

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda Item:	7(b)	APPENDIX F
Report to:	Finance and Audit Committee	
Date:	9th July 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 Five 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
Bexhill and Rother Homeless Unity Group (HUG)	£10,000	Bank Statements, Constitution, Health and Safety and safeguarding policies all submitted. The grant request is for the increase of costs for the project due to reduced funding from other organisations. The project is to provide safe space at St Barnabas Church for some of the most vulnerable residents.
Community Supporters	£5,000	No Bank statements or supporting paperwork provided. The grant request for the running of a Youth Hub in Sidley, it is required to cover increase in running costs, and the reduction of other funding such as National Lottery.
Flatland Projects CIC/Beeching Road Studios	£4,000	Accounts, Governance Document, Portfolio of activity and safeguarding policy was submitted with the application. The grant request is for Marketing/Printing Costs, Design, Project management, and Photographer expense for the project of Bexhill Art Weekend in September 2025.
Normans Bay Residents Association	£499.90	Bank Statements, Constitution, accounts and newsletter. The grant request is for the purchase of a generator and lights, to use for events.
Bexhill 100 Motoring Club	£500.00	Accounts and constitution provided. The grant request is for hiring the Robin Read's Dragster for the 20th anniversary of Bexhill 100 Motoring Club being held at the Polegrove.
The Little Commoners	£392.04	Bank Statements, Constitution and accounts provided. The grants request is for outdoor games to entertain event attendees at future events.

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
Heart of Sidley	5,000
Connection Café	425

Bexhill United Football Club	5,000
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Current budget position:

Annual Budget: £42,000
Spent to date: £27,436.25
Left to spend: £14,563.75

- 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 £19,999.90. The total available funding is £14,563.75.

2 Recommendation

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