

Cabinet Member for Strategic Outcomes Agenda

Date:	Monday, 21st July, 2014
Time:	1.00 pm
Venue:	Committee Suite 1 & 2, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in any item on the agenda.

3. Public Speaking Time/Open Session

In accordance with Procedure Rules Nos.11 and 35 a period of 10 minutes is allocated for members of the public to address the meeting on any matter relating to the work of the body in question. Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes but the Chairman or person presiding will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned where there are a number of speakers. Members of the public are not required to give notice to use this facility. However, as a matter of courtesy, a period of 24 hours' notice is encouraged.

Members of the public wishing to ask a question at the meeting should provide at least three clear working days' notice in writing and should include the question with that notice. This will enable an informed answer to be given.

4. Allocation of War Memorial Grants (Pages 1 - 6)

To determine the award of War Memorial Grants to voluntary and community organisations and to Town and Parish Councils.

5. Allocation of Community Grants (Pages 7 - 16)

To determine the award of grants to voluntary and community organisations.

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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

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Date of Meeting: 21st July 2014
Report of: Principal Manager, Local Area Working
Subject/Title: Allocation of War Memorial Grants
Portfolio Holder: Councillor D Brown

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 To determine the award of War Memorial Grants to voluntary and community organisations and Town and Parish Councils which meet the criteria approved by Cheshire East Council Cheshire East Council decided to provide one-off funding to support a War Memorial Grants Scheme within the boundaries of Cheshire East for the financial year of 2014/15. The aim of the War Memorial Grants Scheme is to support not for profit organisations and town and parish councils to fund repairs and refurbishment of War Memorials across the Borough.
- 1.2 The report covers the applications for War Memorial Grants for July 2014 and makes recommendations totalling £21,067 in line with Cheshire East Council's Policy for the Allocation of War Memorial Grants.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That the following War Memorial Grants be conditionally awarded or declined as indicated:

Bickerton Joint Burial Committee	Awarded £475
Bollington War Memorial Fund	Awarded £5,500
Burleydam Village Hall Fund	Awarded on receipt of suitable quotes
Goostrey Parish Council	Awarded £892
Haslington Parish Council	Awarded £2,620
Minshull Vernon & District Parish Council	Awarded £2,500
Mobberley Parish Council	Awarded £2,500
Peover Superior Parish Council	Awarded £3,780
Rainow Parish Council	Awarded £2,500
St John's Church, Chelford	Awarded £2,500
The Royal British Legion – Holmes Chapel Branch	Awarded £420

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations (details of Grants)

3.1 Bickerton Joint Burial Committee

Total Cost of Project - £475 Amount Requested - £475

The War Memorial is a stone cross situated in Bickerton Cemetery. Bickerton Joint Burial Committee wants to carry out specialist cleaning by Richard Yates, a monumental mason. They also want to treat the memorial with silicon to keep it cleaner for longer. They are not contributing towards the project and do not have any other contributions. It is recommended that the committee seek approval for the work from the Diocese. The works

will not require planning permission. It is recommended that £475 is awarded and is conditional on not using a silicon sealant. It is also recommended to meet the conservation officer, Elizabeth Rodgers, to finalise works.

Bollington War Memorial Fund

Total Cost of Project – £7,954 Amount Requested – £5,500

Bollington War Memorial Fund is applying to create additions to the existing memorial to include all of the names of those that served in WW1 from the area. The current memorial cannot be restored or cleaned. Some names are missing from the original memorial and inscriptions have become hard to read. The war memorial is currently owned by Cheshire East Council but the Town Council have asked to take on ownership and responsibility for the memorial. It is recommended that they are awarded £5,500 once the transfer of the asset to Bollington Town Council from Cheshire East Council has taken place. Planning permission and Listed Building Consent is required. Grant subject to securing planning and Listed Building Consent and liaison with the conservation officer Andrew Ramshall.

Burleydam Village Hall Fund

Total Cost of Project – up to £2,500 Amount Requested – up to £2500

The memorial is a small tablet located within church grounds. The Village Hall group wish to fund the re-cutting of names on the tablet and are currently obtaining quotes for the work to be done. They will be making a small contribution themselves. It is recommended that they are awarded a grant for the work subject to the receipt of suitable quotations. Ecclesiastical exemption is likely to apply and the group are advised to contact the Diocese to establish this and liaise with the conservation officer Elizabeth Rodgers.

Goostrey Parish Council

Total Cost of Project - £892 Amount Requested - £892

The memorial is owned by St Luke's Church and permission has been granted for restoration to take place. Goostrey Parish Council wish to remove biological growth, re-point and repair parts of the memorial. The work is due to be carried out by Stone Central Ltd. They are not contributing themselves as they are a small Parish Council and have not budgeted to do so. Ecclesiastical exemption applies due to it being within the church grounds. Need to contact the Diocese to secure approval. It is recommended that they use a DOF pressurised steam clean for stonework to remove algal growth. It is recommended that they are awarded £892 subject to securing Diocese confirmation and liaising with conservation officer David Hallam.

Haslington Parish Council

Total Cost of Project - £3,630 Amount Requested - £2,620

The memorial is a stone cross, set upon a raised stone plinth with steps for access. The Parish council wish to raise the front area to remove the trip hazard, repair cracks, remove chain fixings and install a hand rail for safety. The work is to be carried out by Quadriga. The War memorial is not listed. No planning permission is required for repairs but the Parish Council will need to check with the planning office regarding the new access hand rail. The works proposed appear to be reasonable and will be in keeping subject to detail. We would recommend that Elizabeth Rodgers be contacted for advice with the project details. It is recommended that they are awarded £2,620 subject to approval from the planning office and the conservation officer.

Minshull Vernon & District Parish Council

Total Cost of Project - £3,500 Amount Requested - £2,500

Minshull Vernon Parish Council wishes to add names of soldiers that lost their lives following a plane crash in the Second World War. The work to add these names will greatly enhance the entire memorial. The work is to be carried out by Oxley's Funeral Services. It is recommended that they are awarded £2,500 on the condition of holding an event in commemoration of the First World War. It is also recommended that advice is sought from the Heritage and Design team.

Mobberley Parish Council

Total Cost of Project - £5,300 Amount Requested - £2,500

Mobberley War Memorial is located in front of St Wilfred's Church, Mobberley. They wish to re-cut and re-black the names of the soldiers. Work to be carried out by Twyford's. They have already paid for cleaning, repairs and re-blackening of the main lettering. They are contributing themselves and have donations. The Heritage & Design team would not advocate sealing the stone. Ecclesiastical exemption is likely to apply and the group are advised to contact the Diocese to establish this and liaise with the conservation officer Emma Fairhurst. It is recommended that they are awarded £2,500 on the condition of securing Diocese confirmation.

Peover Superior Parish Council

Total Cost of Project - £3,780 Amount Requested - £3,780

The memorial is a stone cross, set upon raised steps. The Parish Council wish to pressure wash the entire monument and apply a biocidal treatment, re-align the stone steps and even the joints, lift the paved area, re-lay and re-point it, replace 2 missing timber posts and re-instate the chain link fence. It is recommended that they are awarded £2,500 subject to contacting the conservation officer Emma Fairhurst for further project advice.

Rainow Parish Council

Total Cost of Project - £2,954 Amount Requested - £2,500

Rainow's memorial is set in a memorial gardens and comprises of a monument and memorial seat. The Parish Council wish to clean both the memorial and seat, re-paint the lettering, re-level the York stone flags and repair the sunken wings to the memorial seat. The work will be carried out by Robertson Memorials and local tradesmen and village volunteers. They are contributing themselves and have in kind contributions. It is recommended that they are awarded £2,500 on the condition of contacting the conservation officer Andrew Ramshall for further project advice.

St John's Church, Chelford

Total Cost of Project - £2,954 Amount Requested - £2,500

The memorial is a Portland Stone Calvary situated on the roadside boundary wall of the Church grounds. The Church wish to repair and clean the Calvary. The works are to be carried out by Bullen Conservation Ltd. They are contributing themselves and have a contribution from the Parish Council. The memorial is not listed but is in church grounds. Ecclesiastical exemption is likely to apply. The Parish Council need to contact the Diocese. The Heritage & Design Team would not advocate sealing the stone. It is recommended that they are awarded £2,500 on the condition of contacting the conservation officer Emma Fairhurst for further project advice and securing Diocese permission.

The Royal British Legion – Holmes Chapel

Total Cost of Project - £2,954 Amount Requested - £2,500

The War Memorial is a tablet situated in St Luke's Church yard. Upon erection, one of the soldier's names was spelt incorrectly. Therefore, the Royal British Legion (RBL) wish to fill in the surname and re-carve. The RBL also wish to repair part of the tablet that has been

damaged by constant jet washing. They are contributing to the project themselves, as well as with a contribution from the Parish Council.

Quadriga Ltd will complete the alteration and repairs, who are also wanting to add a chemical seal to protect the memorial. As Ecclesiastical exemption is likely to apply they are advised to contact the Diocese. The Heritage & Design Team would not advocate sealing the stone. It is recommended that they are awarded £420 on the condition of securing Diocese confirmation and contacting the conservation officer David Hallam for further project advice.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 The recommendations relate to all wards within Cheshire East

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 All Ward members

6.0 Policy Implications (including carbon reduction and health)

- 6.1 All of the applications contained in this report have been considered in the light of the Council's Policy for the Allocation of War Memorial Grants, and the recommendations on each one conform to that Policy.

7.0 Financial Implications (authorised by Chief Operating Officer)

- 7.1 All of the proposed grants can be funded from within existing budgets approved as part of the Council's Budget for 2014/15

8.0 Legal Implications (authorised by Borough Solicitor)

- 8.1 The Council has the powers to award grants to organisations using its general power of competence in section 1 of the Localism Act 2011. In exercising the power the Council must satisfy its public law duties. In essence this means that in making the decision the Council must have taken into account only relevant considerations, followed procedural requirements, acted for proper motives and not acted unreasonably. A grant policy is a clear statement of the criteria that the Council is applying and is essential if the Council is to defend any challenge to its decision making process.
- 8.2 Cabinet has approved and Cheshire East Council has put in place a Policy for the Allocation of War Memorial Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations and Town/Parish Councils. This Policy deals with the allocation of war memorial grants which are awarded to defined Organisations following an application process and against set criteria. There are conditions requiring that Organisations report back to the Council upon expenditure of the grant and to enable further appropriate conditions to be imposed. The decision making process was delegated to the Portfolio Holder in order ensure that decisions can be made expeditiously and at the appropriate level.
- 8.3 Grant funding organisations based on the application of the Council's grant policy satisfies the Council's public law duties.

9.0 Risk Management Implications

9.1 None identified.

10.0 Background and Options

10.1 Applications received and allocated in accordance with Cheshire East Council's Policy for the Allocation of War Memorial Grants.

11.0 Access to Information

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

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Date of Meeting: 21st July 2014
Report of: Principal Manager, Local Area Working
Subject/Title: Allocation of Community Grants
Portfolio Holder: Councillor D Brown

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 focussed on those organisations that complement the aims and objectives of the Corporate Plan.
- 1.2 The report covers the second round of grants for 2014/15 and makes recommendations totalling £53,613 in line with Cheshire East Council's Policy for the Allocation of Grants.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

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

War Memorial Commemoration Events

Chelford Tenants & Residents Association	Awarded £700
Disley Parish Council	Awarded £1,000
Knutsford Heritage Centre	Awarded £1,000
Macclesfield Community Artspace	Awarded £700
Macclesfield War Graves	Awarded £1,000
Nantwich Choral Society	Awarded £1,000
Red Shift Radio	Awarded £500
St David's Church, Wettenhall	Awarded £150

Activities

1 st Holmes Chapel Guides	Awarded £510
Alsager Gardens Association	Awarded £350
Audlem Community Projects	Awarded £300
Brereton Parish Community Interest Group	Awarded £353
Cheshire Streetwise	Declined
Community Spirit	Awarded £1,000
Congleton Musical Theatre	Awarded £1,000
Cranberry Play Group	Declined
Crewe Clean Team	Awarded £400
Crewe Flyers	Declined
Disley Parish Plan Community Choir	Awarded £800
Macclesfield Art Group	Awarded £350

Macclesfield Community Artspace	Awarded £1,000
Must See Musicals	Awarded £1,000
Open Door Project – Haslington Methodist Church	Awarded £1,000
Open Space, Congleton Creates	Awarded £1,000
Poynton U3A	Awarded £400

Facilities

Audlem Public Hall Management Committee	Awarded £4,500
Langley Cricket Club	Awarded £3,700
New Life Church	Awarded £5,000
North Street Methodist Community Church	Awarded £5,000
Peckforton & Beeston Village Hall	Deferred
Prestbury Village Lawn Tennis Club	Awarded £2,000
Prestbury Village Playground Appeal	Awarded £5,000
Shavington Youth Club	Awarded £4,900
Styal Village Community Store and Cafe	Awarded £5,000
The Team Chongi Academy	Awarded £3,000
Visyon	Declined

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations (details of Grants)

3.1 War Memorial Commemoration Events:

Chelford Tenants and Residents Association -

Total Cost of Project - £1,542 Amount Requested - £700

Chelford Tenants and Residents Association will be holding an event called 'War Years Remembered' with a band, war time food, prizes for best dressed and lots more. They require funding towards the hire of the band and hire of equipment for catering and costumes. It is recommended that they are awarded £700.

Disley Parish Council -

Total Cost of Project - £3,950 Amount Requested - £1,000

Disley Parish Council is holding a remembrance parade and special service in commemoration of the First World War. Funding is required towards band fees, a PA system, gazebos and various other costs. The Parish Council will be covering the remaining costs of the event. It is recommended that they are awarded £1,000.

Knutsford Heritage Centre -

Total Cost of Project - £7,195 Amount Requested - £1,000

Knutsford Heritage Centre is planning a First World War commemorative exhibition that will run for 4 months. The exhibition will include workshops, outreach activity to retirement groups and care homes and schools. Funding is required for display boards and marketing/advertisement. They are contributing themselves and have lots of in kind contributions. It is recommended that they are awarded £1,000.

Macclesfield Community Artspace -

Total Cost of Project - £1,000 Amount Requested - £1,000

Macclesfield Community Artspace requires funding towards a tutor/session leader, art materials and advertisement for a First World War themed display/exhibition called 'Hidden Loss'. Part of the project costs include transport and venue hire, which unfortunately cannot be funded by the scheme. It is recommended that they are awarded £700.

Macclesfield War Graves -

Total Cost of Project - £9,109 Amount Requested - £1,000

Macclesfield War Graves are working with local schools, volunteers and local organisations and businesses to hold a commemorative event on 11th November. This is a large project which also involves tending to war graves and of creation of wreaths. Funding is required towards the printing, marketing and publicity for the event. Contributions are being made towards the project by the group themselves and other funding has been applied for. It is recommended that they are awarded £1,000.

Nantwich Choral Society -

Total Cost of Project - £8,500 Amount Requested - £1,000

Nantwich Choral Society requires funding towards the marketing and publicity of their performance 'The Peacemakers' which is an event to commemorate the centenary of the First World War. The group are working with local churches and councils. They are contributing to the event costs themselves and have support from the Town Council. It is recommended that they are awarded £1,000.

Red Shift Radio -

Total Cost of Project - £5,100 Amount Requested - £1,000

Red Shift radio is holding a 'Big Day Out' in partnership with St Mary's Church and Wulvern Housing. The event is due to take place on 2nd August and elements are related to the commemoration of the First World War. Funding was requested to fund the attendance of British Legion Members at the event. The group are contributing themselves, as well as the other partners. As outings/day trips cannot be funded by the scheme, it is recommended that they group are awarded £500 towards the production of a Centenary Timeline which will be produced after the event.

St David's Church, Wettenhall -

Total Cost of Project - £950 Amount Requested - £250

St David's Church will be holding a commemoration lunch after a First World War commemoration service and have requested funding towards the printing of leaflets, food and tableware and flowers for the church. As refreshments cannot be funded, it is recommended that they are awarded £150 towards the printing of leaflets and the tableware/flowers.

Activities:

1st Holmes Chapel Guides-

Total Cost of Project - £850 Amount Requested - £510

1st Holmes Chapel Guides require funding to purchase camping equipment to enhance the opportunities available to the guides. The group is contributing towards the project themselves but have little reserves. It is recommended that they are awarded £510 and that they approach the Parish Council for assistance to avoid depleting their reserves.

Alsager Gardens Association-

Total Cost of Project - £1,350 Amount Requested - £400

Alsager Gardens Association is holding an annual show and requires funding towards advertising and printing costs and bouquets for guests. They are contributing themselves and have other contributions. It is recommended that they are awarded £350 for printing and advertising.

Audlem Community Projects-

Total Cost of Project - £300 Amount Requested - £300

Audlem Community Projects require funding to install TV screens into public places to keep the local community informed of community events, meetings, etc. This will particularly benefit those without internet access. The group have very little reserves. It is recommended that they are awarded £300.

Brereton Parish Community Interest Group-

Total Cost of Project - £833 Amount Requested - £353

Brereton Parish Community Interest Group are producing a parish walks leaflet, encouraging residents to find out more about Brereton and keep active through walking. Funding is required towards the printing of the leaflet. They are contributing towards the project themselves and have in kind donations. It is recommended that they are awarded £353.

Cheshire Streetwise-

Total Cost of Project - £500 Amount Requested - £500

Cheshire Streetwise submitted two applications, one for an art attack project and another for equipment for a skills cafe. It was not specified which application they wished to take forward. The organisation has not indicated that they have or submitted a constitution document, which is a requirement of the scheme. They have also not stated that safeguarding or equalities policies are in place. It is recommended that the application is declined.

Community Spirit-

Total Cost of Project - £2,750 Amount Requested - £1,000

Community Spirit is holding an annual fun day and requires funding towards equipment hire such as a climbing wall, inflatables and a creepy crawly workshop. The group will be contributing towards the event themselves and have funding from elsewhere. It is recommended that they are awarded £1,000.

Congleton Musical Theatre-

Total Cost of Project - £19,550 Amount Requested - £1,000

Congleton Musical Theatre is producing an annual show, 'Anything Goes', and requires funding towards the hire of stage lighting and the sound system. The group are contributing to the show themselves and have other contributions/donations. It is recommended that they are awarded £1,000.

Cranberry Play Group -

Total Cost of Project - £600 Amount Requested - £500

Cranberry Play Group is requesting funding for additional toys and equipment. The organisation has not indicated that they have or submitted a constitution document, which is a requirement of the scheme. They have also not stated that safeguarding or equalities policies are in place. It is recommended that the application is declined.

Crewe Clean Team -

Total Cost of Project - £624 Amount Requested - £524

Crewe Clean Team require funding to purchase additional litter picking equipment due to a large increase in members over the past year and an increased involvement with other organisations such as the Scouts, Bentley Motors and McDonalds. The group have little reserves but are contributing themselves. It is recommended that they seek assistance from the Town Council and that they are awarded £400.

Crewe Flyers -

Total Cost of Project - £750 Amount Requested - £500

Crewe Flyers are applying for funding to put three young swimmers through teaching courses, which will offer more support to the club. Crewe Flyers received a grant in January 2012 and have not submitted any of the required monitoring information. It is recommended that the application is declined.

Disley Parish Plan Community Choir -

Total Cost of Project - £2,100 Amount Requested - £800

Disley Parish Plan Community Choir is a new element of the Parish Plan Implementation group and they require funding for sheet music, music folders and funding towards a music director. Most of the costs will be covered by weekly donations from choir members. The group have no reserves. It is recommended that they are awarded £800 but also seek assistance from the Parish Council for further support.

Macclesfield Art Group -

Total Cost of Project - £634 Amount Requested - £634

Macclesfield Art Group originally applied for funding to cover their printing costs and banners. This is what they received funding for within the last financial year. They have therefore submitted further information to explain other costs that they have which include display boards, stationery and holding demonstrations. It is recommended that they are awarded £350 towards their demonstration costs.

Macclesfield Community Artspace -

Total Cost of Project - £3,216 Amount Requested - £1,000

Macclesfield Community Artspace intends to run open drop in sessions where people can come along and join in various ongoing arts activities. Funding is required towards materials and training/coaching. They are contributing towards the project themselves. It is recommended that they are awarded £1,000.

Must See Musicals -

Total Cost of Project - £7,220 Amount Requested - £1,000

Must See Musicals have requested funding for the purchase of sound equipment to reduce repeated costs of hiring the equipment for each production. They are contributing themselves and have contributions from elsewhere. Funding was awarded in 2013 for the purchase of sound and lighting equipment, as repeat funding cannot be granted, it is recommended that they are awarded £1,000 but towards other project costs outlined in the application such as advertising, costumes, bulbs etc.

Open Door Project – Haslington Methodist Church -

Total Cost of Project - £3,042 Amount Requested - £1,000

With constant changes to benefits and government legislations, the Open Door project require funding for training costs to ensure that advisers can offer the most relevant information to the community. The group will be contributing themselves and have contributions from other organisations such as Waitrose. It is recommended that they are awarded £1,000.

Open Space, Congleton Creates -

Total Cost of Project - £3,200 Amount Requested - £1,000

Open Space is a large arts festival taking place at the end of September. Funding is required towards the publicity of the event to involve as many members of the community as possible and towards stationery and art materials. The group will be contributing themselves and also have contributions from elsewhere. It is recommended that they are awarded £1,000.

Poynton U3A -

Total Cost of Project - £800 Amount Requested - £400

Poynton U3A is holding an event to celebrate Older People's Day. Funding is required towards leaflets, posters and other advertisements. The U3A will be funding the remainder of the event. It is recommended that they are awarded £400.

Facilities:

Audlem Public Hall Management Committee -

Total Cost of Project - £7,550 Amount Requested - £5,000

Audlem Public Hall Management Committee requires funding to replace old and dangerous stage boards, also creating a storage area for theatre groups. This will make the hall more user friendly. The group will be contributing the remaining project costs. It is recommended that they are awarded £4,500 and seek support from the Parish Council.

Langley Cricket Club -

Total Cost of Project - £5,800 Amount Requested - £4,200

Langley Cricket Club would like to open up the ground for general access for sporting and recreational activity. To do this, they require funding to replace uneven pathway and for the installation of a pedestrian gate and replacement fence. The cricket club have contributions from elsewhere as well as from their own funds. It is recommended that they are awarded £3,700.

New Life Church -

Total Cost of Project - £10,350 Amount Requested - £5,000

New Life Church is carrying out 4 projects to improve and maintain their building. These include replacing broken fencing, replacing old leaking guttering, new flooring within the pre-school as current flooring is now rising and becoming unsafe and an additional room divider to maximise the use of the space at the centre and offer more activities to the community.

The church will be contributing to these projects from their own funds and have other grant funding that can be diverted towards this project. However, as the Church have just applied to WREN and Reaching Communities for funding towards an extension to their building, they are now limited in what they can apply to. It is recommended that they are awarded £5,000.

North Street Methodist Community Church -

Total Cost of Project - £30,000 Amount Requested - £5,000

North Street Methodist Community Church is a new church community centre being built in Crewe. The church want to create a community hub type venue offering lots of services and need funding to furnish and fully equip the centre. The Church has been working with CE and other local organisations to develop this venue for community purpose. This is a large project with grants being received from elsewhere as well as large contribution from the church. It is recommended that they are awarded £5,000.

Peckforton & Beeston Village Hall -

Total Cost of Project - £3,000 Amount Requested – Not specified

Peckforton & Beeston Village Hall require funding to improve access to the hall for disabled residents. The steps have now become hazardous and groups are starting to use alternative facilities. It is not stated in the form how much funding the Hall requires from Cheshire East or what (if any) contributions are being made from elsewhere. It is recommended that the application is deferred to September pending the completion of the form.

Prestbury Village Lawn Tennis Club -

Total Cost of Project - £3,200 Amount Requested – £2,700

Prestbury Village Lawn Tennis Club is requesting funding for a new storage shed for junior equipment. A larger space is needed due to the increased number of junior activities and equipment. The group are making a small contribution themselves but do not have contributions from elsewhere. It is recommended that they are awarded £2,000 and seek assistance from the Parish Council.

Prestbury Village Playground Appeal -

Total Cost of Project - £56,770 Amount Requested – £5,000

Prestbury Village Playground Appeal are raising funds to create a new playground area, replacing the old area which is beyond repair. This is a large project with the main contribution coming from the Parish Council. Applications have been made elsewhere and the group has its own fundraising money. It is recommended that they are awarded £5,000.

Shavington Youth Club -

Total Cost of Project - £6,400 Amount Requested – £4,900

Shavington Youth Club are applying for funding to replace their outdated kitchen, which is becoming unsafe and to fit a false ceiling in the sports hall to improve acoustics and attract more users by becoming much more user friendly. The group are contributing themselves, and have a contribution from the parish council. It is recommended that they are awarded £4,900.

Styal Village Community Store & Cafe -

Total Cost of Project - £45,000 Amount Requested – £5,000

Earlams is a non profit making community shop, cafe and arts and crafts centre. Funding is being requested for fittings within the shop and arts and crafts centre. This is a large project with funding also being requested from the Parish Council and Big Lottery. It is recommended that they are awarded £5,000.

The Team Chongi Academy -

Total Cost of Project - £9,010 Amount Requested – £3,000

Team Chongi are operating at full capacity and have a large waiting list for classes. In order to expand the club and offer more services, they wish to convert the currently void cellar space into additional gym space. This will greatly benefit existing members, as well as attract new members. The application was deferred from April 2014 pending further information upon the organisation project costs and bank account, which has now been received. It is recommended that they are awarded £3,000 on the condition of securing funding for the remainder of the project.

Visyon -

Total Cost of Project - £4,000 Amount Requested – £1,000

Visyon are requesting funding for the improvement of their IT equipment and additional equipment in new bases. Visyon were awarded a grant in May 2013, the project for which is still on-going. It is recommended that the application is declined and that they apply again once the previous grant and monitoring information is complete.

4.0 Wards Affected

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- 8.3 Grant funding organisations based on the application of the Council's grant policy satisfies the Council's public law duties.

9.0 Risk Management Implications

- 9.1 The risk of not agreeing an approach to funding the community and voluntary sector is that some organisations may be unable to continue their activities, resulting in a loss of community benefit. This is a particular issue during an economic downturn when other funding sources may not be available.

10.0 Background and Options

- 10.1 Applications received and allocated in accordance with Cheshire East Council's Policy for the Allocation of Community Grants.

11.0 Access to Information

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

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