

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda Item:	7(b)	APPENDIX G
Report to:	Finance and Audit Committee	
Date:	11th June 2025	
Subject:	Grants and Donations	
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 The total Local Government Act 1972 s137 limit for 2025/26 is £11.10 which would equate to approximately £404,400 limit for grants and donations for this financial year. The Town Council has agreed a budget of £42,000 for grants and donations.
- 1.3 Three applications have been received to review and decide within the policy.

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 Responsible Financial Officer of the applications which shows if the council's criteria has been met or not.
- 2.3 The second table shows payments made year to date 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 One:

Organisation	Amount Required	Criteria Met
Heart of Sidley Community Association	£5,000	Full accounts supplied; Constitution provided. A charity running a free whole day event for all the community. Applying for funds to fund the free event which would include all activities and refreshments allowing all to afford to take part.
Connections Café CIC	£425.00	Bank Statements, Memorandum of Association and safeguarding policy provided. Applying for purchase of indoor Curling set to offer their own games afternoon instead of hiring someone every week.
Bexhill United Football Club	£2,000-£5,000	This was deferred from May 2025 meeting – in answer to questions raised – Annual cost of removing the floodlights – 1st year needed to fund due to RDC handing over. Sponsor on youth and adult kits town flag for 2 years, and advert in every home match programme and on the website – photo opportunities with Mayor/Deputy Mayor

Table Two

Action Against Abuse	496.25
Bexhill Senior Citizen Club	10,000
White Label Events CIC	5,000
Bexhill Breathers	1,000
The Pelham CIO	515

Current budget position:

Annual Budget: £42,000
 Spent to date: £17,011.25
 Left to spend: £24,988.75

- 2.4 The council has set a policy that all grants applied for in excess of £1,000 up to £10,000 shall be considered in the months of January, May and September.
- 2.5 The total of grants applied for is £7,425-£10,425. The total available funding is £24,988.75.

2 Recommendation

- a) The committee is to review the Grants listed in Table One and decide whether to award the grant.