

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Grants Working Party

Finance & Staffing Committee – 18 December 2018

1. Introduction

South Swindon Parish Council resolved to amend its Grants Policy to approve Grants once a year in advance of the budget being set to ensure there is sufficient funding for approved grants.

2. Report Details

- 2.1** There were fourteen separate grant applications received with a total value of approximately £28k
- 2.2** These applications were classified on how they fit within the Council's Grant Policy and where they were deemed to be outside of this policy the working party approached the organisations to amend their application where possible to better fit.
- 2.3** Thirteen of the grants are recommended for approval and fit the Grants Policy of either being Capital in Nature or Seed Funding. The total value of those grants is £17,692. The budget for grants has been set at £40k so there is sufficient funding to award further grants in the year to be decided on a case by case basis.
- 2.4** Where possible some grants were reduced because the Council could help in other ways such as hire of Community Centres or use of litter pickers and equipment which was already owned rather than the group buying their own.
- 2.5** Some of the grants were deemed to be longer term commitments by the Parish Council and would be separated out into individual budget lines in future years including Parish Events and Community Support.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1** To approve the grants and the amounts listed in the spreadsheet.