

Agenda item 6

For decision - Community Grants £300 - £2k

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Summary

The Grants Advisory Group met on the 15 January to consider nine applications for Community Grants. Six of them are recommended for approval as shown in Table 1 below.

The summary of Mayor's Grants and Crowdfunder pledges for this financial year to date follow and are for information.

1. Community Grants (£300 - £2k)

Following the re-introduction of the Community Grants at Council in October 17 it was agreed that there would be two grant rounds this financial year, with a budget of £8491 for each of the two rounds. The first window closed on 22 December and the next will close on the 15 February.

The Grants Advisory group met on the 15 January to consider nine applications submitted in the first window. Bids are assessed through a scoring system by Cllrs on the grants advisory panel, who then meet to discuss and agree recommendations for Council approval. The table below are the grants proposed by the panel for approval.

Table 1 Community Grants £300 - £2k for approval

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount agreed	Conditions / recommendations
Merlin Theatre	core / match funding / general	£2,000	£2,000	
Trinity First School	Scrapstore Playpod	£2,000	£500	
Young people Frome	Multi-cultural Frome	£2,000	£1,000	
Frome Allotment Association	Mains water supply	£1,000	£1,000	
Songs for Memory	Songs for memory (formerly Singing for the brain)		£1,000	To look to participate in training and meet with the CPO to ensure sustainability.
Open Storytellers	All join in Peer to Peer	£2,000	£500	
		Total	£6,000	

Table 2 Community Grants - to award subject to condition

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Amount agreed	Conditions / recommendations
Fair Housing for Frome	Fair Renting Frome	£1920	£1920	Subject to bank account fully established. This grant will be paid as match funding on the basis of successful applications to other trusts as outlined in the bid.

Recommendation

Approve the recommendations of the Grants Advisory Panel

Table 3 – Not recommended for approval

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Reason for not recommending
Christchurch School	Christ Church Forest School Literacy Project	£2000	The application focused on teaching literacy through outdoor learning. The request was largely for capital funding for outdoor structures. The panel felt that these could be made more available for community use and would be open to receiving a revised application at a later date. The recommendation is that the School work with the Community Projects Officer to review the application.
Frome Voices		£500	This application is better suited as a mayor grant and has therefore been assessed and accepted as such.

2. Mayor's Grant (up to £300) – for information

Table 4 – For information - 18 Mayor's grants have been awarded this year to date.

Applicant	Project	Amount
Frome Town Robins	Under 13s football visit to Murrhardt	£300
Frome Re:fresh Project	Frome Re:refresh	£300
Macular Society Frome	Whiterow Farm Shop Beckington and Fish and Chips	£200
Frome Syrian Refugee Support Group	Council Chamber Room Hire 6 June 7pm - 9.30pm	£114

Talk Shop / Fair Frome	Talk Shop on Immigration	£216
Somerset Cricket Board	All Ability Cricket	£300
Frome Toy Library	Summer holiday @ The Toy Library	£300
Frome Gateway Club	Summer Trip to Weymouth	£300
Jackdaws	The Team Mascot- Jackdaws OperaPLUS 2018	£300
Evergreen	Moving Memories	£300
Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre (Wessex) Ltd	MS Therapy physiotherapy gym	£300
Purple Elephant	Children's Christmas Party	£300
Artbox Frome	Artbox Showcase Exhibition	£295.17
Frome Gateway Club	Christmas party and jacket gifts	£300
Open Story Tellers- Open Ukes Groups	The Open Ukes Taster Course	£300
Frome In Bloom	2018 Frome In Bloom Competition	£300
Frome's Men Shed	Shed Happens Radio Show	£150
Frome Voices		£300
	Total	£4875.17

Table 5 - Applications for Mayor's Grant for room hire at Frome Town Hall

Applicant	Project	Amount
Frome Carnival	Frome Carnival Ambassadors Choosing	£182
Heart of Wessex	Surgery session	£40

Table 6 - Applications not awarded a Mayor's Grant.

Applicant	Project	Amount applied for
Somerset Storyfest	An Intergenerational Project called 'Where is Home?'	£150
Frome Netball Club	Club Storage	
Talk shop	A one-off event on 6 July 6pm-9pm C&G Room 3	£300
TS5C		£500

DEKA Runners	Run groups and Couch to 5Kms	£280
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3. Crowdfund Frome Pledges: year to date

Decisions on Crowfund Frome pledges are made through a separate process of approval by the Chair of Town Matters Committee, Mayor, Leader of the Council and two other elected Cllrs.

Table 7 - Pledges made and drawn since April 2017.

Organisation	Campaign	FTC pledge	Amount raised from the crowd
NCT	Baby Cafe Support Group	£2,250	£2,671
Frome Town FC	Floodlight Appeal	£5,000	£5,040
YMCA	Drop-in Centre	£3,000	£3,050
Frome Fire Cadets	International	£3,000	£3,135
The Frome Independent	Village Green	£5,000	£5,083
The Bennett Centre	A kitchen for community use.	£3,000	£3,041

NB. There is one outstanding pledge made to Loops Music Disco of £1250 which is yet to be drawn.