

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda Item:	7(a)	APPENDIX F
Report to:	Finance and Audit Committee	
Date:	14th January 2026	
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 Two applications has 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
Come As You Are CIC	£1,000	Bank Statements, Constitution, accounts and safeguarding policies all submitted. The grant request is to run a project – CAYA mobile sensory & inclusive book library.
HRVAB (Hastings & Rother Voluntary Association for the Blind)	£660.00	Signed Accounts, safeguarding framework submitted. The grant request is to initially we offer a six week course (one day a week) to explain everything to help Bexhill sight impaired residents to remain independent.

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
Normans Bay Residents Association	499.90
Bexhill 100 Motoring Club	500.00
The Little Commoners	392.04
Child with Cancer Fund (Polegate)	1,000

Current budget position:

Annual Budget: £42,000
 Spent to date: £29,828.19
 Left to spend: £12,171.81

- 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 £1,660.00. The total available funding is £12,171.81.

2 Recommendation

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

