

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda Item: 7

Report to: Finance and Audit Committee

Date: 9th October 2024

Subject: Grants

Summary: The committee is asked to consider paying out various grants to relevant organisations.

1. Background and objective

- 1.1 Bexhill-On-Sea Town Council includes in its budget a sum of money in order to award grants to voluntary organisations and community groups that provide benefits for the residents of Bexhill-on Sea using the power provided by the Local Government Act 1972 s137.
- 1.2 Four applications have been received since the last round to be considered by the committee.
- 1.3 Applications have been received to review and decide.
- 1.4 Details of previous grants paid out to be noted by the committee.

2. Purpose of the report

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to review the applications and consider payment of the grants.
- 2.2 The first table below shows a summary of checks made by the RFO of the applications which shows criteria met or not.
- 2.3 The second table shows payments made in July to previous organisations so a decision can be made if more than one application is made in a calendar year. There is no restriction to the number of times an organisation may apply for grant funding, however, the history of previous applications will be considered in the decision-making process. Priority will be given to first time applicants who fulfil the criteria.

Table 1

Organisation	Amount Required	Criteria Met
Jesus loves Bexhill	£500	Community Group, Bexhill-on-Sea based, Bank Account held, the grant is for Hi Vis Tabards 20X£25, Bexhill Info Cards and Strong Bin Bags for litter picking, Memorandum & Articles of Association held.
The Pelham CIO (Running Space, Championing Life, Beating Suicide project)	£446	CIO, Bexhill-on-Sea based, Bank Account held, the grant is for a Finish Line Banner at the 24-hour relay in Sidley, constitution held.
Bexhill Senior Citizens Club	£500	Bexhill-on-Sea Based, Bank Account held, the grant is for wooden concertina doors between the tea lounge and the hall which have been deteriorating for a while and now after numerous repairs, finally need replacing, constitution held.
Community Supporters	£5,500	Bexhill-on-Sea Based, Bank Account held, the grant is for reinforcing a ramp to the beach for persons with mobility issues, constitution held.

Table 2

Beneficiary	Amount	Date Awarded	Purpose of Grant	Charity/Organisation Number
Bexhill Choral Society	£350	10/07/2024	Singing Morning	NA
Bexhill Youth and Community Association	£3,000	10/07/2024	Building Works (Wall)	03110033/1050279
Hastings Sinfonia Orchestra	£1,000	10/07/2024	Concert	NA
Mindful Oak Sussex CIC	£510	10/07/2024	Dementia Café Entertainment	NA
St Peters Community Centre	£1,854	10/07/2024	Lighting	214164

Current budget position

Annual Budget	£42,000
Spent to date	£22,214
Left to spend	£19786

3. Recommendation

- a) The committee is to review each application listed in Table 1 and decide whether to award the grant.
- b) To note any past grants paid out in Table 2.