

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Cabinet Member for Performance and Capacity

Date of meeting: 28 October 2009
Report of: Head of Policy & Performance
Title: Community Grants

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 To determine the award of Community Grants to voluntary and community organisations which meet the criteria approved by Cheshire East Council. The Council recognises the valuable input that the voluntary and community sector brings to the quality of life in the community. Funding is focused on those organisations that complement the aims and objectives of the Corporate Plan.
- 1.2 The Report covers the third round of grants for October, and makes recommendations in line with Cheshire East Council's Policy for the Allocation of Grants.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the following Community Grants be awarded/declined as indicated:

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| 1) | Rode Park & Church Lawton Cricket Club (Jnrs) be | awarded £400 |
| 2) | Bromley Farm Trust (Sport) be | awarded £250 |
| 3) | Bromley Farm Trust (Youth) be | awarded £250 |
| 4) | Sandbach Clean Team be | awarded £450 |
| 5) | Alsager Celtic F.C. be | awarded £500 |
| 6) | Mow Cop Hornets be | awarded £287 |
| 7) | Sandbach Cheerleaders Squad be | awarded £280 |
| 8) | Triton Hockey Club be | awarded £225 |
| 9) | 1 st Holmes Chapel Scout Group be | awarded £356 |
| 10) | Bollington & Macclesfield Sea Cadets be | awarded £500 |
| 11) | North West Lapidary & Mineral Society be | declined |
| 12) | Wrenbury Art Group be | declined |
| 13) | CAMM Street Gym be | awarded £500 |
| 14) | Weston Allotment Group be | awarded £500 |
| 15) | Bunbury Cricket Club be | awarded £100 |
| 16) | Danebank Community Pre School be | awarded £117.52 |
| 17) | Cheshire Blades F.C. be | awarded £500 |
| 18) | Crewe Neptune Lifesaving Club be | awarded £500 |
| 19) | Ladyhawks Netball Club be | awarded £475 |
| 20) | Crewe Flyers Amateur Swimming Club be | awarded £440 |
| 21) | Black Aces Ju-Jitsu Club be | awarded £250 |
| 22) | Crewe Male Voice Choir be | awarded £200 |

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| 23) Royal British Legion be | awarded £50 |
| 24) Alsager Tennis Club be | awarded £50 |
| 25) St. Lukes Hospice be | awarded £47 |
| 26) Alsager Round Table be | awarded £50 |
| 27) Rotary Club of Macclesfield be | awarded £50 |
| 28) Neuromuscular Centre be | declined |
| 29) Sandbach Voices be | awarded £250 |
| 30) Congleton Amateur Operatic Society be | awarded £250 |
| 31) Holly Holy Day be | awarded £250 |
| 32) The Lindow Singers be | awarded £250 |
| 33) Cheshire Youth Pantomime Society be | awarded £250 |
| 34) The Barnby Choir be | awarded £250 |
| 35) SCAMPS Youth Co. be | awarded £250 |
| 36) Victoria Mill Art Group be | awarded £100 |
| 37) Congleton Community Project be | awarded £300 |
| 38) Sandbach Re-imagined be | awarded £250 |
| 39) Middlewich Youth Theatre be | awarded £250 |
| 40) Somerford Kindergarten be | awarded £515 |
| 41) Astbury Village Hall be | awarded £500 |
| 42) Tommy Thumbs Pre-School be | awarded £1,200 |
| 43) Christ Church Community Room be | awarded £1,500 |
| 44) Alton Street Allotments be | deferred until January |
| 45) Fourways Project be | awarded £250 |
| 46) 17 th S.W. Cheshire Scout Group be | awarded £1,500 |
| 47) Gawsorth Scout Group be | awarded £1,500 |

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations (Details of Grants)

3.1 ACTIVITIES (up to £500)

Rode Park & Church Lawton Cricket Club (Jnrs) (CGA.42)

The group wants to purchase training aids and kit for the junior development team. The full project cost is £800 and it is recommended they be awarded match funding of £400.

Bromley Farm Community Trust (Sports) (CGA.40)

The project is to purchase equipment for the Multi Use Games Area which is well used. The project estimate is £300 – as there are no quotations it is recommended they be awarded £250.

Bromley Farm Community Trust (Youth) (CGA.41)

The project is to purchase a professional karaoke machine for the youth club which can be used by all members of the community. The project estimate is £300 - as there are no quotations it is recommended they be awarded £250.

Sandbach Clean Team (CGA.59)

This group is a team of local residents whose aim is to keep Sandbach tidy and are all volunteers. They rely on contributions and donations and they would like to purchase extra equipment to make their job easier to carry out. They are also

looking for funding towards shrubs. The total project cost is £450 and it is recommended they be awarded this amount to help improve the area.

Alsager Celtic F.C. (CGA.76)

The whole project is to purchase equipment, facility hire, workshops, kit and coaching courses with a total cost of £2,300. Their main priority is the coaching courses and it is recommended they be awarded £500 towards this cost.

Mow Cop Hornets (CGA.37)

This is a small football club with limited funding which they get from subscriptions. They have been very realistic in their application and are applying for £287 for extra training equipment and coaching course. It is recommended they be awarded the full amount of £287.

Sandbach Cheerleaders Squad (CGA.68)

This is a small group with lots of projects requiring large amounts of funding. Their priority is for coaching courses and it is recommended they be awarded £280 for these courses.

Triton Hockey Club (CGA.35)

The project is to pay for training courses for the coaches to enable the club to develop and attract more members. They have very little funds of their own which are used for facility hire and kit. The cost of the coaching courses is £225 and it is recommended they be awarded the full amount.

1st Holmes Chapel Scout Group (CGA.65)

The group would like to purchase a laptop and software to enable them to have a central computer which is more efficient and secure and can be used for presentations etc. The total project cost is £712. They do have some of their own funding to contribute and it is recommended they be awarded match funding of £356.

Bollington & Macclesfield Sea Cadets (CGA.36)

The group would like to purchase Canadian Canoes which are much larger than normal canoes to enable cadets to extend their qualifications. They are applying to Awards for All and a grant from Cheshire East Council will help their application. The total project cost is £4,702 and it is recommended they be awarded £500

North West Lapidary & Mineral Society (CGA.45)

The group has a projector which is now obsolete and they would like to purchase a spare bulb for stock at a cost of £128 as the bulbs will also become discontinued soon. It is recommended they be declined a grant as this does not help the immediate development of the club and that they should be looking to purchase a more modern projector for the future.

Wrenbury Art Group (CGA.33)

The grant is requested to purchase sets of paints and paper for each member. It is recommended that a grant be declined and that they be advised that it would be more appropriate to apply for a grant towards pooled resources.

CAMM Street Gym (CGA.53)

The application is to enable them to purchase a new vaulting table as they are no longer able to use the current one as it is unsafe. The equipment is widely used by all ages and also people with disabilities. The total project cost is £1,700 for which they do have some of their own funds and are actively fundraising. It is recommended they be awarded £500.

Weston Allotment Group (CGA.56)

The group are in the process of setting up a new allotment site for use by adults and children and to involve schools and as such have very little funding at present. It is recommended they be awarded £500 to assist them in leveraging in additional funding.

Bunbury Cricket Club (CGA.57)

The project is for indoor facility hire and equipment at a cost of £570. It is recommended they be awarded £100 for the cost of equipment for the junior section of the club.

Danebank Community Pre-School (CGA.69)

The whole project is to purchase a new small shed for storage, camera for recording children's activities and bean bags at a cost of £411. It is recommended they be awarded £117.52 for the bean bags which will be a comfortable addition to the reading room for the children.

Cheshire Blades Football Club (CGA.48)

The funding request is for facility hire, coaching courses and CRB checks. The club have a very large membership of youngsters and it is vital that they continue with the coaching courses for new volunteers to keep up the standard of the club. The total project cost is £2840 and it is recommended they be awarded £500 for the coaching courses.

Crewe Neptune Lifesaving Club (CGA.64)

The whole project is to purchase a defibrillator and training equipment and training courses to enable them to use the defib and save lives. They are seeking external funding for the defib machine and it is recommended they be awarded £500 towards the training equipment and training courses.

Ladyhawks Netball Club (CGA.67)

This group are working hard to increase membership and develop the club. They have a two year action plan in place. The total project cost for training and equipment is £679 and they are contributing some of their own funds. It is recommended they be awarded £475 as requested.

Crewe Flyers Amateur Swimming Club (CGA.72)

The grant requested is for level one and two coaching courses. The total project cost is £740 and they are able to contribute towards this cost. It is recommended they be awarded the balance of £440.

Black Aces Ju-Jitsu Club (CGA.73)

The grant is requested towards coach education training to enable teaching of younger children. They are contributing some of the cost themselves and it is recommended they be awarded the balance of £250.

Crewe Male Voice Choir (CGA.32)

The grant is to help towards room hire as they try to fund their own concerts. They have some of their own funds and it is recommended they be awarded £200 to cover the room hire for their last remaining sessions of the year.

3.2 CONCESSIONARY GRANTS (up to £50)

Royal British Legion – hire of Sandbach Town Hall 20.11.09. Normal hire charge is £197.20 and it is recommended they be awarded a concession of £50

Alsager Lawn Tennis Club – hire of Alsager Civic Centre . The normal hire charge is £187 and it is recommended they be awarded a concession of £50.

St. Lukes Hospice (Sandbach Support Group) – hire of Sandbach Town Hall at a cost of £94.20. It is recommended they be awarded a concession of £47.

Alsager & District Round Table – hire of Alsager Civic Centre at a cost of £1411.20. It is recommended they be awarded a concession of £50.

Rotary Club of Macclesfield – hire of Macclesfield Leisure Centre Swimming Pool at a cost of £400. It is recommended they be awarded a concession of £50.

3.3 EVENTS (up to £500)**Neuromuscular Centre (CGA.50)**

The Centre operate in Winsford and are a large Registered Charity with healthy accounts. The event is to organise a “complimentary therapy day” for residents of Cheshire East and West which will be held at the HQ in Winsford. The total project cost for the day is £425 and the group are requesting the full amount. After discussions with the Centre it is recommended that a grant be declined as the event is outside the Borough of Cheshire East.

Sandbach Voices (CGA.52)
Congleton Amateur Operatic Society (CGA.38)
Middlewich Youth Theatre (CGA.71)
Holly Holy Day (CGA.39)
The Lindow Singers (CGA.44)
Cheshire Youth Pantomime Society (CGA.51)
The Barnby Choir (CGA.60)
SCAMPS Youth Theatre (CGA.70)

The above events are all annual productions with quite high costs and receive income from ticket sales as well as refreshments, programmes etc. These events are important to Cheshire East district as they do make a difference to local residents by way of enabling them to see local talent performing at reasonable prices. It is recommended that they all be awarded a grant of £250 and that their profit/loss for the events be monitored

Victoria Mill Art Group (CGA.34)

The project is to hold a series of art events open to the community and they have applied for £100 towards the total costs. This is a good event for the local residents showing art in the community. It is recommended they be awarded £100.

Congleton Community Project (CGA.43)

The project is a number of arts and crafts events/workshops for children and families leading up to Christmas. The total project cost is £2,068 and they are requesting £300 towards the costs. It is recommended they be awarded £300.

Sandbach Re-imagined (SGA.55)

This is a sub-group of Sandbach Clean Team looking for funding to hold events/workshops to make residents of Sandbach more aware of climate change and its effects on local areas. It is recommended they be awarded £500 towards the first two meetings, workshops and publicity and to monitor the outcome of the first meeting.

3.3 EVENTS (up to £1,500)

Somerford Kindergarten (CGA.31)

This is a pre-school building catering for a large number of children. The project is to renew remaining windows from single to double glazing. They have raised the majority of costs from their own fundraising. The total project cost is £2,415 and they are requesting £515. It is recommended they be awarded £515.

Astbury Village Hall (CGA.54)

The project is to refurbish the kitchen at a total cost of £12,000 and they have secured the majority of this. The village hall is well used by a large number of organisations and private functions. They are requesting funding of £500 to purchase a new range cooker and it is recommended they be awarded this amount.

Tommy Thumbs Pre-School (CGA.63)

The project is to replace existing outdoor play floor which is unsafe with new safety flooring. The group do have some of their own funds. The total project cost is £1,794 and it is recommended they be awarded the balance required of £1,200

Christ Church Community Room (CGA.74)

The project is to extend the church building to provide more facilities for community use. The total project cost is £79,000 and they are applying to WREN and have a grant from Sandbach Town Council. It is recommended they be awarded the full £1,500 to assist them with third party funding for WREN.

Alton Street Allotments (CGA.61)

This application is deferred until January 2010 awaiting further information.

Fourways Project (CGA.75)

The group have “inherited” a green space in the middle of four alleygated streets and they are trying to improve the area for community use. The project is to remove old concrete posts and backfill with topsoil and grass seed. They are also looking for costs to producing newsletters etc. to make all residents aware of the project. It is recommended they be awarded £250 towards the costs.

17th S.W. Cheshire Scout Group (CGA.66)

The project is to renew a leaking roof. The scout hut is used by a wide range of community groups as well as the regular scout/guide meetings but they will not be able to use it to its full potential unless the roof is repaired. The total cost is £4,680 and they do have some funding in place as well as their continuous fundraising. It is recommended they be awarded £1,500.

Gawsworth Scout Group (CGA.62)

This is an ambitious project to build a new scout hall to replace the existing unsafe wooden building. The scout hall is very widely used not only by scouts/guides but other local groups. They are working very hard to secure the funding and have a substantial amount in place and a grant from Cheshire East Council would help them to secure the remaining funding. It is recommended they be awarded £1,500

4.0 Wards Affected

4.1 All wards within Cheshire East Council

5.0 Local Ward Members

5.1 All Wards within Cheshire East Council

6.0 Policy Implications

6.1 Positive impact

7.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

7.1 None

8.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

8.1 All of the proposed grants can be funded from within existing budgets approved as part of the Council's Budget for 2009/10.

9.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

9.1 In awarding grants, the Council must ensure that in each case it has the legal power to fund the proposed scheme. In certain cases above £100 it will be necessary to impose a condition requiring a report back to the Council on the expenditure of the grant. Consideration should also be given in each case to the imposition of other appropriate conditions.

10.0 Risk Management

10.1 None

11.0 Background and Options

11.1 Applications received and allocated in accordance with Cheshire East council's Policy for the Allocation of Community Grants.

12.0 Overview of Year One and Term One Issues

12.1 Allocation of grants for 2009/10 only.

13.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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