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Name of decision maker: Matt Rawdon

Service Area: People and Performance

Title of Decision:

To approve Community Grants for the Winter 2017 round

Decision made and reasons:

To make grants to the following organisations for the Winter 2017 round of bidding:

1. Berkhamsted Cycling Club, *'Berkhamsted Castle Revolutions Festival 2018' project*: A cycling festival comprising of a race series around the Berkhamsted Castle and a cycling-themed family fun day that takes place inside the castle. £3000.
2. Great Gaddesden Cricket Club, *'Refurbishment and development of the practice facilities' project*: The aim of this project is to refurbish and develop the club's ageing practice nets to make them safe and better for players of all ages to use, £2500.
3. Woodhall Farm Community Association, *'Woodhall Farm Community Association' project*: Towards cost of installing a lift to improve access to first floor rooms for hire, £3000.
4. Hemel Storm Basketball Club, *'Don't leave basketball behind' project*: 16 sessions for 16-18 year olds aiming to help them continue playing basketball once they leave school, whilst gaining coaching qualifications and volunteering experience which will enable them to continue being involved in basketball within the local community as they get older. £2950
5. Wexp Waterways Experiences, *'Carpark improvement for WEXP' project*: Towards the cost of resurfacing the carpark and improving drainage. Details, £3000.
6. Electric Umbrella, *'Electric Umbrella' project*: For the repair and conversion of the little yellow theatre, volunteer costs (training, recruitment and DBS), equipment and marketing. £3000.
7. Apex in the Community, *'Dacorum Workforce get Active'*: Towards cost of creating sporting participation leagues (football/netball/tag rugby) and sporting events for people working in Dacorum encouraging healthy lifestyle activities for employers and employees alike, £1350
8. Hertfordshire Community Learning, *'Taking technology into the Community' project*: For 10 new laptops for their ICT courses as most of their current laptops are now obsolete (XP) and not suitable for upgrade or running the software now in general use. £3000.
9. Friends of Collett, *'Collett Horse Box Café' project*: Towards cost of barista training, food hygiene training and equipment for the horse box café - a converted horsebox to be used as a 'not-for-profit' mobile café to be used at local events and businesses, enabling our older pupils to engage with members of the public, learn about food preparation, handling money and build on their social skills. £3000.
10. Tring Yarn Bomb, *'Tring Yarn Bomb Funding for 2018 and teaching classes' project*: Towards installation costs, yarn and photocopying for two Yarn Bomb

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projects in 2018, and towards costs of setting up teaching classes – starter kits, website creation, and volunteer costs, £2980

11. Aldbury Parish Council, '*Aldbury pond restoration*' project: Towards the cost of phase 1 of the project to remove the silt and vegetation from Aldbury pond to reduce the risk of flooding and improve its appearance. £3000.

Small Grants:

12. SEND friends, '*SEND friends group*': To purchase toys, resources, refreshments for newly established group in Tring, £435
13. Stepping Stones pre-school, '*Sensory resources*' project: Towards the cost of sensory resources for younger children, £450
14. Sunnyside Community Playgroup, '*Outdoor Learning*' project: Learning toys for the allotment, £300.
15. Dacorum Talking Newspaper, '*Yoga for the sight impaired*' project: Towards the cost of a specialist yoga teacher for sight-impaired yoga classes, £300
16. Hemel Hempstead Town Cricket Club, '*Cricket for younger players*' project: Purchase of protective equipment for young cricketers, £459
17. Heather Club, '*Life story book for people with dementia*' project: Towards the cost of creating life story books to support people with dementia, £500.

The Community Grant Scheme is specifically set up to support Community, Voluntary, Arts and Sporting groups that benefit the residents of Dacorum. There are three rounds of Community Grant funding per financial year. Charities are invited to apply for funding and the applications are assessed by a panel of officers, who assess whether the projects support the Council's objectives and the 5 ways to wellbeing; Connect, Give, Be active, Learn, Take notice.

Reports considered:

n/a

Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:

Officers on the grants panel present:

Eli Tweed, Community Partnerships (Grants and Funding) Officer

Alex Care, Community Partnerships Team Leader

Joe Guiton, Team Leader, Neighbourhood action and Children's Services Team Leader

Philippa Shaw, Assistant ED Officer, Strategic Planning and Regeneration

Marion Rawdon, PA to the Chief Executive

Kim Gioisia, PA to the Chief Executive

Eleanor Cornforth, Community Partnerships Assistant

Loretta Anderson, Community Action Dacorum

Jackie Doyle, Accountant, Chief Executives Department

Sally Riley, Trainee Accountant, Finance

Also consulted: Adriana Livingstone, Valuations and Estates Team Leader; Julie Still Group Manager Resident Services.

Financial Comments:

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The finance team gave detailed comments to each application at the grants panel meeting and scored each application. The comments and scores for community grants are written on the grants portal for staff. The Finance officer also approved the applications. The comments for small grant applications are saved in the Community Partnerships grants drive. The spend detailed above is all contained within existing budgets.

Monitoring Officer Comments:

No comments to add to the report.

S151 Officers Comments: The proposed grants awards can be met from budgets earmarked for this purpose.

Implications:

Value for Money: The community grants helps voluntary and community organisations with projects that benefit the local community. Each application considered is scrutinised by Finance and other officers to ensure value for money. Each organisation awarded a grant must provide a written report of the project within 12 months of receipt of funds.

Financial: The community grant pot is protected for allocating to community and voluntary organisations and the budget is allocated for the 2017/18 financial year

Risk: If we did not fund these community projects through the community grant scheme, they may not be able to go ahead.

Officer Signature:



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