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RESOURCES
COMMITTEE

12 February 2021

Councillor,

You are summoned to an Extraordinary meeting of the **Resources Committee** of Buckingham Town Council to be held on Thursday 18th February 2021 at 7pm online via Zoom.

Residents are very welcome to ask questions or speak to Councillors about any matter relevant to the meeting at the start of the meeting in the usual way. Please email committeeclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk or call 01280 816426 for the password to take part.

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Mr. P. Hodson
Town Clerk

Please note that the Resources Committee will be preceded by a Public Session in accordance with Standing Order 3.f, which will last for a maximum of 15 minutes.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

Members are asked to receive apologies from Members.

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of any personal or prejudicial interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Sections 26-34 & Schedule 4.

3. Annual Grants 2021/22

To receive and discuss a written report from the Communications Clerk recommending annual grant awards for 2021/22 **R/121/20**

4. Chair's Announcements

5. Date of next meeting: 1st March 2021



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BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL
RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday 15th February 2021

One Year Grants 2021/22

Officer: Paul Hodson Town Clerk

1. Recommendation:

1.1. It is **RECOMMENDED** that:

1.1. The following full one year grants are awarded for 2021/22:

Organisation	Requested	Recommended
Florence Nightingale Hospice	£2,000	£2,000
Stowe Sub Aqua Club	£1,500	£1,500
Open House	£600	£600
Slade Recreation	£1,000	£1,000
Buckingham Churches Children's Holiday Club	£750	£750
Project Street Life	£1,200	£1,200
Friends of the Old Gaol	£900	£830
Chandos Park Bowls Club	£1,000	£1,000
West End Bowls Club	£1,500	£1,500
Buckingham Summer Festival	£2,000	£2,000
Buckingham Lawn Tennis Club	£1,000	£1,000

1.2. The following partial one year grants are awarded for 2021/22:

Organisation	Requested	Recommended
Buckingham Area Rural Transport	£1,800	£1,200
Buckingham and District Angling Association	£960	£355
Buckingham Summer Festival	£2,000	£2,000
Buckingham Lawn Tennis Club	£1,000	£1,000

1.3. The following final payments of three year grants are awarded to:

Bucks Youth Clubs Ltd	£5,200
Buckingham Old Gaol	£3,000
Citizens Advice Aylesbury Vale	£5,346

2. Background:

2.1. One year grants totalling £12,776 were awarded in 2020/21. Due to Coronavirus, only £10,766 of the grants awarded have been claimed. £13,115 has been included in the agreed precept for 2021/22 one year grants. Fifteen requests for financial assistance have been received by Buckingham Town Council for one year grants for the 2021/22 financial year. This is slightly fewer than normal, and reflective of ongoing Coronavirus restrictions.

2.2. One year grants are provided in addition to those agreed for a four-year term, which are excluded from this paper. The new four-year grant programme will begin from 1st April 2022. Applications will be invited later this year.

2.3. This report provides recommendations for the allocation of one year grants for 2021/22, based on the Town Council's criteria for grant giving:

- Grants will only be considered for projects and activities beneficial to the people of the civil parish of Buckingham.
- Grant recipients must be based in the civil parish of Buckingham or provide evidence of the percentage of the work that directly benefits Buckingham residents.
- Only not-for-profit bodies will be considered for a grant.

2.4. The Grants Review working group reviewed the Council's grants programme summer 2020 and made a number of recommendations (370/20) that were **AGREED** at the 21st September 2020 Resources Committee. Including, but not limited to:

- Add £2,000 to the contingencies budget which may be used by the Resources Committee to support voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations who urgently need funding during the year.
- Agree new one year and four-year application forms
- Agree new one year and four-year grant monitoring forms
- Agree new grant policy
- Change the order of decision making, so that the Precept meeting in January sets the grants budget for the year, and then the next Resources meeting decides on specific grants.

2.4 It was **AGREED** at the 4th January 2021 Resources meeting that:

- the grants underspend of up to £2,100 be moved to earmarked reserves and added to the 2021/22 Grants budget. (939/20)

2.4 It was **AGREED** at the 11th January 2021 Precept meeting of the Full Council that the total budget for one year grants will be £15,215.

3. One Year Funding Recommendations

3.1. It is recommended to make the following one year grant funding awards, a total of £14,935.

3.2 First time applicants:

Organisation	Requested	Recommended	Description	Reason
Florence Nightingale Hospice	£2,000	£2,000	Palliative and end of life care at home for residents in Buckingham.	Valid application. <i>Coronavirus severely restricted income.</i>
Buckingham Area Rural Transport	£1,800	£1,200	Thursday Club, transporting elderly residents in Buckingham and surrounding area to local shops and businesses.	Valid application. <i>Coronavirus severely impacted plans.</i>
Stowe Sub Aqua Club	£1,500	£1,500	Increase banked air capacity in order to allow local groups to try diving, and to give greater access to safer dive gas Nitrox.	Valid application. <i>Coronavirus severely restricted income.</i>

3.3 Previous applicants:

Organisation	Requested	Recommended	Description	Reason
Open House	£600	£600	Day trips for socially isolated people.	Valid application.
Buckingham and District Angling Association	£960	£355	Repair of fishing areas and access pathways at Woodfields near Preston Bisset.	Valid application, reduced award amount to reflect percentage of users of the site resident in Buckingham area.
Slade Recreation	£1,000	£1,000	Replacement of fire doors.	Valid application. <i>Coronavirus severely restricted</i>

				<i>income.</i>
Buckingham Churches Children's Holiday Club	£750	£750	Christian holiday summer club, providing childcare for 5 mornings in August 2021. <i>Back up plans in place in case of disruption due to Coronavirus.</i>	Valid application. Note: funding being used for general materials.
Project Street Life	£1,200	£1,200	Residential youth weekend away.	Valid application.
Friends of the Old Gaol	£900	£830	Improve downstairs cloakroom fittings including installation of a fold down baby change table.	Valid application, reduced award amount to reflect percentage of users of the site resident in Buckingham area.
Chandos Park Bowls Club	£1,000	£1,000	Pitch maintenance	Valid application. <i>Coronavirus severely restricted income.</i>
West End Bowls Club	£1,500	£1,500	LED lighting within the clubhouse.	Valid application.
Buckingham Summer Festival	£2,000	£2,000	Gala concert	Valid application.
Buckingham Lawn Tennis Club	£1,000	£1,000	Repainting and relining of the court.	Valid application.

3.4 Ineligible applications:

Organisation	Requested	Recommended	Description	Reason
Royal Latin School	£2,500	£0	Bike racks at the Sports Campus £2,500	Not advised to give grant. The Council already decided on the appropriate level of contribution to this project last year.

Buckingham United Football Club	£1,500	£0	Pitch renovation and maintenance works at Lace Hill pitches.	Not advised to give grant. BUFC already have an arrangement with the Town Council specifically regarding the maintenance of pitches at Lace Hill. <i>Coronavirus restricted income.</i>
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4. Three Year Funding Recommendations

4.1. The Council agreed three 3 year grants in 2019. 2021/22 will be the third year of those grants. It was agreed to pay Citizens Advice one pound per member of the Council Tax base. In 2020, the Council Tax base was £5,346, hence the payment in 2020/21 of £5,346. The Council Tax base has reduced 5,217. This decrease is not due to less homes in the town, but rather to more residents being eligible to claim Council Tax benefit. It is therefore proposed to maintain the grant to Citizen's Advice at £5,346 for 2021/22.

4.2. It is proposed to confirm the following three final payments:

Bucks Youth Clubs Ltd	£5,200
Buckingham Old Gaol	£3,000
Citizens Advice Aylesbury Vale	£5,346