

REPORT TO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME AWARDS



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Meeting Date 30th September 2024
Agenda Item 7
Prepared by Town Clerk

1.0 BACKGROUND

In April, the small grants working group considered four applications for the first round of the financial year. Two awards were approved by committee and two applications were deferred to the second round for reconsideration. No new applications were received for the second round. One of the two deferred applications secured funding from Cheshire East Council following the Town Council's referring them to the scheme and as such was not taken forward into round two.

2.0 APPLICATIONS

2.1 KNUTSFORD TOGETHER

Amount Requested: £1,500
Recommendation: Approve
Summary: To fund the weekly talking café service and befriending service

The project aims to address loneliness in Knutsford and would fund the cost of the talking café and befriending volunteers for twelve months. The befriending service aims to provide residents aged 65+ with a volunteer who will visit them in their own home or outside it to provide a listening ear and a chat and assist them re-engaging with others in the Knutsford community. This would enable paid staff to devote more time to helping new clients.

The average score for this application was 25.5 when scored in April and it met the required governance threshold. The working group agreed this application should be recommended for approval in this round.

3.0 DECISION REQUIRED

It is recommended that the committee approves a grant of £1,500 to Knutsford Together.