

Report of the Strategic Director – Environment and Sport to the meeting of Keighley Area Committee to be held on 22 April 2015

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Subject:

Community Chest Allocations 2014/15

Summary statement:

This report informs the Area Committee of Community Chest Awards made to projects within the Keighley Area in the financial year 2014-2015.

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1. SUMMARY

This report informs the Area Committee of Community Chest awards made to projects within the Keighley Area from April 2014 to March 2015.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The Community Chest budget exists to support a wide range of projects and activities within the Keighley Area. Applications for grants are considered from groups and organisations working for the benefit of Keighley residents.
- 2.2** Information on Community Chest grants, and how to apply, is available through a well-established network of community groups and organisations, Neighbourhood Forums and Parish and Town Councils. To be eligible for consideration, applications must meet the criteria for applications detailed in appendix A.
- 2.3** The Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office, promotes the grants programme, supports and advises potential applicants, assesses the received applications and prepares officer recommendations.
- 2.4** The applications from each Ward are sent to the individual Ward Councillors with a request for comments, which then inform the decision making process.
- 2.5** The Area Co-ordinator, under delegated powers, is responsible for making decisions on the received applications. These decisions are made following guidance received from the Grants Advisory Group (GAG), whose membership is the Chair, Deputy Chair and Opposition Spokesperson of the Area Committee.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1** There are no other considerations arising directly from this report.

4. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 Financial

The total amount available for Community Chest grants in 2014/15 was £11,500. The number of applications received was 50 and 31 awards were made; a summary of the awards is detailed in Appendix B.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 5.1** There are no significant risk management or governance issues arising out of the recommendations of this report

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 6.1** There is no legal requirement for the Council to provide small grants for one off projects in local communities.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Equality & Diversity

Applications are assessed on their merit according to the criteria for applications and in relation to the communities in which they take place.

7.2 Sustainability Implications

Groups are encouraged to engage in additional fundraising activities and are assisted in raising their awareness of opportunities for future development and sustainability. Groups are also encouraged to work collectively, particularly on issues of shared interest.

7.3 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Impacts

There are no significant gas emission impacts arising from the recommendations in this report.

7.4 Community Safety Implications

Projects are assessed on their ability to operate within appropriate guidelines. Many of the projects supported are either directly or indirectly concerned with the enhancement of life in local communities, providing safe environments for activities to take place or helping to tackle crime and the fear of crime.

7.5 Human Rights Act

There are no direct Human Rights implications arising from the recommendations below.

7.6 Trade Union Implications

There are no Trade Union implications.

7.7 Ward Implications

Applications for Community Chest grants are encouraged from, and allocated to, projects that impact on all Wards in the Keighley Area.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

9. OPTIONS

9.1 That members note the report. The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the allocation of Community Chest funding.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the strength of demand for assistance and diverse range of proposals from groups and organisations within the Keighley Area area noted.

10.2 That the Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office continues to ensure the effective allocation of community chest funding by providing appropriate support and advice to applicants.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix A: Criteria for applications for Community Chest

Appendix B: Summary of grants awarded 2014/2015

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None.

Appendix A

CRITERIA FOR APPLICATIONS (Community Chest)

1. Applications will only be considered from groups/organisations that either operate in, or benefit people who live in the Keighley Constituency area.
2. Applications will be considered to assist community based leisure/cultural activities which will be of benefit to the community, and where the activity could not go ahead without financial assistance.
3. The organisation should be a non-profit making voluntary organisation where membership is open (i.e. no discrimination of membership on grounds of sex, race religion, occupation or opinion).
4. Community Chest cannot be used to fund religious or political activities, or capital expenditure exclusively connected with such activities.
5. Special consideration will be given to projects that target issues of deprivation and disadvantage and particularly to new start projects with limited resources.
6. The maximum allocation from the Community Grant Aid Chest would not normally exceed £500.00 for any individual project. Projects which cross boundaries can be considered by a number of Area Committees, but the total grant will not normally exceed £500.00.
7. Bids from new groups or previously unfunded groups will be positively encouraged, and will take priority when funding is allocated.
8. No group which has applied for and received funding in previous years should automatically assume that funding will continue to be available for the same or repeated project.
9. Groups/organisations should normally expect only one grant per financial year.
10. Keighley Area Committee expects organisations to make every effort to be self-supporting, and will favour grants where other funding/fundraising has been secured.
11. Grants will normally be, under broad and flexible guidelines, awarded on a one-off basis to cover capital or revenue expenditure.
12. Grants may be used to complement other sources of funding, e.g. Lottery funding, Princes Trust, local sponsorship etc.
13. Community Chest is not normally used to enable fundraising for a secondary body, unless the activities are also of direct benefit to the local community.
14. Projects should demonstrate that appropriate child and adult protection policies are in place together with any necessary Health and Safety arrangements.
15. Projects should not contravene Council Policy Guidelines in areas of equality of opportunity (i.e. no discrimination of membership on grounds of sex, race, religion, occupation or opinion).

Appendix B**Community Chest Grants Awarded – 2014 - 2015**

Ward	Organisation	Purpose of Grant	Amount Awarded
Craven	Addingham Community Library	Purchase of equipment (Table, shredder, printer)	£250
	Addingham Junior Soccer Academy	Fixed start-up costs to establish Academy	£250
	Friends of Silsden Town Hall	Group running costs (refreshments, advertising)	£500
	Steeton Film Society	Contributions towards screening Licence	£350
Ilkley	Ilkley Flower Show Society	Contribution towards Flower Show costs	£150
	Ilkley Summer Festival	Older peoples festival day, 'The Way We Were...'	£250
Keighley Central	Friends of Devonshire Park	Group running costs & publicity/clean up event	£500
	Highfield Food Coop	Cultural Events on WW1 - talk and film viewing	£300
	Keighley Association for Women and Childrens Centre	Young peoples healthy eating club	£350
	Lawkholme Young Peoples Community Project Group	Group running costs (venue, refreshments) and survey	£500
	Sangat Community Association	Boiler Replacement at Sangat Centre	£500
	St Annes Family Learning Centre	Family centre meeting room renovation - building work costs	£500
Keighley East	Friends of Damems West	Community clean up costs (tools, insurance, refreshments)	£350
Keighley West	Bracken Bank & District Community Association	Purchase of Chairs for Bracken Bank Centre	£400
	Craft Tea Corner	Childrens craft sessions during the summer	£160
	Keighley Community Nursery	Garden improvements following vandalism	£250
	St Peters Court Residents Association	Outdoor well-being project - forming of gardening club & purchasing of equipment	£500
Worth Valley	Haw-Earth	Cost of clearing land, installing raised beds and paths	£500
	Rotary Club of Haworth & Worth Valley	Contribution towards purchase of Defibrillator	£350
	West Lane Baptist Church	Purchase of projector	£400

Keighley Area Wide	Bradford Disability Sport and Leisure	Cost of sending 2 athletes to participate in The Special Olympics World games 2015	£500
	FC Sporting Keighley	Costs of hiring Marley once a week for 23 weeks	£300
	Haworth RDA	Purchase of wheelchairs for use at premises and events	£150
	Keighley in Bloom partnership	Contribution to costs of trophies and medals	£350
	Keighley Rotary Club - Satellite Group	The Singing Teapot - room hire and refreshment costs	£300
	Keighley Sea Cadets	Repairs to roof	£350
	Keighley Malayalee Association	Exhibition of Indian culture and Heritage	£500
	One in a Million	Venue hire costs for sports sessions	£500
	People First Keighley & Craven	Workshops to encourage voting in people with learning disabilities	£180
	Positive Minds	Cost of running computer classes for older people	£482
	SAME (Soroptimists and Mothers at Eastwood)	Celebration of International Women's Day – event costs	£350
		Total	£11,272