

Full Council report 21/11/18 - Grant Officer progress report

1. Background reports to inform Councillors

Produced briefing and organised meetings - Splash Pool

Produced report for Social Cohesion group – re youth funding / Reaching Communities Big Lottery

2. Parish Grants

Have updated the Grants policy – currently with Andy

Now have

- Application form and Criteria
- Award Letter templates
- Contract
- Evaluation form

I have contacted all the groups who got grant in 2017/18 and asked for reports. These are starting to come back in.

Once approval is given then I will update website and produce literature to promote and get info on Facebook page

Still must review the Ward Allowances policy

3. Supporting the Community with funding applications

- The initial few months in post I was focused on submitting 3 large applications but unfortunately not successful.

Fund	Group	Funding for	Date of submission	Amount applied for
Garfield Weston 60th Anniversary fund	Swindon Community Tennis	Access gates and additional floodlights	27/06/2018	£ 72,000.00
Garfield Weston 60th Anniversary fund	Even Swindon	Refurbishment of the centre	19/06/2018	£52,000.00
Creative Civic Change - EOI	South Asian Performing Arts Centre	Inclusive Arts project	27/08/2019	Up to £300k

- Have recently had 3 successful applications totalling **£3k**

Fund	Group	Funding for	Date of submission	Amount applied for
Midcounties Co-op	Swindon Bicycle users group	Networking event, community events and delivery project	21/09/2018	£2,000.00
Magic Little grants - Localgiving	Swindon Shock Wheelchair basketball club	Disability delivery project - Wheelchair Basketball	30/10/2018	£500
Magic Little grants - Localgiving	Swindon Bicycle users group	Disability delivery	30/10/18	£500
				£3000

- And Submitted 3 bids for Hreed Burna Urban Forest – **Total £34,600**. Confident that these may be successful. Should know around end of December.

Funding source	What for	Date submitted	Amount	
Awards for all	8000 trees, promotion and consultation	06/11/2018	£	9,600.00
Swindon Charity Ball	Tractor contribution and chainsaw course /purchase	06/11/2018	£	5,000.00
Wroughton Solar Park Large fund	Tractor, mower, loader,	20/12/2018	£	20,000.00
				£34,600.00

Am working on the following Awards for all bids (up to £10k)

Even Swindon Community Centre	Publicity – website, social media etc tbc
Rodbourne Cheney Residents association	Publicity – website, social media etc tbc
Rodbourne Cheney Bowls club	Small capital project repair work on roof
Swindon Community Tennis	Outreach participation project in 2019

- Written a guide to grant funding for community groups which I am giving out to groups as we meet
- Started compiling a list of schools and community groups in the area that I want to contact (Tash is doing this for me). I need this so I can meet with groups and organise training sessions. Lots of scope in this area to improve external funding but depending on developing relationships and helping organisations apply.

For discussion

I have looked at the Lottery database (one source of funding but a good indicator as so well known)

Have look at funds awarded to Swindon since 2010

Reaching communities – up to £500k – only SMASH have been successful and no bids since June 2017

Awards for all – up to £10k per organisation including schools

Only

4 voluntary sector organisations in the area have had grants

4 successful charity awards 3 of those to Scrapstore(2011 /2014 & 2016) – and 1 to TWIG/Olive tree (2011)

5 schools awards

What would be really helpful is to have a document about social need for the Parish?

What are the priorities for the area?

4. Moredon

Trying to keep abreast of the developments although at arm's length

Development brief adopted for housing development and planning permission granted last week with a lot of conditions attached.

Got meeting with David James, SBC on the 4/12/18 for an update.

My role would be supporting the funding applications.