WROCKWARDINE WOOD & TRENCH PARISH COUNCIL

Grants Policy

Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council will consider applications for grants from voluntary groups, charitable and other organisations carrying out activities that benefit the community.

Applications for grants fall into one of two categories: -

Small Grants (unlikely to exceed £200)

The application will be put forward to the next Finance Committee and the request will be judged on merit. Approved grants will be paid following the Finance Committee meeting.

Major Grants

The Full Council may make a grant to a Parish clubs or societies to help with the cost of a specific development projects.

A member of the organisation may be asked to attend a Council meeting to discuss the application. The Council will reserve the right to monitor the project to ensure that the grant is used in accordance with the application.

Guidelines:

Applications will be considered for the following purposes: -

1. For the purpose of purchasing equipment either in part or in full.
2. For the funding of transport that will enable group members to partake in a group trip or outing regardless of their incomes.
3. For training activities, or to purchase the expertise of an outside trainer/ instructor/ facilitator.
4. For activities that raise the profile of the area.
5. For running costs of a viable group that is experiencing a period of hardship.
6. For hosting special events or celebrations.
7. For the provision of recreational facilities.
8. Small start-up grants for new groups.

Eligibility: -

1. Any Charity, Voluntary Group or Community Organisation.
2. Agencies that operate within the Wrockwardine Wood & Trench Parish Council boundary and are of benefit to the local community.
3. The Parish Council will not fund activities that it considers to be the responsibility of a Statutory Authority.

4. Groups operating outside the Parish Council boundary may be eligible to apply, provided they can demonstrate that the project will benefit the residents of Wrockwardine Wood & Trench parish.

Conditions: -

1. Grants will not be awarded to individuals
2. We do not consider applications from private businesses.
3. Grants will not be awarded for similar items on a regular basis.
4. Further applications within a 12 month period will not normally be considered.
5. The award must be used for the purpose for which the application was made.
6. If the group is unable to use the award for the stated purpose, all monies must be returned to the Parish Council.
7. All awards must be properly accounted for and evidence of expenditure should be supplied if requested by the Parish Council. If this is not satisfactory, the parish council reserve the right to request a refund of monies awarded.
8. Donations to Registered Charities in response to a general fundraising appeal will be subject to funding availability and at the discretion of the Full Council.

Adopted by Full Council on: Date of Review:

Signed by Chairman……