

REPORT TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME AWARDS

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Agenda Item 6
Prepared by Town Clerk



1.0 BACKGROUND

The small grants working group (Cllrs Forbes, Houghton and Morris) considered the grant applications received for the final round of the financial year in line with the council's policy on grant awards. Members may request a copy of the application form by contacting the Town Clerk. The council's grants policy is published on the Town Council website.

Cllr Forbes declared an interest in the applications from the Knutsford Community Transport Association and Knutsford Scouts Jamboree and absented himself from discussions. Cllr Houghton declared an interest in the application from the Scouts Jamboree and absented himself from the discussion.

2.0 APPLICATIONS

2.1 RIVER AND SEA SENSE

Amount Requested: £1,500
Recommendation: Refuse

The application seeks funding to train six teachers and three young ambassadors to deliver training for children in water safety as part of a campaign to reduce drowning deaths. The working group felt the application did not meet the required governance threshold and that it was not community driven.

The working group agreed to feedback to the organisation that if the application was submitted by a school PTA, demonstrating a strong desire from the school community for this training to be provided, it may be looked upon more favourably.

2.2 KNUTSFORD COMMUNITY TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION

Amount Requested: £500
Recommendation: Approve

The application seeks a contribution towards the operation of the community transport scheme, specifically bi-annual safety checks on the rear tail lift of the minibus and the quarterly safety inspections.

The working group scored the application 31 points, meeting the required governance and overall thresholds to be awarded a grant.

2.3 KNUTSFORD SCOUTS JAMBOREE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Amount Requested: £1,500

Recommendation: Approve

The application seeks a contribution of £375 for each of the four scouts put forward to attend the World Scout Jamboree. The four children are all Knutsford residents and must raise a total of £17,331 between them to attend the Jamboree.

The working group scored the application 34 points, meeting the required governance and overall thresholds to be awarded a grant.

2.0 DECISION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the committee resolves to:

- Refuse the application from River and Sea Sense
- b) Award a grant of £500 to the Knutsford Community Transport Association
- c) Award a grant of £1,500 to the Knutsford Scouts