

Agenda Item: Grants and Donations 2021-22

Report to: Finance and General Purposes Committee

Date: Wednesday 23rd March 2022

Subject: To approve grants and donations

Summary: The committee is asked to review the requests made for community grants and to approve grants and donations expenditure for 2021-22.

Recommendation

- a) To approve expenditure from grants and donations budget 2021-22**
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1. Background

- 1.1 The town council approved its grants and donations policy in August 2021.
- 1.2 The first round of grant applications closed on 1st March 2022.
- 1.3 2021-22 provides a budget of £30,000 for grants and community support.
- 1.4 The Full Council has approved £5,000 to be ringfenced for Christmas Lights across Bexhill and for up to £5,100 to be allocated to Light Up Bexhill Jubilee for bunting and flags.
- 1.5 Heart of Sidley and Light Up Bexhill have submitted applications for the ringfenced Christmas Light funding in this round.

2. Applications

- 2.1 A folder with the applications and associated documents has been shared with councillors. As this contains personal data this folder is confidential and for internal use only.

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2.2 Below is a summary of the applications made in this round of funding:

Organisation	Requested	Reason
Heart of Sidley	£ 1,000	Festive Lights (Christmas Earmarked)
Light Up Bexhill	£ 2,000	Festive Lights (Christmas Earmarked)
9th Bexhill Scouts	£ 2,000	Sleepover at Natural History Museum
All Saints PTFA	£ 1,000	Outdoor play equipment
Bexhill 100	£ 500	Jubilee car show
Bexhill Carnival	£ 500	2022 Carnival
Bexhill Community Events Group	£ 1,000	King Offa Event
Bexhill Festival of Sea	£ 1,000	Festival of the Sea Event
Bexhill Lions	£ 290	Green Fairy Trails
Community Supporters	£ 500	Grow and Cook Sessions
Footbridge Project	£ 500	Printing artworks
Friends of Combe Valley	£ 1,000	Improvements to countryside park
Glenleigh Park PTFA	£ 1,000	Buddy Bench
Just Friends	£ 500	Anniversary Lunch
Made In Bexhill	£ 500	Float repairs and tent
Pebsham Community Centre	£ 500	Exterior improvement to centre
Sussex Community Development Assoc	£ 500	Human library
Three Events Bexhill	£ 500	Milkiest
Light Up Bexhill	£ 1,000	Jubilee beacon
Light Up Bexhill	£ 500	Flags and bunting
Friends of Little Common	£ 500	Hanging baskets

£ 16,790.00

2.3 The committee is asked to consider the application documents and approval for the funding.

2.4 Applicants will be advised of the committee's decision and the payment of funds administered by the town clerk.

3. Grants and Donations Budget

3.1 Should all these applications be granted the remaining funds in the grants and donations budget for 2021-22 will be £6,110:

£30,000	
£16,790	Community Grants
£2,000	Unclaimed Christmas Lights
£5,100	Light Up Bexhill - Jubilee
£6,110	

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- 3.2 W.AVE arts have requested £1750 from the fund to be considered later on the agenda at this meeting, if this request is approved that will leave £4,360:

£30,000	
£16,790	Community Grants
£2,000	Christmas Lights
£5,100	Light Up Bexhill - Jubilee
£1,750	W.AVE Arts
£4,360	

- 3.3 The committee is asked to consider how it would like to allocate the final unspent grant funds of **£4,360** for the financial year.