

Freshwater Parish Council

GRANT AWARDING POLICY

Adopted by Council December 2014

1. Introduction

- a. Freshwater Parish Council will consider applications for grants from voluntary groups, charitable organisations and individuals.
- b. To qualify for an award the applicant must be able to demonstrate that any funding from the Parish Council will benefit the Parish, or residents of the Parish. In the case of an individual, support for a particularly gifted member of the community will be deemed to benefit the Parish. All applications should clearly demonstrate how this will be achieved.
- c. Grant applications will be dealt with by the full Council at their meetings in February, May and October each year.
- d. In determining the validity of an application, the Council will refer to the following guidelines:

2. Applications will be considered for the following purposes:

- a. For the purpose of purchasing equipment either in part or in full.
- b. For the funding of transport that will enable group members to partake in a group trip or outing regardless of their incomes.
- c. For training activities, or to purchase the expertise of an outside trainer/instructor/facilitator.
- d. For activities that raise the profile of the area.
- e. For running costs of a viable group that is experiencing a period of hardship.
- f. For hosting special events or celebrations.
- g. For the provision of recreational facilities.

3. Conditions:

- a. Grants will only be awarded to individuals as per 1(b) above.

- b. Additional applications within a 12 month period will not normally be considered.
- c. Ongoing commitments to award grants or subsidies in future years will not be made. A fresh application will be required each year
- d. The award must be used for the purpose for which the application was made.
- e. If the group is unable to use the award for the stated purpose, all monies must be returned to the Parish Council.
- f. All awards must be properly accounted for and evidence of expenditure should be supplied as requested. If the Parish Council is not satisfied with the arrangements, they reserve the right to request a refund of monies awarded.
- g. Donations to Registered Charities in response to a general fundraising appeal may be considered if there is a benefit to residents of the Parish.

4. Eligibility:

- a. Any Charity, Voluntary Group or Community Organisation operating within the parish.
- b. Agencies that operate within the Parish and are of benefit to the local community, with the following provisos:
 - i. The Parish Council will not fund activities that it considers to be the responsibility of a Statutory Authority.
 - ii. Applications from schools for an activity that takes place within the school day will not be considered.
 - iii. The Parish Council will not fund activities outside its powers and functions.
- c. Applications WILL NOT be considered from:
 - Organisations intending to support or oppose any particular political party or to discriminate on the grounds of race or religion.
 - Private organisations operated as a business to make a profit or surplus.

□ “Upward funders”, i.e. local groups whose fund raising is sent to their central HQ for redistribution.

d. Applicants may be required to submit their accounts for the last available financial year in support of their application.