



St. Agnes Parish Council

The council have now adopted its **new Voluntary and Community Sector Grants Policy** which sets out how it sees its role in providing financial support for voluntary and community groups in the Parish.

There are limited public funds available each year, and this policy seeks to provide a framework to maximise the value and benefit that this support brings to organisations within the Parish.

GRANT AID POLICY

The Council has statutory powers to make funds available to local organisations for the benefit of the Parish and its residents. The Council will consider an application for grant aid from any local voluntary or charitable organisation where the group's activities can be seen to be of benefit to the Parish or the greater part thereof.

A total figure for available grant aid will be agreed by the Council as part of the budget for each financial year.

The grant may be in the form of either a financial grant or, in certain approved cases, the provision of work carried out by the Council's own staff and/or use of Council premises.

Application Process

1. Only applications made on the Grant Aid Policy Application form will be considered. The form is available from the Council's office or web site.
2. Details of how the grant will be used will be required from each applicant together with a current statement of accounts.
3. The application will be considered by the Council at its meeting in November each year.
4. Cheques will be posted up to 14 days after the 1st April following Full Parish Council meeting.

Conditions

Requests for grant aid will only be considered from the following categories: -

- o A St. Agnes Parish based charity.
- o An organisation serving the needs of the citizens of St. Agnes Parish.
- o Citizen(s) of St. Agnes Parish requesting grant aid with a project/event, which will be for the benefit of the local community.
- o A St. Agnes Parish based club, association, or charity organisation serving a specific section of the community or the community as a whole.
- o An organisation/group, local or national which serves the needs of the Parish.
- o A local branch of a national organisation/group which serves the needs of the citizens of St. Agnes Parish.

Agreed by the Parish Council 2008