Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Full Council 12/05/2022 Community Grant

Agenda item 22/015 6: To approve the grant awarding process and upper application limit as recommended by Finance and General Purposes.

BACKGROUND

The Community Grant was established as part of the 2022/23 budget process. £10,000 has been earmarked for community projects based in the parish.

The Community Grant Fund Policy and Application Form were approved by Full Council at its meeting in March where it was agreed that an upper application limit and application deadline would be announced as part of a publicity statement.

The grant awarding process was considered by Finance and General Purposes and the following recommended:

- Upper application value of £1,500. Organisations can increase the amounts they receive by looking for match funding and using platforms such as The Good Exchange.
- The Community Grant shall be promoted via the office.
- Application forms shall be available from the 1st of September. The submission deadline shall be 11.59pm on the 30th of September.
- Applications shall be assessed for eligibility and all applications meeting the criteria will be considered at the November meeting of the Full Council. Applicants will be able to attend to answer questions although the final decision will take place in Part II.
- Successful applications will be announced in December.
- If any money remains in the reserve after the first funding round, a further round will follow at an agreed time.
- The application/award process will be reviewed and amended where necessary.

RECOMMENDATION

To approve the grant awarding process and upper application limit as recommended by Finance and General Purposes.

Clerk 06/05/2022