



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

WEDNESDAY 11TH 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. Introduction

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 2

Timetable for Presentations – 11th 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			
13	Heritage Friends Group - Promote the heritage of St Michael and All Angels Church	Cllr M Glass	Sue Able
14	St Andrews Hall Committee – St Andrews Roof Appeal	Cllr M Thompson	
15	Rubery In Bloom - Replace the failing wooden flower boxes with recycled plastic boxes	Cllr A Kriss	
16	Headway Worcestershire – Community Support in Bromsgrove	Cllr S Robinson	
17	Stoke Parish Council - Renovation of Play area Stoke Heath Recreation Area	Cllr M Glass	
18	Friends of St Johns - Nave Roof Beam Urgent Repair to re-open St Johns	Cllr M Middleton	Jo Slade
Slot 2 – 5.00 pm – 5.45 pm			
19	Basement Project – Counselling Sessions for Young People	Cllr S Robinson	
20	The Community for Reconciliation – Changemakers Worcestershire	Cllr M Sherrey	Ash Barker
21	3 rd Bromsgrove Evergreen Scouts – Unisex WC Facilities	Cllr M Middleton	Sarah Harrod
22	To Catch a Thief - Create Safer Streets and Save Lives	Cllr A Kriss	
23	Alvechurch & Hopwood Cricket Club - Major repair to pavilion changing rooms	Cllr K van der Plank	James (V)
24	Clent Connect – Client Connect Community Hub	Cllr K May	Rose Padmore
MEETING CLOSED			

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APPLICATION SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME:	Heritage Friends Group
Organisation:	Heritage Friends Group
Amount of Funding Requested:	£4,500
Total Cost of Project:	£4,500 - £20,000
Location of Project:	Stoke Prior
Aim of Project:	To promote the heritage of St Michael's and All Angels Church and the parish and area of Stoke Prior, including John Corbett Salt Works and his achievements.

Category	Comments
1. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Yes
2. Evidence that the Project is sustainable (if applicable)?	No – funding raising events will be held for additional funding.
3. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams in place (if applicable)?	Fund raising events will be held for additional funding.
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

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Help me find somewhere to live in my locality	
5. Details of any Additional Information Provided	Details of the stages of the work to be carried out provided and activities which have been planned.

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APPLICATION SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME:	St Andrew's Flat Roof Replacement Appeal
Organisation:	St Andrew's Hall Committee
Amount of Funding Requested:	£5,000
Total Cost of Project:	£15,000
Location of Project:	St Andrews Hall, Charford
Aim of Project	To replace the existing felt roof and increase the gradient for water run off.

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)?	Grants are being sought, but no details of these were provided.
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
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	

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5. Details of any Additional Information Provided	Governing Body documents together with accounts were attached and letter of support from local residents.
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APPLICATION SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME:	Rubery In Bloom - replacing the failing wooden flower boxes with recycled plastic boxes which will not rot or need painting in order to sustain the project.
Organisation:	Rubery In Bloom
Amount of Funding Requested:	£5,000
Total Cost of Project:	£10,500
Location of Project:	Rubery
Aim of Project:	<p>to make Rubery Cleaner, greener, prettier and more neighbourly Raise the profile of Rubery To unite two sides of a village divided by an arterial road To encourage involvement of people of all ages - from nursery age to the elderly To reduce vandalism by encouraging local pride in our community To encourage people to talk to each other and reduce isolation To take a pride in our community</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)?	Fund raising events and other grant applications – details not provided.
4. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?	

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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	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	Accounts provided together with details of a local radio presentation.

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APPLICATION SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME:	Headway Worcestershire Community Support in Bromsgrove
Organisation:	Headway Worcestershire
Amount of Funding Requested:	£4,538.72
Total Cost of Project:	£4,538.72
Location of Project:	Wendron Centre, Bromsgrove
Aim of Project:	<p>We need financial assistance to help support us to grow and ensure the continuation of Headway Worcestershire Day Services.</p> <p>This space is used for two days a week and for the Support Group once a month, we also intend to run a pop up drop in centre for referrals and one to one support for individuals in the area who cannot travel to Worcester.</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)?	Details of other funding streams provided within application form.
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	X
5. Details of any Additional Information Provided	Accounts and Articles of Association included with application.

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APPLICATION SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME:	Renovation of Play Area at Stoke Heath Recreation Area
Organisation:	Stoke Parish Council
Amount of Funding Requested:	£5,000
Total Cost of Project:	£15,000
Location of Project:	Hanbury Turn, Stoke Heath
Aim of Project:	To repair the boundary fence alongside the play area and to refurbish the play equipment for the enjoyment of the children in the community. This play area was originally built in 2013 with the support of Bromsgrove District Council and has been heavily used since then by local families both from Stoke Heath and Stoke Prior. Due to the heavy use certain items of equipment are in need of major repairs to ensure that they are safe and enjoyable for the children. The Parish Council has already spent a significant amount of money improving the area but there is still further work required including the replacement of the fence and the grass areas within the play area. This is an important play area particularly for families from the area of Stoke Heath closest to the A38 who do not have any alternative sites to use and this work is important to ensure that not only is the site safe and secure but is enjoyable to use

Category	Comments
1. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Yes
2. Evidence that the Project is sustainable (if applicable)?	N/A

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3. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams in place (if applicable)?	The Parish Council will look to meet as much of the balance of the project costs as their budget will allow.
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	X
Help me find somewhere to live in my locality	
5. Details of any Additional Information Provided	Copy of accounts included within application, together with additional support for the project from another Councillor, whose residents use the facility.

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APPLICATION SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME:	Nave Roof Beam to Urgently reopen St Johns Church
Organisation:	Friends of St Johns
Amount of Funding Requested:	£4,950
Total Cost of Project:	£15,618
Location of Project:	St John's Church, Bromsgrove
Aim of Project:	To re-open St John's Church in Bromsgrove, the Church is closed to all following the discovery of a crack in one of the main nave roof beams.

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)?	Donations from individuals and other grant applications would be sought to cover any shortfall.
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
Help me run a successful business	
Provide good things for me to see, do and visit	X

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Help me find somewhere to live in my locality	
5. Details of any Additional Information Provided	Accounts, supporting documentation and photographic evidence were provided, together with details of other grant funding applied for.

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APPLICATION SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME:	The Basement Project
Organisation:	North Worcestershire Basement Project
Amount of Funding Requested:	£1,500
Total Cost of Project:	£1,500
Location of Project:	Bromsgrove
Aim of Project:	<p>Our aim is to help and support vulnerable young people access housing, improving their future employment options, safety of living, stability and security. We do this by building relationships and offering consistency of support in a safe environment. Young people are empowered to identify their requirements and devise strategies to meet these needs. For example, we offer support and guidance to help them develop the skills needed to reengage with employment, develop social skills to fight social isolation, and offer budget management advice to enable them to manage a tenancy effectively.</p> <p>Our objective is to provide 60 counselling sessions for young people up to the age of 25. In a recent survey of our client base, 78% of our clients stated that they are concerned about the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on their mental health. This has a detrimental effect on their ability to secure and maintain a tenancy.</p>

Category	Comments
1. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Yes
2. Evidence that the Project is sustainable (if applicable)?	Yes – through other grant funding applications.

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3. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams in place (if applicable)?	The project will be funded in subsequent years by applications to other grants and trust funds, for example the Margaret Westwood Memorial Charity.
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	
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	Accounts and Articles of Association included with application.

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APPLICATION SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME:	Changemakers Worcestershire
Organisation:	The Community for Reconciliation
Amount of Funding Requested:	£5,000
Total Cost of Project:	£11,600
Location of Project:	Bromsgrove
Aim of Project:	Changemakers Worcestershire aims to increase local accessibility to established leadership development programmes by raising the profile of the Greenhouse at Barnes Close, within the area thereby developing local skills and building the capacity amongst local communities to affect positive change. (full details provided within the application)

Category	Comments
1. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Yes
2. Evidence that the Project is sustainable (if applicable)?	Details of alternative and long term funding provided within the application form.
3. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams in place (if applicable)?	Provided within the application form.
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	
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	Accounts and Memorandum of Articles included.

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APPLICATION SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME:	Unisex WC Facilities
Organisation:	3 rd Bromsgrove Evergreen Scouts
Amount of Funding Requested:	£5,000
Total Cost of Project:	£12,162
Location of Project:	Scout Hut
Aim of Project:	To provide modern toilet facilities which suit the needs of both male and female users of the Scout Hut, whilst also enabling access to the newly upgraded accessible toilet facility.

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)?	Additional forms of funding are detailed within the application form, including fund raising events.
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

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

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APPLICATION SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME:	Digital Safety Pods
Organisation:	To Catch a Thief
Amount of Funding Requested:	£5,000
Total Cost of Project:	£20,000
Location of Project:	Rubery
Aim of Project:	<p>Our aim is to help create safer streets and to save lives.</p> <p>Anyone who is being threatened, attacked and chased, anyone who is in immediate danger can have a safe place to wait for help, this includes people in mental health crisis, lost children can also use these to stay safe, anyone feeling stalked, men or women who feel they can not get away because of domestic violence or other reason can lock the suspect out and wait for help to arrive while staying safely inside.</p> <p>We will also have a bleed kit inside for anyone who has been stabbed in a medical need, this will also have a defibrillator in too, this way opening the door dials 999 and they can save precious time and save a life.</p>

Category	Comments
1. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Yes
2. Evidence that the Project is sustainable (if applicable)?	Alternative funding is being sought.

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<p>3. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams in place (if applicable)?</p>	<p>The Group are fundraising with the community of Rubery and the UK, and have set up a crowdfunding page for everyone to get involved and we will be seeking sponsors from well known brands for advertising. They have been communicating with all the right suppliers and fitters to bring this together and make it work.</p>
<p>4. Which Council Strategic Purpose does it meet?</p>	
<p>Help me to live my life independently</p>	
<p>Help me to be financially independent</p>	<p>X</p>
<p>Keep my place safe and looking good</p>	<p>X</p>
<p>Help me run a successful business</p>	<p>X</p>
<p>Provide good things for me to see, do and visit</p>	<p>X</p>
<p>Help me find somewhere to live in my locality</p>	
<p>5. Details of any Additional Information Provided</p>	<p>No additional information has been provided.</p>

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APPLICATION SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME:	Major Repairs to Pavilion Changing Rooms
Organisation:	Alvechurch and Hopwood Cricket Club
Amount of Funding Requested:	£4,082.40
Total Cost of Project:	£4,082.40
Location of Project:	Cricket Pavilion, Alvechurch
Aim of Project:	To repair the shower area (walls, floors and drainage) in the pavilion, having recently discovered a major subsidence causing cracks in the walls, the drains to collapse and the wall to shift and list away from the main part of the building.

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)?	Any shortfall would have to be paid for out of existing club funds. However, the Club would much prefer this to be reinvested into the club and its facilities to enhance the experience of all of our players.
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

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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 work required together with a quotation were included within the application, together with accounts and the Club's constitution.

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APPLICATION SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME:	Clent Connect Community Hub – Marketing, Website & Volunteer Training
Organisation:	Clent Connect Limited
Amount of Funding Requested:	£5,000
Total Cost of Project:	£7,530
Location of Project:	Clent
Aim of Project:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To maintain community confidence and engagement through effective communication. • To establish a professional brand and website that will enable us to share Clent Connect news and updates • To build excitement and positivity as Clent Connect Community Hub is developed and built • To develop a strong and safe volunteer network ready for the running of the shop and café by providing an enrolment and training programme

Category	Comments
1. Signed by Ward Councillor and supporting comments.	Yes
2. Evidence that the Project is sustainable (if applicable)?	Support form the Parish Hall is detailed within the application.
3. Evidence that the Project has other funding streams in place (if applicable)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale of community shares (Clent Connect is a Community Business Society) • Crowdfunding campaign • Power to Change Community Shares Match Funding

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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
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	The Group's constitution was included together with the results of a survey carried out.