



ST. AGNES PARISH COUNCIL

Voluntary and community Sector Grants Policy

The council has now adopted its new Voluntary and community Sector Grants Policy for providing financial support for voluntary and community groups in the Parish.

The Council has statutory powers to make funds available to local organisations for the overall, benefit of the town and its residents (LGA 1972 s137). 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

Only applications made on the Grant Aid Policy Application form submitted by the end of October will be considered. The form is available from the Council's office or web site.

An up to date copy of accounts must be submitted with the application form.

Details of how the grant will be used will be required from each applicant.

The application will be considered by the Council's Finance Sub-Committee at its meeting in November each year and recommendations made to the ensuing Precept meeting in November. Cheques will be posted up to 14 days after the 1st April

Conditions

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

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

Receipt of Grant Aid

Proof of expenditure for which the grant was given must be provided by the recipient. Failure to do so will affect any other applications submitted by that group/organisation.

Promissory Notes

If a group/organisation has not sought payment of/provided proof of expenditure of a promissory note within the year it was given the promised funds will be withdrawn by the Parish Council.

Adopted by the Council October 2008 (will be reviewed regularly)