

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH 2023

Item 16. Application from local organisation for a council grant.

Introduction

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 gives the Council the power to “incur expenditure which in their opinion is in the interests of and will bring direct benefit to their area or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants.....”. Section 137 was amended by the **Local Government and Housing Act 1989 s 36** so that any expenditure must be commensurate with the benefit to the community. The amount for 2022/23 is £8.82 per elector on April 1st 2022. The Parish of Copythorne has circa 2250 electors. Any expenditure under section 137 must be recorded in the minutes and identified as such in the accounts.

Included within the 2022/23 budget was a sum of £500 in respect of small grants to be awarded by the Parish Council to support the work of local organisations. To date, no grants have been awarded in 2022/23 so there is still £500 of the budget to be awarded.

I have recently received one application. Details of the application to be considered are set out below:-

Victim Support Hampshire & IoW (VS)

VS are seeking a non-specific sum to support their work with victims of crime.

In support of their application, they have provided details of the type of support they provide and indicated that last year they supported 100 Copythorne residents*. Examples of what a grant would cover are included in their application. A copy of the latest annual accounts for the national charity of which they are a part has also been received.

(*Note: this figure of 100 is being checked as I believe it may relate to the wider NFDC wards. Historically Victim Support have advised that they have supported 20-30 Copythorne residents per year)

Recent Grant History

In March 2019, Council awarded VS a grant of £150

In February 2020, Council decided not to award VS a grant.

In February 2021, Council awarded VS a grant of £300 from the COVID funds received from NFDC

In February 2022, Council awarded VS a grant of £300.

Summary

Councillors are invited to consider the merits of the above application, decide whether or not they wish to support it and if so to agree on the level of grant awarded (subject to the £500 remaining in the 2022/23 Council budget).

DAVID RIGBY, Clerk/R F O
February 1st 2023

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

I/We wish to apply for a Parish Council grant.

1. Name of organisation VICTIM SUPPORT
Address 21A HURLEY ROAD CHANDLER'S BLD HANTS SO53 2FS
Telephone Number 0808 178 1641 E-mail H10W-ALICE@VICTIMSUPPORT.ORG.UK
2. Person to contact concerning the application, if different from above
Name LISA JONES - SERVICE DELIVERY ASSISTANT
Address AS ABOVE
Telephone Number E-mail
3. Description of project and the needs it will serve (use separate sheet if necessary):
PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SHEET
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4. Estimated cost of project ONGOING
5. Proposed date of project ONGOING
6. Membership details: Adult (), Junior (), Family () in number N/A WE ARE NOT A MEMBERS ORGANISATION
7. Finance: Please supply a copy of your latest audited accounts and balance sheet.

Signed [Signature]

Capacity SERVICE DELIVERY ASSISTANT Date 6/1/23

Victim Support additional information

3. Description of project and the needs it will serve: To purchase security items that we provide free of charge to victims and their families such as personal alarms and small security items for the home such as window or door alarms to make people feel safer in their homes. This truly beneficial resource has such a positive impact on victim's recovery, we are seeking funding to continue this provision.

Victim Support is a free, independent, and confidential charity dedicated to supporting anyone affected by crime and traumatic incidents. We will listen with compassion and tailor our support to each individual victim. This support includes: Helping victims to feel safer, keeping victims informed of rights and services they are entitled to, validating individuals' feelings, helping them reflect and explore ways to cope and connecting them with services and support networks.

Last year we supported over 100 Copythorne residents.

Financial statements

Consolidated statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2022

		Unrestricted 31.03.22 £000	Restricted 31.03.22 £000	Total 31.03.22 £000	Unrestricted 31.03.21 £000	Restricted 31.03.21 £000	Total 31.03.21 £000
Notes							
Income and endowments from:							
Charitable activities	2.1	30,440	11,553	41,993	26,856	12,917	39,773
Fundraising	2.2	323	1,437	1,760	279	449	728
Other trading activities	2.3	265	214	479	210	319	529
Investments	2.4	-	-	-	5	-	5
Other income	2.5	116	-	116	-	-	-
Total income		31,144	13,204	44,348	27,350	13,685	41,035
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3.1	174	-	174	178	-	178
Charitable activities	3.2						
Service delivery		29,692	12,944	42,636	25,755	13,649	39,404
Victims' Voice		563	-	563	600	-	600
Restructuring and development		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total charitable expenditure		30,255	12,944	43,199	26,355	13,649	40,004
Total expenditure		30,429	12,944	43,373	26,533	13,649	40,182
Net income		715	260	975	817	36	853
Transfer between funds	16	(24)	24	-	(7)	7	-
Net movement in funds in the year		691	284	975	810	43	853
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward on 1 April		6,904	2,156	9,060	6,094	2,113	8,207
Total funds carried forward as at 31 March 2022		7,595	2,440	10,035	6,904	2,156	9,060

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2022

		Consolidated		Charity (2158780)	
		31.03.22	31.03.21	31.03.22	31.03.21
	Notes	£000	£000	£000	£000
Tangible fixed assets					
Property, plant and equipment	8	318	523	318	523
Investments in subsidiaries	10	–	–	10	10
Total fixed assets		318	523	328	533
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayments	11	6,440	6,555	6,495	6,573
Cash at bank and in hand		11,401	9,786	11,286	9,741
Total current assets		17,841	16,341	17,781	16,314
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(7,751)	(7,406)	(7,746)	(7,389)
Net current assets		10,090	8,935	10,035	8,925
Provision for liabilities	14	(374)	(398)	(374)	(398)
Net assets		10,035	9,060	9,989	9,060
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	16	7,595	6,904	7,549	6,904
Restricted funds	16	2,440	2,156	2,440	2,156
Total share capital and funds		10,035	9,060	9,989	9,060

The surplus for the year of the parent charity was £975,000 (2020-21: surplus £853,000).

The notes on pages 48 to 56 form part of these financial statements. The financial statements were approved by the Board on 8 September 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



Andrew Tivey
Chair



Kathryn Adkins
Treasurer