

Lichfield City Council
Minutes of Grants Advisory Committee Meeting held via Zoom at 6.30 pm on
Tuesday 1 February 2022

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs D Baker (Chairman), H Ashton, R Harrison, P Jones, Miss J Marks, M Trent, M Warfield, and R Yardley.

APOLOGIES: Councillor M Field

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Grants Advisory Committee Meeting held on 29 March 2021 and 1 February 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.*

2. GRANTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2022/2023

Consideration was given to applications for financial assistance from the 2022/23 budget.

RECOMMENDED:

1. That the Council makes grants totalling £28,765 to the following organisations as indicated, with grants to organisations marked * being made under the General Power of Competence as adopted by Council at its meeting of 17 June 2019, this being expenditure which in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the whole area or some or all of the inhabitants and which will bring benefit in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:

	No	Organisation	Amount
	*	1 South East Staffordshire Citizens Advice Bureau	£5,500
	2	Lichfield District Arts Association	£4,100
	3	Lichfield Greenhill Bower	£3,000
	4	Curborough Community Centre	£2,076
	5	Erasmus Darwin Foundation	£1,500
(a)	6	Lichfield District Council – Proms in the Park	£2,000
	7	Lichfield Festival	£1,250
(b)	8	Lichfield Waterworks Trust	0
	9	Lichfield Litter Legends	£1,000
	10	The Hub at St Mary's	£500
	*	11 Voluntary Transport for the Disabled	£1,100
	12	City of Lichfield Concert Band	£500
	13	Lichfield Bowling Club	£500
	14	Open Door of Hope	£445
	15	Dovehouse Community Gardens	£300
	16	Speakers' Corner Lichfield	£96
(C)	17	Gartmore Riding for the Disabled Group	0
	18	Kendall & Wall Charitable Trust	£250
	19	Lichfield Re Cycle	£300
	20	Lichfield Festival of Music	£100
	21	Monks Walk Group	£300

	No	Organisation	Amount
	22	Cherry Orchard Garden Services	0
	23	Lichfield Garrick Theatre	0
	24	Creative Solutions CIC	0
	25	Lichfield Hockey Club	£1,000
	26	Lichfield Talking News (and Community Care)	£1,000
(d)	27	Jules Veg Growers	0
	28	MHA Communities South Staffordshire	£672
	29	Lichfield Running Club	£226
	30	One Lichfield	£500
	31	Wayward Women	0
	32	Lichfield Camera Club	0
(e)	33	Lichfield Repair & Share Café	£300
	34	Forest Harvest	£250
	35	Lichfield Textile & Stich Group	0
		TOTAL	£28,750

a - report to be requested from this organisation for 2022/23 Grant allocation

b - to be referred to NPIWP for consideration due to suitability for CIL

c - organisation to be asked to provide more detail on how the application benefits the people of Lichfield

d – Request to reapply and confirm location of allotment

e – dependent upon bank details being provided

2. The unallocated element of the grants budget be retained for any urgent applications later in the year/carried forward to 2023/24 as appropriate.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Councillors declared an interest under Appendix A of the City Council's Code of Conduct and took no part in the discussion and voting thereon:

Lichfield Litter Legends – Cllr R Harrison

Lichfield Greenhill Bower – Cllr M Warfield

Lichfield Garrick Theatre – Cllr D Baker (item Chaired by Cllr M Warfield)

The following Councillors declared an interest under Appendix B of the City Council's Code of Conduct in the applications from the undermentioned organisations:

Cherry Orchard Garden Services – D Baker

Citizens Advice South East Staffs – D Baker

Curborough Community Association – P Jones, R Harrison

Dovehouse Community Gardens – D Baker

Erasmus Darwin Foundation – H Ashton

Lichfield Greenhill Bower – Miss J Marks

Lichfield Litter Legends – D Baker

Lichfield Rail Promotion Group – M Warfield

Lichfield Running Club – D Baker

Lichfield Sports FC - M Warfield

Open Door of Hope – D Baker

Speakers' Corner Lichfield – D Baker
The Hub at St Marys – H Ashton & R Yardley
Voluntary Transport for the Disabled – D Baker

4. GRANT AWARD POLICY REVIEW

Members reviewed the Grant Award Policy and commented on the number of 'start up' organisations applying for which it was felt there were more appropriate sources of funding. It was therefore agreed that the following wording be updated in the policy to read.

'It is preferred that organisations applying for grants have been running for at least twelve months'

Members commented that the revised application form had resulted in more succinct applications and only minor changes needed to be made to the 2022/23 form in order to emphasise certain wording; officers to make the minor amendments accordingly.

5. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The committee discussed 2023 deadlines and whether the meeting of the Committee should be pushed back from its early February date to allow a later deadline for applications to be received. It was agreed that a deadline of 16 January 2023 would be appropriate for the next Grants round, with officers to finalise dates for the meeting of the Committee via the usual Calendar of meetings as submitted to Council, but to take account of this requested change in deadline.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.57 PM