six months and are fundraising for the remaining. It is recommended that they be awarded £500.

2.2.2 Church Minshull Village Hall (CGA.35) (Rural)

The project is to provide two table tennis tables as the Hall are establishing a new Table Tennis Club. The cost is £610 and the Committee can contribute £120. It is recommended that a grant of £305 be given for the cost of one table and cover to give the club chance to establish itself.

2.2.3 Crewe & Nantwich Rugby Union Junior League (CGA.34) (All areas)

The project is to increase equipment for young people within the Club. The Club are working with the CNBC Sports Development Team and development of the junior section is very strong. The total project cost is £829 and it is recommended that they be awarded the maximum amount of £500.

2.2.4 Pathways Community Interest Co. (CGA.33) (All Wards)

This is a Not for Profit Social Enterprise Company and their project is to equip Café Academy at Queens Park with indoor play equipment to enable mothers to meet on parent support groups – total cost being £1,214. As the Park is currently being updated this will enhance the facilities of the Café and it is recommended that a maximum of £500 be awarded and advising that Wulvern Housing, who are part of the Management Committee and Pathways contribute the remainder.

2.2.5 Riverside Concern (CGA.30) (Nantwich)

This is a volunteer group who are working on projects related to tidying up the Nantwich Riverside. The project is to purchase equipment, seeds and plants which will enhance the riverside and lead to better access. The team are working with the backing of Nantwich Now. The total project cost is £600 and it is recommended that they be awarded £500.

2.2.6 Fraser School of Irish Dancing (CGA.32) (Crewe wards)

This Dance School are working on a not for profit basis with our Sports Development Team to offer a different type of activity to children who do not want to participate in the normal type of sporting activities. The aim is to teach Ceilidh dancing via weekly sessions. The project is for the cost of hiring facilities and it is recommended that they be awarded £500 to “kick start” the project.

2.2.7 Peppers Bowling Club (CGA.39) (Nantwich)

This Bowling Club are currently negotiating taking over the lease for Barony Park Bowling Club as their lease at Peppers has expired. The project is for treatment to the bowling green and fitting boarding to gutters. As the lease has not yet been agreed, it is recommended that this application be deferred until the January round.

2.2.8 Haslington Parish Plan (CGA.40) (Rural)

The project is to produce a Parish Plan. There are a number of organisations/partners involved and contributing funding and in the long term this will benefit the Community by supporting them to work together to remedy local problems and improve facilities. It is recommended that they be awarded £200.

2.2.9 Crewe Ladies F.C. (CGA.41) (Crewe Wards)

This Club previously used the Cumberland Arena for training which was subsidised by the Sports Development Team but have now moved to new facilities. It is recommended that they be awarded £250 towards the hire of the facilities.

2.3 Events (up to £500)

2.3.1 Ex. RAFA Social Club (CGA.29) (All Wards)

This group have now broken away from the RAFA as any funding raised was sent to HQ and local residents did not benefit, therefore they have no funds of their own at present and want to hold a band concert to enable them to eventually become self sufficient to help ex servicemen and women in the Borough. The project is for facility hire and it is recommended that they be awarded the full cost of £490 to give them a start.

DECISION

That the following Community grants be awarded/deferred:

- a) All Saints Church, Weston be awarded £1,500
- b) Hough & Chorlton Village Hall be awarded £760
- c) St. Andrews with St. John The Baptist Church Hall be awarded £1,500
- d) Wishing Well Project be awarded £500
- e) Church Minshull Village Hall be awarded £305
- f) Crewe & Nantwich Rugby Union Juniors be awarded £500
- g) Pathways Community Interest Company be awarded £500
- h) Riverside Concern be awarded £500
- i) Fraser School of Irish Dancing be awarded £500
- j) Peppers Bowling Club be deferred until the next round
- k) Haslington Parish Plan be awarded £200
- l) Crewe Ladies F.C. be awarded £250
- m) Ex. RAFA Social Club be awarded £490

Reasons for Decision

- a) The grants will assist projects/events in the community
- b) The grants are within existing budget provision

Alternatives considered and rejected

- a) Award grants of different amounts;

Consultation:

The following have been consulted before taking this decision:

Members of the Borough Council
Chief Executive
Executive Directors

Background Documents

Background documents are available from the Funding & Performance Team, Delamere House.

Date Decision Made: 31 st October 2007

Signed: Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods
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Date Decision will become operative (unless called in):

Tuesday 6th November 2007