

# REPORT TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

## COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME AWARDS

**Report Reference** F-22-02  
**Meeting Date** 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022  
**Agenda Item** 9  
**Prepared by** Town Clerk

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### 1.0 BACKGROUND

The small grants working group (Cllrs Forbes, Houghton and Morris) considered the grant applications received for the first 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.

The recommended awards slightly exceed 1/3 of the committee budget. The working group felt the award for Knutsford Library (the lowest scoring) should be included in this round rather than being deferred.

### 2.0 APPLICATIONS

#### 2.1 KNUTSFORD IN BLOOM

Amount Requested: £1,500  
Recommendation: Approve

The application seeks a grant to cover its principal delivery costs for 2022, including for planting and incidental operational costs.

The working group scored the application 29 points, meeting the required governance and overall thresholds to be awarded a grant.

#### 2.2 KNUTSFORD TOGETHER

Amount Requested: £1,165 (in kind)  
Recommendation: Approve

The application seeks the donation of two laptops (spec provided) for a new charity, Knutsford Together. Knutsford Together is a combined community development and social prescribing service for Knutsford and surrounding villages (the same footprint as Knutsford Medical Partnership). It aims to empower any person in the town to connect any person in need with the help they need and is led by the former Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, David Briggs CVO MBE KStJ.

The laptops will be used by the charity's staff to delivery the service.

The working group scored the application 27 points, meeting the required governance and overall thresholds to be awarded a grant.

### **2.3 KNUTSFORD LIBRARY (CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL)**

Amount Requested: £400

Recommendation: Approve

The application seeks a contribution of £400 to deliver two STEM workshops for 40 children in the autumn.

The working group scored the application 25 points, meeting the required governance and overall thresholds to be awarded a grant.

### **3.0 DECISION REQUIRED**

It is recommended that the committee resolves to:

- a) Award a grant of £1,500 to Knutsford in Bloom
- b) Award a grant in kind of two laptops to Knutsford Together
- c) Award a grant of £400 to Cheshire East Council (Knutsford Library) towards the STEM workshops.