

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Cabinet Member for Strategic Communities

Date of Meeting: 21st January 2013
Report of: Partnerships Manager
Subject/Title: 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 final round of grants for 2012/13 and makes recommendations totalling 20,435 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:

Events

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| Beartown Patchwork and Quilters | Awarded £100 |
| Bollington Well Dressers | Awarded £250 |
| Congleton Harriers | Awarded £100 |
| High Legh Community Association | Declined |
| Macclesfield Civic Society | Declined |
| Nantwich Choral Society | Awarded £250 |
| Nomads Amateur Theatre Company | Awarded £100 |
| Prestbury Choral Society | Awarded £250 |
| Rode Park & Lawton Cricket Club | Awarded £250 |
| The Alderley Edge Orchestra | Awarded £250 |

Activities

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| 12 th South West Cheshire Scout Group | Awarded £350 |
| Bromley Farm Community Development Trust | Awarded £500 |
| Buglawton Community Group | Awarded £250 |
| Chelford Cricket Club | Awarded £200 |
| Congleton Community Projects | Awarded £500 |
| Congleton Youth Forum | Declined |
| Crewe & Nantwich Carer Support Group | Declined |

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| Crewe Clean Team | Declined |
| Crewe FC | Awarded £300 |
| Crewe Vagrants Hockey Club | Awarded £335 |
| High Legh Bowling Club | Awarded £500 |
| JJ's Sensory Play Centre | Awarded £500 |
| King Edwards Musical Society | Awarded £300 |
| Knutsford District Scouts | Awarded £350 |
| Macclesfield & District Canoe Club | Declined |
| Macclesfield Amateur Swimming Club | Awarded £500 |
| Macclesfield Youth Club | Awarded £500 |
| Nantwich & Border Counties Sailing Club | Awarded £500 |
| Nantwich Barony Park Bowling Club | Awarded £500 |
| Nantwich Food Bank | Declined |
| Nantwich Pumas Junior Football Club | Awarded £400 |
| Parents Supporting Parents | Conditionally Awarded £500 |
| Poynton U3A | Awarded £500 |
| The Motley Crewe | Declined |
| The Saturday Club | Awarded £500 |
| Weston Cricket Club | Awarded £500 |
| Wild Rumpus CIC | Awarded £500 |

Facilities

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| CVSCE | Declined |
| Enterprise & Education Alliance | Awarded £550 |
| Girlguiding UK – Weaver Division | Awarded £3,000 |
| Sound Vibe | Declined |
| Stapeley Grange Wildlife Centre | Awarded £1,300 |
| The Brereton Scout Group | Awarded £3,000 |
| Wishing Well Project | Awarded £1,500 |

Community Led Planning Starter Grant

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| Nether Alderley Looking Forward | Awarded £250 |
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Community Led Planning Development Grant

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| Nether Alderley Looking Forward | Deferred |
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3.0 Reasons for Recommendations (details of Grants)

3.1 Events:

Beartown Patchwork and Quilters -

Total Cost of Project - £1,648 Amount Requested - £100

An exhibition of local members patchwork and quilting will be held in July 2013. The group require a grant towards the printing and publicity for the event. They have applied to the town council and are contributing themselves. It is recommended that they are awarded £100.

Congleton Harriers -

Total Cost of Project - £2,280 Amount Requested - £100

Congleton Harriers organise the 'Cloud 9 Hill Race' annually. Funding is required towards various elements of the organisation such as medical support, promotion and equipment hire. They have no reserves and are contributing themselves. It is recommended that they are awarded £100.

Bollington Well Dressers -

Total Cost of Project - £1,260 Amount Requested - £250

Bollington Well Dressers wish to purchase specially designed boards and supporting structures to attach the boards to surrounding stone walls. They are contributing themselves and have other contributions. It is recommended that they are awarded £250.

Macclesfield Civic Society -

Total Cost of Project – Not provided Amount Requested - £150

Macclesfield Civic Society are applying for plaques for their award scheme that recognises new building, renovations or conservation projects. They received funding for the same purpose in January 2012 and repeat funding cannot be granted. It is therefore recommended that the application is declined.

Prestbury Choral Society -

Total Cost of Project – £2,210 Amount Requested - £250

Prestbury Choral Society will be holding a concert in March and are applying for funding towards the costs of hiring the orchestra. They are contributing themselves. It is recommended that they are awarded £250.

Nantwich Choral Society -

Total Cost of Project – £2,875 Amount Requested - £250

Nantwich Choral Society require funding towards the publicity of their concert to ensure they receive a large audience and to benefit as many people as possible. They have applied to the Town Council and will have income from ticket sales. It is recommended that they are awarded £250.

The Alderley Edge Orchestra -

Total Cost of Project – £3,650 Amount Requested - £400

This group require funding towards the hire of soloists for concerts and for promotion. The application was put in under the activities category; however, concerts come under the events category which has a maximum award of £250. It is therefore recommended that they are awarded £250.

Rode Park & Lawton Cricket Club -

Total Cost of Project – £1,685 Amount Requested - £250

This group wish to run specialist coaching sessions over Easter with more highly trained coaches. They are contributing themselves and have support from the Parish Council. It is recommended that they are awarded £250.

Nomads Amateur Theatre Company -

Total Cost of Project – £571 Amount Requested - £250

This group are requesting funding towards one of their theatre productions. Part of the costs include room hire. Licenses and transport which cannot be funded - as stated in the grant guidelines. It is recommended that they are awarded £100 towards props and scenery.

High Legh Community Association -

Total Cost of Project – Not provided Amount Requested - £250

High Legh Community Association wish to hire crowd control barriers to enable spectators of the Robert Moffat Memorial 10K race to remain safe. We need further information on project costs. It is recommended that the application is declined.

Activities:

JJ's Sensory Play Centre -

Total Cost of Project – £1,722 Amount Requested - £500

Sensory play centre require funding towards the purchase of new sensory equipment such as balls for the ball pool, fibre optics and bubble tubes. It is recommended that they are awarded £500 and apply to other funding sources/fund raise towards the rest of the equipment.

Weston Cricket Club -

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

Weston cricket club wish to develop their junior section by providing a coach at 12 sessions. They require new balls and would like to decorate the changing room facilities that are becoming dated. They are contributing themselves and have little reserves. It is recommended that they are awarded £500.

Chelford Cricket Club -

Total Cost of Project – £480 Amount Requested - £200

Chelford cricket club wish to help their junior coaches gain coaching qualifications to achieve ECB club mark accreditation. They are contributing themselves. It is recommended that they are awarded £200.

High Legh Bowling Club -

Total Cost of Project – £7,300 Amount Requested - £500

High Legh Bowling Club wish to purchase equipment to maintain their bowling green and bring it up to county standards. It is recommended that they are awarded £500.

Parents Supporting Parents -

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

This group wish to have a health visitor and holistic therapist attend sessions to benefit their group members. The group requested the full project cost of £5000 from ourselves and as the maximum award for this category is £500 and they have no further funds, we recommend that the

group are awarded £500 subject to receiving funding from other sources towards the remainder of the project.

Crewe Vagrants Hockey Club -

Total Cost of Project – £335 Amount Requested - £335

The group wish to purchase new hockey balls, training bibs and a goal keepers helmet to support their junior section. It is recommended that they are awarded £335.

Knutsford District Scouts -

Total Cost of Project – £944 Amount Requested - £500

Knutsford Scouts wish to purchase junior winter mountain walking equipment to extend hill walking activities. Contributing themselves, the group have large reserves but ran at a loss within the previous year. It is recommended that they are awarded £350.

Macclesfield Youth Club -

Total Cost of Project – £6,540 Amount Requested - £500

Macclesfield Youth Club are currently in the start up phase and have a large project to equip the group with all of the necessary items to run effectively. Funding is required for the training of 4 committee members by the Youth Federation. It is recommended that they are awarded £500.

Wild Rumpus CIC -

Total Cost of Project – £11,000 Amount Requested - £500

Wild Rumpus are establishing an outdoor base for local community groups and volunteers to engage in outdoor family arts activities. They wish to purchase equipment for the new base such as seating, lighting, screen & projector. They are contributing themselves and have other contributions. It is recommended that they are awarded £500.

Crewe & Nantwich Carers Support Group -

Total Cost of Project – £30 per session Amount Requested - £500

The group are applying for assistance with having speakers come to their twice monthly meetings or activities for their group members. It is recommended that they are awarded £300 and encouraged to work in partnership with other agencies to increase participation.

Nantwich Food Bank -

Total Cost of Project – £7000 Amount Requested - £500

New group set up to provide emergency food assistance to families in need. Various equipment is needed to assist with the set up of the project such as protective head wear, industrial scales and storage containers. Large project with assistance from Wulvern and applications in elsewhere. Deferred from October. Constitution has now been received. However scales have been purchased and retrospective funding cannot be granted. Further funding was requested towards running costs (mobile phone contract) - these also cannot be funded. It is recommended the application is declined.]

King Edwards Musical Society -

Total Cost of Project – £930 Amount Requested - £300

KEMS are requesting funding for a replacement bass drum. The total project includes purchase of new cymbals and conductors equipment which will be purchased from their own funds. It is recommended that they are awarded £300.

The Saturday Club -

Total Cost of Project – £1,200 Amount Requested - £500

The Saturday Club wish to provide activities/entertainment for children at their monthly meetings. They have a small donation and will be contributing themselves. It is recommended that they are awarded £500.

Macclesfield Amateur Swimming Club -

Total Cost of Project – £3,150 Amount Requested - £500

This group wish to pay for training to develop coaches and volunteers in order run a more professional swimming club and to meet swim 21 requirements. They are contributing themselves and have applied elsewhere. It is recommended that they are awarded £500.

The Motley Crewe -

Total Cost of Project – Not stated Amount Requested - £500

This group have applied for funding towards new away kits. It has not been specified what the total cost of the project is. The group do not intend to become constituted with their own bank account. It is recommended that the application is declined.

Congleton Community Projects -

Total Cost of Project – £1,500 Amount Requested - £500

Congleton Community Projects produce a community index that advises the local community of the groups and organisations in the town that provide opportunities for leisure, social care, and support etc. The group require funding towards the printing of the directory. They have contributions from elsewhere. It is recommended that they are awarded £500.

Nantwich Barony Park Bowling Club -

Total Cost of Project – £4,595 Amount Requested - £500

This group are constructing a log cabin to provide club members with shelter and refreshments and to improve club facilities. They have contributions from elsewhere and labour is being provided in kind. It is recommended that they are awarded £500.

12th South West Cheshire Scout Group -

Total Cost of Project – £491 Amount Requested - £350

The scout group wish to purchase a generator and LED lights to improve camp lighting during the camping season. They have not applied elsewhere and are not contributing themselves. It is recommended that they are awarded £350 as a contribution and suggest that they contribute or apply elsewhere in addition.

Nantwich Pumas Junior Football Club -

Total Cost of Project – £700 Amount Requested - £400

Club wish to use a qualified coach for a period of 20 weeks to improve the ability of players and attract more members. They also wish to purchase a new set of goals. They are contributing themselves and have sponsorship. It is recommended that they are awarded £400.

Poynton U3A -

Total Cost of Project – £1.106 Amount Requested - £500

Poynton U3A wish to purchase a roving microphone, screen/projector ect to benefit the hearing impaired at their interest meetings. The system will be kept at the civic hall, and other groups will be able to have access to the equipment. The group are making a contribution but have not applied elsewhere. It is recommended that they are awarded £500 and request the remainder from the Town Council.

Buglawton Community Group -

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

Buglawton Community Group are involved in a Riverside Walk project. They wish to work with the local primary school, by holding workshops to create signs for the local area (environmentally themed) to encourage the community to use the play area (which runs along the school boundaries) in a safe and enjoyable way. The group have not applied elsewhere and are not contributing themselves. It is recommended that they are awarded £250 as a contribution, but that they also make a contribution or seek assistance from other partners that they are wishing to work with such as Plus Dane.

Crewe FC -

Total Cost of Project – £486 Amount Requested - £486

Crewe FC wish to purchase new training balls to improve coaching efficiency. They are not contributing themselves or applying elsewhere. It is recommended that they are awarded £300.

Macclesfield & District Canoe Club -

Total Cost of Project – £322 Amount Requested - £322

Macclesfield & District Canoe Club want to provide coaching sessions to school children in canoeing and kayaking. The group received a grant in July 2012. Guidelines state that groups can only apply once per financial year. It is recommended that the application is declined.

Crewe Clean Team -

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

Crewe Clean Team wish to purchase further litter picking sets due to an increase in group numbers. They also wish to purchase display boards to showcase their work. The group received a grant in April 2012. Guidelines state that groups can only apply once per financial year. It is recommended that the application is declined.

Nantwich & Border Counties Sailing Club -**Total Cost of Project – £1,100 Amount Requested - £500**

This club wish to purchase 2 'Laser Pico Dinghies' to offer additional training places on courses and to expand their membership. The club are contributing themselves and do have considerable reserves. It is recommended that they are awarded £500.

Congleton Youth Forum -**Total Cost of Project – £4,000 Amount Requested - £500**

Congleton Youth Forum require match funding for Congleton Leisure centre to install CCTV around the site, which overlooks a skate park where lots of ASB takes place. As Congleton Leisure Centre is Cheshire East, we are unable to fund the project. Congleton Youth Forum also do not have their own bank account. It is recommended that the application is declined.

Bromley Farm Community Development Trust -**Total Cost of Project – £1,300 Amount Requested - £500**

This group wish to raise awareness of street cleanliness and reduce dog fouling in the area, which is a persistent problem. They wish to purchase dog waste bins, poop scoops, dog stencilling equipment and paint and create leaflets and posters. The group have sponsorship from Plus Dane and are making a small contribution. It is recommended that they are awarded £500.

Facilities:**Girl Guiding UK – Weaver division-****Total Cost of Project – £15,840 Amount Requested - £3,000**

The headquarters of Weaver division guides is leaking reducing the use of the building. A new roof is required to bring the building back to full capacity. The headquarters is available to all guiding and scout divisions within the area. Contributions are being made by themselves and lottery funding. It is recommended that they are awarded £3,000.

Sound Vibe -**Total Cost of Project – £3,000 Amount Requested - £3,000**

Deferred from October. This group are applying for assistance with marketing and advertising. They wish to purchase a computer, print flyers and banners and advertise in the local papers and radio. The group have not provided copies of their constitution or other supporting documents. They do not have their own bank account. Dec 12 - Information still not received, it is recommended that the application is declined.

The Brereton Scout Group -**Total Cost of Project – £5,750 Amount Requested - £3,000**

The scout hut roof is leaking and timbers are becoming damaged. After being patched up many times, it has now been recommended that they replace the roof. They are contributing themselves. It is recommended that they are awarded £3,000.

Stapeley Grange Wildlife Centre -**Total Cost of Project – £15,600 Amount Requested - £1,300**

The centre wish to create an elevated pond and wild flower area within their education centre to enhance interactive learning to education groups that visit the centre such as schools, community groups, scouts, cubs, brownies, natural history groups etc. This is a large project with a lot of sponsorship and contributions are being made by the centre as well. It is recommended that they are awarded £1,300.

Wishing Well Project -**Total Cost of Project – £10,900 Amount Requested - £2,100**

Wishing Well wish to purchase a mobile recording kit/studio for their youth clubs and partner youth clubs to improve confidence of their group members, reduce social isolation, and improve literacy skills among young people. They have a lot of none cash/in kind contributions, but are not contributing themselves. It is recommended that they are awarded £1,500.

Enterprise & Education Alliance -**Total Cost of Project – £850 Amount Requested - £850**

This group wish to purchase gravel to repair pathways in the community kitchen garden at St Barnabas so that paths are more accessible to disabled members and so that the garden is easier to use. The group do not have any contributions from elsewhere and are not contributing themselves despite some reserves. It is recommended that they are awarded £550.

Enterprise & Education Alliance -**Total Cost of Project – £1,315 Amount Requested - £1,315**

CVSCE wish to upgrade the fire alarm system in their Crewe offices to ensure continued safety of staff and tenants as well as making the premises more attractive for groups to hire. They are not contributing themselves and have not applied elsewhere. CVS already receive a substantial grant from CE therefore it is recommended that the application is declined.

Community Led Planning:**Nether Alderley Looking Forward-****Total Cost of Project – £500 Amount Requested - £250**

This group have formed to produce a parish plan. They are requesting funding to carry out a questionnaire within the community to gather views on what facilities the parish will need in the future. Still in the start up phase, no other funds and no applications elsewhere. It is recommended that they are awarded £250.

Nether Alderley Looking Forward-**Total Cost of Project – £500 Amount Requested - £500**

Nether Alderley Looking Forward had a starter grant of £250 in September 2012 to conduct a questionnaire within the community. They now wish to have the development grant of £500 to analyse the data produced from the

questionnaire. The group are yet to set up their own bank account, which is a requirement of the grant guidelines. It is recommended that the application is deferred to April pending receipt of this information.

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 Grants, and the recommendations on each one conform to that Policy.

7.0 Financial Implications (authorised by Director of Finance and Business Services)

- 7.1 All of the proposed grants can be funded from within existing budgets approved as part of the Council's Budget for 2012/13.

8.0 Legal Implications (authorised by Borough Solicitor)

- 8.1 In awarding grants, the Council must ensure that in each case it has the legal power to fund the proposed scheme. In all cases there is 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.
- 8.2 The Council's legal powers for awarding these grants are contained in various statutes, including Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, and Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000. In addition the Council should ensure that there is a transparent process and policy in respect of determining the level of grant subsidy to any community group.

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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