



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY GRANTS PANEL
(MEETING 1 OF 2)

TUESDAY 10TH AUGUST 2021
AT 4.00 P.M.

PARKSIDE SUITE - PARKSIDE

MEMBERS: Councillors G. N. Denaro, S. J. Baxter, S. R. Colella,
S. A. Robinson, H. D. N. Rone-Clarke and S. A. Webb

AGENDA

1. Welcome

The Chairman will provide housekeeping details, together with the format for the meeting and the Panel Members will introduce themselves.

2. Declarations of Interest

Should a Panel Member be the Ward Councillor supporting a particular grant application, they will take no part in the discussions in respect of said application.

3. Background Information (Pages 1 - 2)

4. Presentation Timetable (Pages 3 - 4)

5. Summary of Applications to be considered at this meeting (Pages 5 - 28)

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COMMUNITY GRANTS PANEL

Background Information

In previous years the Council has allocated a percentage of the New Homes Bonus (NHB) funding it received to the NHB Community Grants Scheme. However, funding from Central Government for NHB has reduced for 2021/22 and there is no certainty around its provision in future years. Therefore, for 2021/22 the Council was left with £12,000 to distribute within the community. Due to the exceptional circumstances the District has found itself in and continues to face due to the pandemic, it was agreed that an additional £68,000 from Covid grant funding should be combined with this figure to create a community grants budget for 2021/22.

For the financial year 2021/22 the Council has allocated £80,000 for a Community Grant Scheme. This Scheme will run for 12 months and be reviewed as part of the budget process for the financial year 2022/23.

The Community Grants Scheme will replace the NHB Community Grants Scheme but will follow the principles of that original scheme. These explanatory notes provide a summary of the new Scheme and should be read in conjunction with the Frequently Asked Questions document also available, together with the application form and the timeline for applications.

All documents are available on the Council's website.

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 Community Grants Scheme and detailed in the relevant application form.

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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COMMUNITY GRANTS PANEL – Meeting 1

Timetable for Presentations – 10th August 2021

4.00 pm	Meeting is opened with introductions and housekeeping together with format for the meeting. Chairman of Panel		
Application Number	Project	Ward Councillor	Representative &/or Ward Cllr attending
Slot 1 – 4.05pm – 4.45 pm			
1	Barnt Green Sailing Club – additional pontoon	Cllr C Hotham	Gordon Padmore / Cllr Hotham (V)
2	Catshill Working Mens Club – Replacement of Fire Exist Doors	Cllr S Webb	Val Harman
3	Chadsgrove School - Chadsgrove Student Enterprise Project - Grow and Share (Poly Tunnel)	Cllr S Webb	Emma Nolan
4	North West Ward Association - New Signage for Catshill Village Meadow	Cllr S Webb	
5	Bromsgrove Youth and Community Hub – Community integration Project	Cllr S Robinson	Paul Lewis
6	Touchstones - Supporting Bereaved Children and Young People in Bromsgrove	Cllr S Webb	Rob Quarton/Vicki
Slot 2 – 5.00 pm – 5.45 pm			
7	Hunington Parish Council - Covid Blossom Trees and Remembrance Area	Cllr K May	
8	John James – Salsa Classes	Cllr M Glass	John James
9	Charford Watch – CCTV Cameras to prevent anti-social behaviour	Cllr M Thompson	
10	The Haywards Trust – Rowney Green Community Meadow	Cllr A English	Nan Fellows
11	The Parochial Church Council – Reach Out Bromsgrove	Cllr M Middleton	
12	Romsley Parish Council - Covid Blossom Trees and Remembrance Area	Cllr K May	
MEETING CLOSED			

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Community Grants Scheme 2021/22

APPLICATION SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME:	Installation of a floating pontoon to increase sailing opportunities
Organisation:	Barnt Green Sailing Club
Amount of Funding Requested:	£4,000
Total Cost of Project:	£13,316
Location of Project:	Barnt Green
Aim of Project:	To enable existing and encourage potential sailors to sail, whether able or less able, in dinghies with keel which provide stability and eliminate potential capsizing.

Category	Comments
1. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Yes
2. Evidence that the Project is sustainable (if applicable)?	Yes
3. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams in place (if applicable)?	Yes
4. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	
Help me to live my life independently	X

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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	
5. Details of any Additional Information Provided	Letters of support provided, together with financial information, rules of the club and details of the pontoon.

Community Grants Scheme 2021/22

APPLICATION SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME:	Reduce Drafts and Retain Warmth in the Building
Organisation:	Catshill Working Men's Club
Amount of Funding Requested:	£3,800
Total Cost of Project:	£3,800
Location of Project:	Catshill Ward
Aim of Project:	For people to experience a warm, inviting, comfortable environment when visiting the club with increased warmth by eliminating the drafts caused by poor fitting fire exit doors.

Category	Comments
1. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Yes
2. Evidence that the Project is sustainable (if applicable)?	Club Finances
3. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams in place (if applicable)?	Yes
4. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	
Help me to live my life independently	X
Help me to be financially independent	
Keep my place safe and looking good	X

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Help me run a successful business	
Provide good things for me to see, do and visit	X
Help me find somewhere to live in my locality	
5. Details of any Additional Information Provided	Letters of support provided, together with quotations for the work to be done.

Community Grants Scheme 2021/22

APPLICATION SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME:	Chadsgrove student business enterprise-Grow and Share
Organisation:	Chadsgrove School
Amount of Funding Requested:	£7,500
Total Cost of Project:	£5,000
Location of Project:	Chadsgrove School, Catshill
Aim of Project:	<p>The Business Enterprise scheme is a holistic approach to teaching the pupils of Chadsgrove School the different experiences of the workplace, but in a meaningful and relevant environment.</p> <p>The horticulture department has been running throughout the school for several years and the home-grown produce is sold at biannual events, in which the local community is encouraged to attend. The money raised goes back into purchasing plants, seeds and bulbs for future projects, including “Keep Bromsgrove Beautiful” and “Catshill in Bloom”.</p>

Category	Comments
1. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Yes
2. Evidence that the Project is sustainable (if applicable)?	Yes
3. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams in place (if applicable)?	Yes
4. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	

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Help me to live my life independently	X
Help me to be financially independent	X
Keep my place safe and looking good	X
Help me run a successful business	X
Provide good things for me to see, do and visit	X
Help me find somewhere to live in my locality	
5. Details of any Additional Information Provided	Full details of the poly tunnel and cost were provided, together with financial information.

Community Grants Scheme 2021/22

APPLICATION SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME:	New Signage for Catshill Village Meadow
Organisation:	North West Ward Association
Amount of Funding Requested:	£800
Total Cost of Project:	£1,000
Location of Project:	Catshill Meadow
Aim of Project:	To provide new entrance signage and incorporate a lockable noticeboard for promotion of events/hirers on the Village Meadow.

Category	Comments
1. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Yes
2. Evidence that the Project is sustainable (if applicable)?	Yes
3. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams in place (if applicable)?	Yes
4. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	
Help me to live my life independently	
Help me to be financially independent	
Keep my place safe and looking good	X
Help me run a successful business	

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Provide good things for me to see, do and visit	X
Help me find somewhere to live in my locality	
5. Details of any Additional Information Provided	Accounts, quotation for work and support from residents included within the application.

Community Grants Scheme 2021/22

APPLICATION SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME:	Community Integration Project
Organisation:	The Bromsgrove Youth and Community Hub
Amount of Funding Requested:	£5,000
Total Cost of Project:	£8,000
Location of Project:	The Basement, Bromsgrove Baptist Church
Aim of Project:	To bridge the gap between the older and younger generations and bring about better community cohesion. It is also the aim that as coming out of the Covid pandemic the project will support some of those who have been most isolated through pandemic and support them with social isolation and mental health concerns that have arisen over the last 12 months.

Category	Comments
1. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Yes
2. Evidence that the Project is sustainable (if applicable)?	Yes
3. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams in place (if applicable)?	Yes
4. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	
Help me to live my life independently	X
Help me to be financially independent	X

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Keep my place safe and looking good	X
Help me run a successful business	
Provide good things for me to see, do and visit	X
Help me find somewhere to live in my locality	
5. Details of any Additional Information Provided	Accounts provided and details of match funding.

Community Grants Scheme 2021/22

APPLICATION SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME:	Supporting Bereaved Young People and Children in Bromsgrove
Organisation:	Touchstones Child Bereavement Support
Amount of Funding Requested:	£5,000
Total Cost of Project:	£5,000
Location of Project:	Across the District
Aim of Project:	<p>The aim of this specific project and the support sought from Bromsgrove District Council is to provide funding to enable the ongoing free at point of use service offering of Touchstones for approximately 15 local children, and thereby to directly provide continued bereavement support to these extremely vulnerable and traumatised children and young people all of whom will reside and attend school / college in Bromsgrove.</p> <p>(Further details provided within the application form.)</p>

Category	Comments
1. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	As the work would be District wide, the application was supported by the relevant Portfolio Holder.
2. Evidence that the Project is sustainable (if applicable)?	N/A – one off project.
3. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams in place (if applicable)?	Yes
4. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	

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Help me to live my life independently	X
Help me to be financially independent	
Keep my place safe and looking good	
Help me run a successful business	X
Provide good things for me to see, do and visit	
Help me find somewhere to live in my locality	
5. Details of any Additional Information Provided	Accounts and articles of association included.

Community Grants Scheme 2021/22

APPLICATION SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME:	Covid Blossom Trees and Remembrance Area
Organisation:	Hunington Parish Council
Amount of Funding Requested:	£5,044
Total Cost of Project:	£5,000
Location of Project:	Hunington Parish
Aim of Project:	In memory of an unprecedented time of loss and uncertainty the parish council would like to plant blossom trees as promoted through The Independent as a symbol of remembrance together with three memorial benches to create a quiet reflection area

Category	Comments
1. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Yes
2. Evidence that the Project is sustainable (if applicable)?	Yes
3. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams in place (if applicable)?	Yes – Parish Council funds.
4. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	
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	

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Provide good things for me to see, do and visit	x
Help me find somewhere to live in my locality	
5. Details of any Additional Information Provided	Parish Council accounts and standing orders were provided, together with the results form a survey which had been carried out.

Community Grants Scheme 2021/22

APPLICATION SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME:	New Salsa Dance Class
Organisation:	John James
Amount of Funding Requested:	£12,000
Total Cost of Project:	£5,000
Location of Project:	Stoke Prior Country Club and Court Leet
Aim of Project:	To deliver fun dance classes to improve the physical mental health confidence and social skills of local people while giving local hospitality a much needed boost.

Category	Comments
1. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Yes
2. Evidence that the Project is sustainable (if applicable)?	No
3. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams in place (if applicable)?	Additional costs would be covered by Mr James
4. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	
Help me to live my life independently	Yes
Help me to be financially independent	
Keep my place safe and looking good	
Help me run a successful business	Yes
Provide good things for me to see, do and visit	Yes

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Help me find somewhere to live in my locality	
5. Details of any Additional Information Provided	Accounts included.

Community Grants Scheme 2021/22

APPLICATION SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME:	Charford Crime Cameras
Organisation:	Charford Watch
Amount of Funding Requested:	£2,000
Total Cost of Project:	£2,000
Location of Project:	Charford
Aim of Project:	To use cameras as a deterrent and evidence gathering of crime (anti-social behaviour, drug dealing) at hot spots in Charford.

Category	Comments
1. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Yes
2. Evidence that the Project is sustainable (if applicable)?	Yes
3. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams in place (if applicable)?	No – but information provided on application shows that they are looking at alternative funding streams.
4. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	
Help me to live my life independently	
Help me to be financially independent	
Keep my place safe and looking good	X
Help me run a successful business	
Provide good things for me to see, do and visit	

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Help me find somewhere to live in my locality	
5. Details of any Additional Information Provided	None

Community Grants Scheme 2021/22

APPLICATION SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME:	Community Meadow Enhancement
Organisation:	Haywards Trust
Amount of Funding Requested:	£3,910
Total Cost of Project:	£3,910
Location of Project:	Rowney Green
Aim of Project:	<p>To provide facilities for the community to make use of our new Village Meadow. Rowney Green Community was gifted a meadow which runs into a wild area of woodland and we are hoping to improve it to make the best an asset the community will want to enjoy.</p> <p>The provision of a wildlife hide over looking the woodland and picnic benches will be a tremendous addition to a meadow we are returning to wildlife friendly area that villagers can use.</p> <p>Although the land was gifted the Trust did not get any funds along with it and have already spent much its pot of money on replacing old broken fencing and improving the grassland.</p>

Category	Comments
1. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Yes
2. Evidence that the Project is sustainable (if applicable)?	Yes
3. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams in place (if applicable)?	Information regarding fund raising events provided.

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4. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	
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	X
Help me find somewhere to live in my locality	
5. Details of any Additional Information Provided	Trust deed attached together with photograph of proposed site.

Community Grants Scheme 2021/22

APPLICATION SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME:	Reach Out Bromsgrove
Organisation:	The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Bromsgrove
Amount of Funding Requested:	£5,000
Total Cost of Project:	£8,750
Location of Project:	Bromsgrove
Aim of Project:	<p>To engage with the hardest to reach young people within our community</p> <p>To help reduce incidents of youth ASB and enhance Community Cohesion</p> <p>To allow the voice of the young person to be at the heart of the work which is undertaken</p>

Category	Comments
1. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Yes
2. Evidence that the Project is sustainable (if applicable)?	N/A
3. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams in place (if applicable)?	Details of other funding provided.
4. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	
Help me to live my life independently	X
Help me to be financially independent	

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Keep my place safe and looking good	X
Help me run a successful business	
Provide good things for me to see, do and visit	X
Help me find somewhere to live in my locality	
5. Details of any Additional Information Provided	Accounts provided and written evidence within the application in respect of local need for the project.

Community Grants Scheme 2021/22

APPLICATION SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME:	Covid Blossom Trees and Remembrance Area
Organisation:	Romsley Parish Council
Amount of Funding Requested:	£5,000
Total Cost of Project:	£5,044.55
Location of Project:	St Kenelms Playing Fields
Aim of Project:	In memory of an unprecedented time of loss and uncertainly the parish council would like to plant blossom trees as promoted through The Independent newspaper as a symbol of remembrance together with three memorial benches to create a quiet reflection area.

Category	Comments
1. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Yes
2. Evidence that the Project is sustainable (if applicable)?	Yes
3. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams in place (if applicable)?	Yes – any additional costs will be met by the Parish Council.
4. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	
Help me to live my life independently	
Help me to be financially independent	
Keep my place safe and looking good	

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Help me run a successful business	
Provide good things for me to see, do and visit	X
Help me find somewhere to live in my locality	
5. Details of any Additional Information Provided	Standing Orders and Accounts provided.