

## Nantwich Town Council

Report to Finance Committee – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022**COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS/DONATIONS**

## Community grants

The Town Council offers 3 types of grants through the Community Grant scheme: -

- a. Capital grants – awarded from capital reserves.
- b. Awards above £500 – awarded in October each year for payment in the following April from revenue funds – the deadline for applications is 1 October.
- c. Awards below £500 – awarded throughout the year from the grant contingency budget.

The following applications for an award above £500 have been received:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Total cost (£)</b>	<b>Grant Requested (£)</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Nantwich Jazz Festival</b>	Annual Music Festival	<b>£45,000</b>	<b>£3,000</b>	To cover the cost associated with the live entertainment on the Square with a stage of performances over 3 days. There is currently a £7,000 budget available but £5,000 is required to cover costs for the jazz festival activities at the Civic Hall
<b>Nantwich Show Festival</b>	Annual Nantwich Show	<b>£120,000</b>	<b>£12,000</b>	In 2019 the Town Council sponsored the Cheese Marquee with funding of £12,000. As the Cheese Festival has now relocated the Town Council removed the budget allowance for future years.
<b>Total</b>		<b>£165,000</b>	<b>£15,000</b>	

Within the current grants policy applications of over £500 should be made before the budget setting process in October of each year. There is currently a budget for the Jazz Festival, so the Town Council has already made provision.

There is currently no provision for the Nantwich Show following the removal of the funding when the Cheese Festival relocated. Whilst the grant policy stipulates large grant applications should be made by October, given the uncertainty of Covid for organisations delivering events Council may wish to take this into consideration with the late grant application.

### **Item: 3**

The Clerk has identified some available funds within earmarked reserves of £7,500 originally allocated for the new CCTV camera at Love Lane. However, as the CCTV service invoice for 2021 was significantly reduced due to the late installation at Love Lane and two other cameras being out of service the Clerk was able to pay for the purchase of the new camera from within the general reserves budget for CCTV.

There is a historic cost code for the Nantwich Show from previous years support but with no budget set against it for 2022. Should the Town Council wish to support the Show financially the funds from the earmarked reserves detailed above could be used against the cost code. If the Town Council supported the full amount, it would create an overspend on the cost code of £4,500.

When considering both applications members need to be satisfied that they meet the current criteria:

#### **Council will not fund: -**

- Organisations or projects which are primarily commercial in nature.
- Organisations or activities which do not substantially benefit Nantwich residents.
- The activities of political organisations.
- The activities of religious organisations, unless they can show they operate clear and open community activities which do not require membership or connection to the religious organisation and that the application will be of benefit to the community. Events that have already occurred, equipment already purchased, works already started or completed.
- Repayment of loans or cost of services, equipment or provisions in anticipation of a grant.
- Organisations that have a closed or restricted membership.
- Services or facilities which are the responsibility of another public body/agency. However, some form of matched/joint funding might be considered in certain cases.
- Generally speaking, national charities or bodies, unless there is a clear benefit to residents of the town.

Members are advised that any questions made to representatives from the organisations present are based around the criteria above to be satisfied that any decision made is justified.