

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, apologies from Cllr 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.

The working group were bound by the committee's decision to reduce the projected expenditure for the current financial year which left £1,250 for the current round.

2.0 APPLICATIONS

2.1 1ST KNUTSFORD SCOUTS

Amount Requested: £1,500
Recommendation: Approve

The application is for a gift of tables and a trolley to the value of £1,500. These would be for use for groups/organisations hiring the new scout hut which is available for community/public use. The application scored 36/36.

The working group recommends that the committee authorises an award to the value of £1,250..

2.2 FRIENDS OF COLLEGE WOOD

Amount Requested: £1,2,56
Recommendation: Refer

The application seeks a grant to fund ground works and the creation of a seating area as part of a programme of enhancements at the woodland. The application scored 31/36 and met the required governance threshold.

The working group suggests that the application is held over to the next funding round, subject to the applicant's agreement.

2.3 MID CHESHIRE SAMARITANS

Amount Requested: £1,350

Recommendation: Refer

This application seeks a grant towards new carpets as part of a renovation for operations room for the Samaritans office in Northwich. The application was scored 24/36 and met the required governance threshold.

The working group suggests that the application is held over to the next funding round, subject to the applicant's agreement.

3.0 DECISION REQUIRED

It is recommended that the committee resolves to:

- a) Award a grant to the value of £1,250 to 1st Knutsford Scouts
- b) Defer the applications from Friends of College Wood and Mid Cheshire Samaritans to the first funding round of the new financial year