

# Mungrisdale Parish Council

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## GRANTS/DONATION POLICY

### Policy Statement

A Grant/Donation is any payment made by the Council to be used by an organisation for a specific purpose in the furtherance of the well-being of the local community, either generally or for a specific purpose, and which is not directly controlled or administered by the Council.

### 1. Policy

Mungrisdale Parish Council awards grants, at its discretion, to community organisations which can demonstrate a clear need for financial support to benefit the parish by:

- Providing a service
- Enhancing the quality of life
- Improving the environment
- Promoting the parish in a positive way

The organisation must be either non-profit making or charitable. Grants will not be made to individuals. Grants will not be made retrospectively and only one application for a grant will be considered from each organisation in any one financial year.

The Council will expect to be informed of requests for grants by September of the financial year prior to the funds being required in order that budget provision can be considered.

### 2. Process

The Clerk to the Council will receive all applications in the first instance. The designated Councillor will then collate all the necessary information ready for presentation and discussion at the appropriate Council meeting.

- The Grants budget will be set annually as part of the general budget setting process.
- The Council will make the decision on which grants to award.
- All applicants will be contacted following the Council's decision.

### 3. Grants/Donations

- The administration of and accounting for any Grant/donation shall be the responsibility of the recipient.
- There is a limited budget each year and guidance will be given to applicants as to how much money is available in a specific financial year.

Appropriate information, which supports an application, should be provided.

### 4. Conditions of Funding

- Applications will not be considered from Private organisations operated as a business to make a profit or surplus
- Applications will not be considered from "Upward funders", i.e., local groups whose fundraising is sent to their central HQ for redistribution.
- Applications will not normally be considered from national organisations or local groups with access to funds from national "umbrella" or "parent" organisations; unless funds are not available from their national bodies or the funds available are inadequate for a specified project.
- Applications will only be considered from organisations and groups where clear benefits to the wider community can be demonstrated without discrimination on grounds of race, gender, sexual orientation, creed, colour, occupation, religion, or political opinion.
- All applications must demonstrate clearly how the grant will be of benefit to the local community within the Parish.