

Cofton Hackett Parish council-Grant awarding policy

1. Introduction
 - a. Cofton Hackett Parish Council will consider applications for grants from voluntary groups or charitable organisations.
 - b. To qualify for an award the applicant must be able to demonstrate that any funding from the Parish Council will benefit the Parish, or residents of the Parish.
 - c. Grant applications will be decided by the full Council.
2. Purposes of Grants
 - a. For the purpose of purchasing equipment either in part or in full.
 - b. For the funding of transport that will enable group members to partake in a group trip or outing regardless of their incomes.
 - c. For training activities, or to purchase the expertise of an outside trainer/ instructor/ facilitator.
 - d. For activities that raise the profile of the area.
 - e. For running costs of a viable group that is experiencing a period of hardship.
 - f. For hosting special events or celebrations.
 - g. For the provision of recreational facilities.
3. Conditions
 - a. Grants will not be awarded to individuals.
 - b. Additional applications within a 12 month period will not normally be considered.
 - c. The award must be used for the purpose for which the application was made.
 - d. If the group is unable to use the award for the stated purpose, all monies must be returned to the Parish Council.
 - e. All awards must be properly accounted for and evidence of expenditure should be supplied as requested. If the Parish Council is not satisfied with the arrangements, they reserve the right to request a refund of monies awarded.
 - f. Donations to Registered Charities in response to a general fundraising appeal may be considered if there is a benefit to residents of the Parish.
 - g. On completion of a project a letter of thanks should be sent to the Council and if possible, an acknowledgement of the Parish Council's contribution should be made.
4. Eligibility:
 - a. Any Charity, Voluntary Group or Community Organisation operating within the parish.
 - b. The Parish Council will not fund activities that it considers to be the responsibility of a Statutory Authority.

Presented to Parish Council for adoption by Councillor Jennifer Webb

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