

**Report to the Meeting of Shaftesbury Town Council's
General Management Committee
to be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 14th July 2015
in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Shaftesbury**

Community Grant Applications

1. Purpose of Report

To consider requests received from local organisations for a 2015-2016 Community Grant.

2. Recommendation

That the Committee considers requests for a Community Grant from four local Organisations.

3. Background

3.1. Community Grants are payable each year and are recommended by the General Management Committee to Full Council in March.

3.2. Three further requests have been received by the Council:

3.2.1. North Dorset Disability Information Service would like a community grant of £250 towards the heating costs in their shop in Gillingham. The total cost for the year is estimated at £300.

NORDIS received a grant in 2012/13 but not in 2013/14.

3.2.2. Fathers House Shaftesbury would like a community grant towards the cost of an 'Open House' drop-in centre project they would like to launch this year.

The drop-in will be based at Father's House Church. They will provide a staff of trained volunteers offering housing and benefit advice, debt counselling and a Job Club, as well as continuing with their current work of providing emergency food parcels and utility aid.

3.2.3. Shaftesbury and District Chamber of Commerce have requested a Community Grant of £500 toward the staged replacement of Christmas Lights. This year is year three of their five year plan to upgrade the Shaftesbury Christmas Lights. The total cost of the project over the five years will be over £10,000.

3.2.4. The Donkey Field Community Orchard's public liability insurance premium has been paid by the Council for a number of years. On 27th July 2010 [see Appendix A] it was agreed by the General Management Committee that the organisation apply for a Community Grant to cover the cost of the insurance, which is due for renewal on 1st August 2015. The premium for 2014/15 was £100.

4. Financial Implications

4.1. A maximum of £500 is recommended for Community Grant requests.

- 4.2. A total of £10,400 2015/16 Community Grants were approved by the Council on 24th March 2015.
- 4.3. The total budget allocation for 2015/16 was £12,000. An outstanding amount of £1,600 is available for further requests received.

5. Legal Implications

Various according to the purpose for each application

End.
Stephen Holley
Town Clerk

Appendix A

Donkey Field Community Orchard Public Liability Insurance

Minutes of a meeting of the General Management Committee held on **Tuesday 27th July 2010** at 7.00 pm in the Mayors Parlour.

04. FINANCIALS

D. A request from the Donkey Field Community Orchard re: public liability insurance policy renewal had been received and was considered. Members **AGREED** that the organisation should be asked to submit future requests formally via the grant application process and that it should be pointed out that the committee could not guarantee that requests would be met in full in future. Members noted that it was the policy of the council to support organisations in the initial stages of formation but that groups should be encouraged to seek funding elsewhere with an aim to becoming self sufficient. It was **AGREED** to write to the Friends of the Donkey Field Community Orchard accordingly. Following debate it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr N Cook, **SECONDED** by Cllr Pritchard and unanimously:

RESOLVED: To grant the Donkey Field Community Orchard the sum of £99.00 as payment for the organisations' insurance charges.

*(Policy no 0710/GEM/4.2) (Budgetary provision – Revenue budget Grants)
(Statutory provision – LGMPA 1976s 19)*