



**BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF THE NHB COMMUNITY GRANTS PANEL**

**WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST 2020 AT 4.00 P.M.**

**VIRTUAL MEETING - SKYPE - VIRTUAL**

**MEMBERS:** Councillors G. N. Denaro, S. R. Colella, S. A. Hughes,  
H. D. N. Rone-Clarke and S. A. Webb

**AGENDA**

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2. Declarations of Interest
3. Background Information (Pages 1 - 2)
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6. Scoring Matrix Template (Pages 23 - 24)

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## **NEW HOME BONUS COMMUNITY GRANTS PANEL**

### **Background Information**

The New Homes Bonus Community Grants Scheme was set up in 2015/16 following receipt of a petition at Council in April 2014.

The Scheme was reviewed and revised at the Cabinet meeting in February 2017 when it was passed to Council for consideration. This was agreed and the necessary process put in place to promote the Scheme and invite relevant applications. The Scheme has continued in 2020 in the same format as that used for the 2018 Scheme.

Details in respect of the scheme and relevant application forms were uploaded to the Council's website together with a timeline of the process and deadlines for completed applications.

The funding is split into 2 categories of application – Lower which is applications of £2,880 and under and Higher which is applications of £2,881 to £28,800.

The purpose of this meeting is to give each applicant an opportunity to respond to any questions and points of clarification from Members, in order for the Panel to consider whether each application is:

- a) appropriate and
- b) meets the criteria set down in the New Homes Bonus Community Grants Scheme and detailed in the relevant application forms.

Details of the scoring matrix that will be used are attached at agenda item 6.

A brief summary of each application is also attached to this agenda, but it should be noted that each Member of the Panel has had the opportunity to scrutinise the completed detailed applications outside of this meeting. These will also be available at the meeting should Members wish to make reference to them.

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## NEW HOMES BONUS COMMUNITY GRANTS PANEL

### Timetable for Presentations – 12th August 2020

<b>Day Two - LOWER APPLICATIONS - Bids Under £2,880</b>			
<b>Application Number</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Ward Councillor</b>	<b>Representative attending</b>
<b>Slot 1 – 4.05pm-4.35pm</b>			
1	6th Bromsgrove Scouts - Hut Security	Councillor J. Till	
2	Catshill and North Marlbrook Parish Council - Youth Club Start Up	Councillor J. Till	
4	Clent Parish Council - Youth Council Football Pitch Improvement Project	Councillor M. Sherrey	
5	Challenge Stroke Group (Rubery)	Councillor P. McDonald	
7	Rubery Festival - Rubery Festival 2020	Councillor P. McDonald	
6	Live Entertainment Evening for Community Support Workers Group during Covid-19	Councillor P. McDonald	
<b>Slot 2 – 4.45pm-5.00pm</b>			
8	Rubery Community and Leisure Centre - Walkway Refurbishment	Councillor A. Kriss	
9	The Bromsgrove Minibus Appeal - After Coronavirus – the next 35 years of Bromsgrove Minibus Appeal	Councillor M. Middleton	
3	Cllr Colella - Hagley Tree Planting	Councillor S. Colella	
<b>MEETING CLOSED</b>			

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## NHB Community Grants Scheme 2020/21

### APPLICATION SUMMARY – Grant LOWER

<b>PROJECT NAME:</b>	Hut Security
<b>Organisation:</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Bromsgrove Scouts Group
<b>Amount of Funding Requested:</b>	£2797.00
<b>Total Cost of Project:</b>	£2797.00
<b>Location of Project:</b>	Catshill – Scout Hut
<b>Aim of Project:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To improve the security of the scout hut, including replacement of rotten fire doors, after a recent attempted break in</li> </ul>

Category	Comments
<b>1. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.</b>	Councillor Jo-Anne Till
<b>2. Evidence of how the impact of growth on the community will be met by the project.</b>	Ensure group funds are used to provide free activities for growing number of young people if project does not go ahead if there is a successful break in activities will not be able to be provided.
<b>3. Evidence that the Project is sustainable (if applicable)?</b>	
<b>4. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams in place (if applicable)?</b>	No fundraising opportunities for scouts currently due to Covid-19 social distancing.

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<b>5. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?</b>	
Help me to live my life independently	Yes
Help me to be financially independent	Yes
Keep my place safe and looking good	Yes
Help me run a successful business	No
Provide good things for me to see, do and visit	Yes
Help me find somewhere to live in my locality	No
<b>6. Details of any Additional Information Provided</b>	This system would replace fire doors and add an alarm system to prevent future attempted break-ins.



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### APPLICATION SUMMARY – Grant LOWER

<b>PROJECT NAME:</b>	Youth Club Start Up
<b>Organisation:</b>	Catshill and North Marlbrook Parish Council
<b>Amount of Funding Requested:</b>	£1248
<b>Total Cost of Project:</b>	£1248
<b>Location of Project:</b>	Catshill
<b>Aim of Project:</b>	Establish a Youth Club to provide a location and safe organised activities for the youth of Catshill and North Marlbrook

<b>Category</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>1. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.</b>	Councillor Till
<b>2. Evidence of how the impact of growth on the community will be met by the project.</b>	Increased number of children in the area means a greater need to have provision for young people to prevent a rise in anti-social behaviour and develop social skills. A sense of ownership in the local community
<b>3. Evidence that the Project is sustainable (if applicable)?</b>	Funded by memberships from attendees. The hope is that it would be self-funded after 12 months
<b>4. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams in place (if applicable)?</b>	

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<b>5. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?</b>	
Help me to live my life independently	No
Help me to be financially independent	No
Keep my place safe and looking good	Yes
Help me run a successful business	No
Provide good things for me to see, do and visit	Yes
Help me find somewhere to live in my locality	No
<b>6. Details of any Additional Information Provided</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Less anti-social behaviour in the area will decrease vandalism and crime</li><li>• Provide a low cost activity for children in the area</li></ul>

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### APPLICATION SUMMARY – Grant LOWER

<b>PROJECT NAME:</b>	Youth Council Football Pitch Improvement Project
<b>Organisation:</b>	Clent Parish Council
<b>Amount of Funding Requested:</b>	£2,880
<b>Total Cost of Project:</b>	£11,000
<b>Location of Project:</b>	Clent
<b>Aim of Project:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To make improvements to facilities and surface for playing team sports installation of artificial grass around goal mouths which are sunken and muddy and not suitable for play.</li> </ul>

Category	Comments
<b>1. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.</b>	Councillor Margaret Sherrey
<b>2. Evidence of how the impact of growth on the community will be met by the project.</b>	Provide better playing surfaces for the community to play more safely after increase in use of playing fields after 192 family homes were built in Hagley over the last 5 years.
<b>3. Evidence that the Project is sustainable (if applicable)?</b>	
<b>4. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams in place (if applicable)?</b>	Budget from the Parish Council for the remainder of the project costs and £1143 provided from County Councillor from divisional fund.
<b>5. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?</b>	

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Help me to live my life independently	NO
Help me to be financially independent	NO
Keep my place safe and looking good	YES
Help me run a successful business	NO
Provide good things for me to see, do and visit	YES
Help me find somewhere to live in my locality	NO
<b>6. Details of any Additional Information Provided</b>	The project will help young people in the area to access outdoor activities and have a fit for purpose facility Project would include levelling and preparing the ground for artificial surfacing

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**APPLICATION SUMMARY – Grant LOWER**

<b>PROJECT NAME:</b>	Day Trip for Challenge Stroke Group
<b>Organisation:</b>	The Challenge Stroke Group
<b>Amount of Funding Requested:</b>	£300
<b>Total Cost of Project:</b>	£375
<b>Location of Project:</b>	Rubery
<b>Aim of Project:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get local stroke victims out of the home for the day</li> <li>• Give new experiences</li> </ul>

<b>Category</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>1. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.</b>	Councillor P McDonald
<b>2. Evidence of how the impact of growth on the community will be met by the project.</b>	The day trip will be open to new resident in the area that have suffered from strokes.
<b>3. Evidence that the Project is sustainable (if applicable)?</b>	One off event
<b>4. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams in place (if applicable)?</b>	Raffles and fundraising
<b>5. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?</b>	
Help me to live my life independently	Yes
Help me to be financially independent	No
Keep my place safe and looking good	No
Help me run a successful business	No
Provide good things for me to see, do and visit	Yes
Help me find somewhere to live in my locality	No

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<b>6. Details of any Additional Information Provided</b>	New homes built in the area have meant stronger efforts are required to bring the less mobile members of the community together.
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**APPLICATION SUMMARY – Grant LOWER**

<b>PROJECT NAME:</b>	Walkway Refurbishment
<b>Organisation:</b>	Rubery Community and Leisure Centre
<b>Amount of Funding Requested:</b>	£800
<b>Total Cost of Project:</b>	£800
<b>Location of Project:</b>	Rubery
<b>Aim of Project:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To modify the route through the grounds to Broadmoor Wood to lessen the ecological impact due to the increase in footfall.</li> </ul>

<b>Category</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>1. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.</b>	Councillor A. Kriss
<b>2. Evidence of how the impact of growth on the community will be met by the project.</b>	Route would be safer for the community
<b>3. Evidence that the Project is sustainable (if applicable)?</b>	N/A
<b>4. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams in place (if applicable)?</b>	See application form
<b>5. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?</b>	

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Help me to live my life independently	Yes
Help me to be financially independent	No
Keep my place safe and looking good	No
Help me run a successful business	No
Provide good things for me to see, do and visit	Yes
Help me find somewhere to live in my locality	No
<b>6. Details of any Additional Information Provided</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Marked increase in Housing within the community</li><li>• Post and rail fencing</li><li>• Increase the enjoyment of the rural countryside and woodland</li></ul>



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**APPLICATION SUMMARY – Grant LOWER**

<b>PROJECT NAME:</b>	Live Entertainment Evening for Community Support Workers Group during Covid-19
<b>Organisation:</b>	Rubery Festival Committee
<b>Amount of Funding Requested:</b>	£775
<b>Total Cost of Project:</b>	£850
<b>Location of Project:</b>	Rubery
<b>Aim of Project:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show support to Key Workers who have supported the community during the pandemic</li> <li>• Strengthen community spirit</li> </ul>

<b>Category</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>1. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.</b>	Councillor P McDonald
<b>2. Evidence of how the impact of growth on the community will be met by the project.</b>	Growing size of community will mean the event will help bring together and for volunteers to feels appreciated.
<b>3. Evidence that the Project is sustainable (if applicable)?</b>	It is a one off project
<b>4. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams in place (if applicable)?</b>	Raffle and tombola at the event
<b>5. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?</b>	
Help me to live my life independently	No
Help me to be financially independent	No
Keep my place safe and looking good	Yes
Help me run a successful business	No
Provide good things for me to see, do and visit	Yes
Help me find somewhere to live in my locality	No

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<b>6. Details of any Additional Information Provided</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Activity for people of Rubery</li><li>• 200-250 sets available depending on event rules at the time</li><li>• Professional artists perform in support of key workers</li><li>• New homes built in the area have meant stronger efforts are required to bring the community together.</li></ul>
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### APPLICATION SUMMARY – Grant LOWER

<b>PROJECT NAME:</b>	Rubery Festival
<b>Organisation:</b>	Rubery Festival
<b>Amount of Funding Requested:</b>	£350
<b>Total Cost of Project:</b>	£1800
<b>Location of Project:</b>	Rubery
<b>Aim of Project:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring the community together for a day of fun and live entertainment</li> <li>• Opportunity for local groups and charities to promote their organisations</li> </ul>

<b>Category</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>1. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.</b>	Councillor Peter McDonald
<b>2. Evidence of how the impact of growth on the community will be met by the project.</b>	New homes built in the area have meant stronger efforts are required to bring the community together. Opportunity for new residents and existing residents to meet and better understand the local groups and services.
<b>3. Evidence that the Project is sustainable (if applicable)?</b>	
<b>4. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams in place (if applicable)?</b>	Raffles, tombolas, fundraising, food vendors, stall holders
<b>5. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?</b>	

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Help me to live my life independently	No
Help me to be financially independent	No
Keep my place safe and looking good	No
Help me run a successful business	Yes
Provide good things for me to see, do and visit	Yes
Help me find somewhere to live in my locality	No
<b>6. Details of any Additional Information Provided</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annual festival</li><li>• Opportunity for new residents and existing residents to meet and better understand the local groups and services</li></ul>

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### APPLICATION SUMMARY – Grant LOWER

<b>PROJECT NAME:</b>	After Coronavirus – the next 35 years of Bromsgrove Minibus Appeal
<b>Organisation:</b>	The Bromsgrove Minibus Appeal
<b>Amount of Funding Requested:</b>	£2,750
<b>Total Cost of Project:</b>	£3000
<b>Location of Project:</b>	Bromsgrove
<b>Aim of Project:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide extra hygiene and social distancing measures in order to help the Bromsgrove Minibus service resume when restrictions are lifted.</li> <li>• Implement a series of outings at outdoor locations</li> </ul>

<b>Category</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>1. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.</b>	Councillor Maria Middleton
<b>2. Evidence of how the impact of growth on the community will be met by the project.</b>	Increase in accommodation for the elderly, housebound and those in special need all need social and stimulating adventures.
<b>3. Evidence that the Project is sustainable (if applicable)?</b>	The service would have be run at a reduced level if the funding is not received and the project would not be able to carry on in full.
<b>4. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams in place (if applicable)?</b>	
<b>5. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?</b>	

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Help me to live my life independently	Yes
Help me to be financially independent	No
Keep my place safe and looking good	No
Help me run a successful business	No
Provide good things for me to see, do and visit	Yes
Help me find somewhere to live in my locality	No
<b>6. Details of any Additional Information Provided</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support independent living to enhance mind and wellbeing</li></ul>

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**APPLICATION SUMMARY – Grant LOWER**

<b>PROJECT NAME:</b>	Tree planting Hagley West Ward
<b>Organisation:</b>	N/A Councillor Steve Colella
<b>Amount of Funding Requested:</b>	£2880
<b>Total Cost of Project:</b>	£2880
<b>Location of Project:</b>	Hagley West
<b>Aim of Project:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To plant deciduous native tree species in Hagley West ward.</li> <li>• to purchase silver birch trees (or a similar species), support stakes, protective cage and watering tanks.</li> <li>• Planting trees in areas such as grassed areas, grassed road side verges and other soft dig areas where planting trees will enhance the natural environment, add to the visual impact of the area and where possible add to sensitive screening.</li> </ul>

<b>Category</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>1. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.</b>	Councillor Steve Colella
<b>2. Evidence of how the impact of growth on the community will be met by the project.</b>	<p>Positive impacts of Trees improve our air quality by filtering harmful dust and pollutants such as ozone, carbon monoxide, and sulphur dioxide from the air we breathe. ... Trees reduce the amount of storm water runoff, which reduces erosion and pollution in our waterways and may reduce the effects of flooding.</p> <p>Trees greatly benefit the people living around them by having a positive impact on mental health and wellbeing, reducing stress and encouraging outdoor exercise. This is in addition to the benefits they will receive from an improved</p>

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	environmental quality and improved amenity which comes with planted areas.
<b>3. Evidence that the Project is sustainable (if applicable)?</b>	It is a long term, sustainable enhancement.
<b>4. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams in place (if applicable)?</b>	N/A
<b>5. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?</b>	
Help me to live my life independently	No
Help me to be financially independent	No
Keep my place safe and looking good	Yes
Help me run a successful business	No
Provide good things for me to see, do and visit	Yes
Help me find somewhere to live in my locality	No
<b>6. Details of any Additional Information Provided</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive impacts of Trees improve our air quality</li> <li>• Trees reduce the amount of storm water runoff, which reduces erosion and pollution in our waterways and may reduce the effects of flooding.</li> <li>• Trees greatly benefit the people living around them by having a positive impact on mental health and wellbeing, reducing stress and encouraging outdoor exercise.</li> <li>• This is in addition to the benefits they will receive from an improved environmental quality and improved amenity which comes with planted areas.</li> </ul>



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### Scoring Matrix - Lower

<b>PROJECT NAME:</b>		
<b>Organisation:</b>		
<b>Amount of Funding Requested:</b>		
<b>Aim of Project:</b>		
<b>Location of Project:</b>		
<b>Attended Panel meeting</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>

<b>Category</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Points /10</b>
1. Evidence that growth has occurred in the area?	Yes = 10 points	
	No = Rejected	
2. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?  <i>(None ticked rejected)</i>	Help me to live my life independently	
	Help me to be financially independent	
	Keep my place safe and looking good	
	Help me run a successful business	
	Provide good things for me to see, do and visit	
	Help me find somewhere to live in my locality	
3. Evidence that the Project is sustainable?  <i>(where applicable)</i>	YES	
	NO = Rejected	
	Not applicable	
4. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams?  <i>(Where applicable)</i>	YES	
	NO = Rejected	
	Not applicable	

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5. Aims and objectives of the project?		
6. Evidence Project meets local need and has local support?		
<b>TOTAL out of a possible 60 points</b>		