

## CABINET – 20TH NOVEMBER 2014

### Report of the Head of Neighbourhood Services Lead Member: Councillor David Snartt

#### Part A

#### ITEM 6 CHARNWOOD GRANTS – ROUND 3 2014/15 COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENGAGEMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS

##### Purpose of Report

To enable Cabinet to consider applications received for funding in round three of the Community Facilities and Community Development & Engagement Grants scheme for 2014/15.

##### Recommendations

1. That the following Community Facilities Grants be awarded:
  - £5,000 to Wanlip Church & Community Centre for upgrading kitchen facilities
  - £3,737.50 to Wymeswold Memorial Hall for double glazing installation
  
2. That the following Community Development & Engagement Grants be awarded:
  - Sorrel Youth Cafe - £2,500
  - Charnwood Action for Fairtrade - £500
  - Marios Tinenti Centre - £8,500
  - Anstey Youth Café - £3,000
  - Corner Garden Community Group - £1,892
  - Glebe House SILW project - £2,500
  - Parish of Birstall and Wanlip - £300
  - Complete Wasters - £900
  - Loughborough District Scouts - £2,000
  - Laura Beaton - £50
  - Hannah Frost - £50
  - Rural Community Council (Leicestershire & Rutland) - £5,000
  
3. That the following Community Development & Engagement Grants be refused:
  - The Shepherd Outreach Trust - £10,000
  - Clash 2012 - £9,802.02
  - Crime Stoppers - £9,082.60
  - Young Enterprise - £9,835
  - Glebe House Charnwood Ltd - £1,500
  - Spring To Action Ltd - £7,420.40
  - Minnie's Friends - £7,015
  - Youth Shelter - £9,321

- Shepshed ALLeY Group - £6,579
4. That the Head of Neighbourhood Services be given delegated authority to finalise the terms and conditions of the awarded Community Development & Engagement and Community Facilities grants.

#### Reasons

1. To provide financial support to organisations which meet the criteria of the Community Facilities Grant scheme in terms of community and organisational need.
2. To provide financial support to organisations which meet the criteria of the Community Development & Engagement Grant scheme in terms of community and organisational need.
3. To decline to provide financial support to organisations which do not meet the criteria for the award of a grant under the Community Development & Engagement Grant scheme.
4. To enable the grants awarded to be finalised and appropriate information to be supplied to the Council about the outcomes of the projects.

#### Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

The Council's Corporate Plan 2012 - 16 makes a commitment to provide services that develop communities and neighbourhoods so that everyone feels safe and secure, to create opportunities for communities to live healthy, active and fulfilling lives and to provide funding to support our voluntary community sector partners and associated community projects.

The revised Community Grants Criteria reflect the new Corporate Plan and were approved by Cabinet on 12th April 2012. Cabinet subsequently agreed, on 16th January 2014, that the Community Development and Community Engagement Grant Schemes be combined from 2014/15.

#### Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The Community Development & Engagement grants considered in this report will be released, providing they are approved, once the applicants have signed and returned the letter of acceptance. Grant payment terms will be on a grant by grant basis, depending on the nature of the organisation/project and level of grant awarded. Payment may be made in stages, and copy invoices, or proof of project expenditure requested.

The Community Facilities Grants will be released after the works have been completed and inspected. In relation to Feasibility Studies to be funded as part of the Community Facilities Grant programme, payment terms for these will be on a grant by grant basis, depending on the nature of the organisation/project and level of grant awarded. Payment may be made in stages, and copy invoices, or proof of project expenditure requested.

## Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

### Financial Implications

#### *Community Facilities Grant Funding*

The budget for Community Facilities Grants after Round 2 in 2014/15 was £230,911.50. This report recommends that 2 applications are supported totalling £8,737.50, leaving the balance at £222,174.00 for future rounds of Community Facilities Grants.

#### *Community Development & Engagement Grant Funding*

The 2014/15 budget for Community Development & Engagement Grants is £59,400. The balance after Round 2 in 2014/15 was £27,192.00. This Round 3 report recommends that 12 applications are supported and that £27,192 of Community Development & Engagement Grant Funding is awarded.

### Risk Management

The risks associated with the decision Cabinet is asked to make and proposed actions to mitigate those risks are set out in the table below.

Risk Identified	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Management Actions Planned
Grants do not deliver the objectives of the Grants scheme	Unlikely	Moderate	The grants have been assessed against the criteria and will be supported with appropriate monitoring information.

### Equality and Diversity

There is a requirement in the grants criteria for each organisation that applies to either have their own Equal Opportunities Policy or provide a statement that the organisation will abide by the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy.

### Crime and Disorder

The grants criteria specifically cover crime and disorder with projects needing to outline how the proposed project reduces the impact of crime and anti-social behaviour and promotes stronger, cohesive and balanced communities.

### Sustainability

Many of the grants criteria are concerned with sustainability.

Key Decision: Yes

Background Papers: None

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## Part B

### Charnwood Community Grants Criteria

1. At its meeting on 12th April 2012, Cabinet agreed the revised Community Grants Criteria to reflect the changes in the Council's Corporate Plan. Cabinet subsequently agreed, on 16th January 2014, that the Community Development and Community Engagement Grant Schemes be combined from 2014/15. The revised Community Grants application forms are now being used as part of the grants process.

### Community Facilities Grants

2. The new criteria agreed included the following changes:
  - That the maximum amount awarded would be £20,000 (was previously £30,000) for projects that link well into the Council's Corporate Plan and can achieve wider community benefits.
  - That the scheme would support up to 50% of the cost of feasibility studies, with an upper limit of £5,000
3. Schemes are scored using an assessment matrix which looks for:
  - Well prepared schemes, with a realistic costing of the work, and projects that are well targeted, have good local support and a strong input from volunteers.
  - Projects that link well into the Council's Corporate Plan and can achieve wider community benefits.
  - Applications from organisations with a strong local base and full accessibility to the community.
  - The need of the community for the facility and the need of the organisation for the funding.
4. The assessment matrix produces a maximum score of 100. A scheme scoring below 30 on the matrix is recommended for refusal and the Grants Panel will provide feedback to the community organisation on the reasons why it was not successful. Where a scheme scores between 30 and 40 on the first assessment the Grants Panel will work with the community organisation to see whether the bid can be improved and strengthened. Schemes scoring 40 and above are normally recommended for approval. However applicants seeking a large grant which scores only just over 40 are advised that they may only receive part of the money they have applied for.

### Community Development Grants

5. The new criteria agreed included the following changes:
  - Maximum amount to be awarded is £10,000 (was £15,000)
  - Changes to Grant Payment conditions
  - Addition of 3 new Criteria:
    - How does your project promote access of local people to green spaces and the countryside?

- How does your project add value to Charnwood's commitment to reduce the impact of climate change?
- How does your project help promote local businesses and farming to prosper and develop vibrant towns and villages and support rural enterprise?

6. All applications are assessed against two measures of need: how the project meets the Council's aims and objectives in meeting identified community needs and the organisational need of grant funding from the Council to enable the project to succeed. Both measures seek to demonstrate the value for money to be obtained in providing grant funding. Twelve criteria are used to assess community need based on the aims and objectives set out in the Corporate Plan.

- How does your project promote stronger, cohesive and balanced communities (in particular encouraging people from different backgrounds to get along together)?
- How does your project promote well-supported volunteering opportunities?
- How does your project promote health and well-being (in particular promoting healthy eating, physical activity, sexual health and mental health)?
- How does your project reduce smoking and the harm caused by drug and alcohol misuse)?
- How does your project reduce the impact of crime and anti-social behaviour?
- How does your project improve the quality of life of people living in priority neighbourhoods?
- How does your project improve the well-being of residents through acknowledging their diverse needs?
- How does your project enable children, young people and older people to make a positive contribution to the communities in which they live?
- How does your project enable older people to live independent lives?
- How does your project promote access of local people to green spaces and the countryside?
- How does your project add value to Charnwood's commitment to reduce the impact of climate change?
- How does your project help promote local businesses and farming to prosper and develop vibrant towns and villages and support rural enterprise?

7. Five criteria are used to assess the need for the Council to provide grant funding. Organisations must demonstrate that their projects are prepared and managed well and will be encouraged to explore other funding sources where appropriate.

- Has a realistic total cost and timetable for the project been identified after being researched, for example through obtaining quotes or using reliable information from previous years?
- Have efforts been made to obtain other funding to enable the project to begin and is the amount sought from the Council

necessary to secure match funding or because other sources of funding are not available?

- What balances and reserves are available and has using these to fund the activity been considered?
- Is the proportion of the cost of the project the Council is being asked to fund justified?
- No specific geographically based conditions or targets are applied to grant awards but the geographical distribution of grants across the Borough is taken into account.

8. Applications are assessed qualitatively against these criteria and rated high, medium or low. These ratings are converted to a score on the following basis which rewards those applications which rate highly in meeting community need and provide a maximum possible score of 97.

*Table 1 – Conversion of rankings into scores*

Ranking	Community Need Score	Organisation Need Score
HIGH	6	5
MEDIUM	2	3
LOW	1	1
Maximum Score	72	25

Levels for funding

Score	Level of funding
Less than 30	Nil
30 – 40	Some of grant applied grant for
More than 40	Most or all of funding applied for

### Community Facilities Grant Applications

9. Two applications for Community Facilities Grant funding have been received, and have been assessed against the revised criteria. Both applications have been recommended for approval in part.

### **Wanlip Church & Community Centre – Improvements to kitchen facilities - Score 48 - Recommendation to award £5,000**

10. This application has been submitted by Wanlip Church & Community Centre management committee to help fund phase 5 of their planned upgrade of facilities by refurbishing the kitchen facilities.

11. This will involve extensive building work to construct a new full insulated ceiling and to insulate the outside brick wall. This will be followed by new kitchen fixtures and fittings. The intention is, where possible is to use local contractors and suppliers for the work.

12. This planned work will make the centre more accessible for people with disabilities and broaden the range of activities that the Hall can provide.

13. In parallel, a marketing plan will be finalised to extend the use of the building by a wider and more varied community use.

14. The application for £7,500.00 is for approximately 25% of the total costs for this project of £30,554.53. The remainder will be funded by Biffa Grant.
15. The Panel scored the project at 48 and recommend that an award is made of £5,000, subject to the Biffa Grant being successful.
16. The Panel feel that the application was of a high standard and the group have successfully managed to fund a significant proportion of the project from other sources.

**Wymeswold Memorial Hall – The upgrading of the Memorial Hall by the replacement of single glazing with double glazing - Score 44 – Recommendation to award up to £3737.50**

17. Wymeswold Memorial Hall is a highly valued village amenity and in regular use. However, the main building isn't energy efficient and not entirely user friendly. It is expensive to run and difficult to retain heat in the winter.
18. The trustees are committed to reducing their energy bills and improving the comfort of the facility for users. The Hall had an energy audit in 2013 and the committee are working their way through the Auditors recommendations. A number of energy saving initiatives has already been installed.
19. The application for £3,737.50 is 50% of the total costs for this project of £7,475. The remainder will be funded by the Hall's reserves
20. The Panel scored the project at 44 and recommend that an award of £3,737.50 be granted
21. The Panel recognise that the organisation has successfully completed a number of energy saving measures already through securing funding elsewhere and were happy to approve funding for this next phase.

**Community Development & Engagement Grant Applications**

22. 21 applications for funding in Round 3 in 2014/15 have been received and assessed. They have been assessed against the revised criteria and 12 have been recommended for support and 9 have been recommended for refusal.

**Sorrel Youth Café – Score 36 - Recommendation to award up to £2,500 towards the development of the network group**

23. This application is for funding to support the development of a strong residents and business network and endorse the Café's role through paying for worker time, providing network meeting resources and the engagement of branding consultant.

24. The benefits of the project include:
- Ensuring that the voice of residents is heard and that they have influence of the development of the Memorial Centre, learning Centre and Café.
  - Supporting Youth Work delivery and the cafes wider activities through volunteering, fundraising and asking residents to act as community champions.
  - Supporting community events such as Mountsorrel Revival
  - Providing a contact point for the Borough Council and other agencies.
25. The application identifies strong links with the following aims and objectives set out in the Council's Corporate Plan:
- Promotes stronger, cohesive and balanced communities
  - Promotes well-supported volunteering opportunities
  - Reduces the impact of crime and anti-social behaviour
  - Improves the wellbeing of residents through acknowledging their diverse needs
  - Enables young people and older people to make a positive contribution to the communities in which they live.
26. The Café has a regular customer base of 51 young people over any week.
27. The Café has currently a total of 28 volunteers who bring a variety of skills, experience and time.
28. The application of £8,350 is for the total cost of the project.
29. The Panel scored this scheme at 36 and recommends that a grant of up to £2,500 is awarded.
30. The Panel recognise the benefit of the proposed network and have awarded the grant to support this part of the application. They recommend that the Youth Café work with their local Neighbourhood Development Officer to help establish this Networking Group and ask that they share their experiences with other similar organisations in the Borough.

**Charnwood Action for Fairtrade (CAFF) – Score 32 - Recommendation to award up to £500 towards hosting a major Fairtrade event**

31. The applications is for funding towards a major event and Speaker Tour, in Charnwood during the Fairtrade Fortnight 2015 (23rd February – 8th March). This will raise awareness of Fairtrade and the Borough's status. The Speaker Tour will have a Fairtrade producer from a developing country.
32. The benefits of the project include:
- The event will continue to raise awareness of the Fairtrade campaign in Charnwood

- The project encompasses all areas of the community (council, retailers, businesses, community groups, school, University, places of worship).
  - Involve people of every age, gender, background and race.
33. The application identifies strong links with the following aims and objectives set out in the Council's Corporate Plan:
- Promotes stronger, cohesive and balanced communities
  - Promotes well-supported volunteering opportunities
  - Enables young people and older people to make a positive contribution to the communities in which they live.
  - Adds value to Charnwood's commitment to reduce the impact of climate change
  - Helps to promote local business to prosper and develop vibrant towns and villages and support rural enterprise.
34. CAFF is made up entirely of volunteers and gives these volunteers opportunities to gain new skills, ie budgeting, campaigning, communications and event planning.
35. The application of £970 is for the total cost of the project.
36. The Panel scored this scheme at 32 and recommends that a grant of up to £500 is awarded toward supporting this special event and providing funding for the venue hire and publicity materials for the event.

**Marios Tinenti Centre – Score 69 - Recommendation to award up to £8,500 towards the cost of a Hub Development Worker**

37. The application is for part funding towards a Hub Development Worker to help the centre continue to grow its success by helping with day to day planning and running of the centre, increase centre use and community engagement and support the volunteers to develop.
38. The centre benefits the whole community in many different ways and has successfully encouraged volunteers to help run the hub.
39. The centre has already resulted in improving the area and supported many changes to the estates and how people feel about living there.
40. The benefits of the post will be:
- Support to the MTC Advisory Group and centre volunteers
  - Build on the success of the centre and increase its usage
  - Ensure that the MTC continues to meet the identified local needs
  - Encourage, build and support the joint work with the other local hubs.
41. The application identifies strong links with the following aims and objectives set out in the Council's Corporate Plan:
- Promotes stronger, cohesive and balanced communities

- Promotes well-supported volunteering opportunities
  - Promotes health & wellbeing
  - Reduces the impact of crime and anti-social behaviour
  - Improves the wellbeing of residents through acknowledging their diverse needs
  - Enables young people and older people to make a positive contribution to the communities in which they live.
  - Enables older people to live independent lives.
42. The application of £10,000 is part funding towards the total cost of the project of £26,600.
43. The Panel scored this scheme at 69 and recommends that a grant of up to £8,500 is awarded.
44. The Panel felt that this was a good application that had identified a need for additional support to the Loughborough community hubs. They felt that the application had provided an appropriate job description and looked at how it could contribute to the salary. The 12 month post would help address community need and support the development of the hub's services to meet those needs and continue to be a valuable part of encouraging community engagement.

**Anstey Youth Cafe – Score 46 - Recommendation to award up to £3,000 towards the running costs of the Youth Cafe**

45. Anstey Youth Café is open to 11-19 year olds from Anstey and the surrounding area and the traveller community.
46. The café is free and the children do activities together breaking down barriers between them.
47. The benefits of this project include:
- The café aim to develop a healthier community
  - The café provides working opportunities for young volunteers
  - Provides healthy cooking classes
  - Provides sex education and health workshops
  - Provide distraction activities.
48. The application identifies strong links with the following aims and objectives set out in the Council's Corporate Plan:
- Promotes stronger, cohesive and balanced communities
  - Promotes well-supported volunteering opportunities
  - Promotes health & wellbeing
  - Reduces the impact of crime and anti-social behaviour
  - Improves the wellbeing of residents through acknowledging their diverse needs
  - Enables young people and older people to make a positive contribution to the communities in which they live
  - Helps to promotes local business to prosper and develop vibrant towns and villages and support rural enterprise.

49. The grant will go towards meet the running cost of the Youth Café.
50. The application of £5,000 is part funding for the total cost of the project of £10,896.
51. The Panel scored this scheme at 46 and recommends that a grant of up to £3,000 is awarded.
52. The Panel looked at the time period for funding and have recommended that a payment of £3,000 will cover the requirements of the project until the end of the 2014/15 financial year.

**Corner Garden Community Group – Score 50 - Recommendation to award up to £1,892 towards finishing the Cambridge Street corner garden refurbishment**

53. This application is for funding toward the completion of phase 2 of the Cambridge Street corner garden refurbishment. This consists of notice boards, bedding of plants, painting, varnishing woodwork.
54. The benefits of this project include:
  - Providing local residents a place to go
  - Encourages community members from all walks of life to meet and get to know each other.
  - Discourages anti-social behaviour
  - Local residents can tend and maintain the garden.
55. The application identifies strong links with the following aims and objectives set out in the Council’s Corporate Plan:
  - Promotes stronger, cohesive and balanced communities
  - Promotes well-supported volunteering opportunities
  - Promotes health & wellbeing
  - Reduces the impact of crime and anti-social behaviour
  - Enables young people and older people to make a positive contribution to the communities in which they live
  - Enables older people to live independent lives.
56. The garden is open 24 hours a day and has easy access, especially for those in a wheelchair or for those with prams.
57. The new notice boards will enable residents to find out about other local events so further enabling the community.
58. The application of £2,887.28 is part funding for the total cost of the project of £3,674.40.
59. The Panel scored this scheme at 50 and recommends that a grant of up to £1,892 is awarded.
60. The Panel recognised the hard work that the community had put into the garden refurbishment and agreed to contribute to the completion of

the project. The Panel have secured a £1,000 from a Green Spaces fund towards the community noticeboard and the remaining amount will come from this grant fund.

**Glebe House SILW project – Score 38 - Recommendation to award up to £2,500 towards the running costs of the “Skills for Independent Living & Working” project subject to confirmation that the project does not duplicate other services offered by Glebe House**

61. This application is for funding towards a project a project is called “Skills for Independent Living and Working“. The project helps those young adults with learning difficulties, who are leaving/left college and want to live away from their family in the future.
62. The benefits of the project include:
  - Teaching basic IT, money skills, volunteering and basic living skills such as cooking/laundry
  - Developing skills and confidence for independent living
  - Improve wellbeing.
63. The application identifies strong links with the following aims and objectives set out in the Council’s Corporate Plan:
  - Promotes stronger, cohesive and balanced communities
  - Promotes well-supported volunteering opportunities
  - Promotes health & wellbeing
  - Reduces the impact of crime and anti-social behaviour
  - Enables young people and older people to make a positive contribution to the communities in which they live
  - Enables older people to live independent lives.
64. The grant will help fund the running costs, help with marketing and to help develop the service.
65. The application of £3,000 is part funding for the total cost of the project of £33,689.
66. The Panel scored this scheme at 38 and recommends that a grant of up to £2,500 is awarded.
67. The Panel approved the part funding of this application of £2,500 and recognise the commitment by Glebe House to starting this new project. The Panel recommends that the grant is subject to Glebe House providing additional information in respect of the difference between this projects aims and the other programmes they deliver.

**Parish of Birstall & Wanlip – Score 31 - Recommendation to award up to £300 to extend the existing provision of the Christians Against Poverty money course**

68. The application is for funding to enable the group to extend the existing provision of Christians Against Poverty (CAP) money course to the whole population of Birstall and Wanlip.

69. The CAP money course is aimed at everyone no matter the age or background. It isn't aimed at those in debt – but they can be catered for.
70. The benefits of the project include:
- A trained professional course leader
  - Participants get a handbook and a DVD containing everything that is in the course.
  - The course is free and those who attend have no obligation to the church, no strings attached approach.
71. The application identifies strong links with the following aims and objectives set out in the Council's Corporate Plan:
- Promotes stronger, cohesive and balanced communities
  - Promotes volunteer opportunities
  - Promotes health & wellbeing
  - Reduces the impact of crime and anti-social behaviour
  - Improves the wellbeing of residents through acknowledging their diverse needs
  - Enables young people and older people to make a positive contribution to the communities in which they live
  - Enables older people to live independent lives.
72. The grant will help publish the course more widely and put on more courses in the area. Each course can have between 6-8 people on at a time. The grant will also go towards training up volunteers to lead these extra courses.
73. The group can also refer people to other agencies depending on their individual circumstances.
74. The application of £600 is for the total cost of the project.
75. The Panel scored this scheme at 31 and recommends that a grant of up to £300 is awarded.
76. The Panel recognised that the project offered a good stepping stone for people requiring financial advice and support. The Panel agreed to provide a one off contribution of £300 toward the project and will make the organisation aware of the next round of funding for the Council's Specialist Money and Debt Advice Grant.

**Complete Wasters – Score 30 - Recommendation to award up to £900 towards supporting the development of a multi-use activity space and funding a project co-ordinator**

77. The application is for funding to work with volunteers to 'upcycle' a redundant caravan and transform it into a multiuse craft/performance/kids space to be situated at the Green Place.

78. The benefits of this project include:
- Working with local groups to help design some of the internal and external decorations.
  - Project will be helped run by volunteers and they are recruiting more
  - Create a new resource to be used for events, art space and performances.
79. The application identifies strong links with the following aims and objectives set out in the Council's Corporate Plan:
- Promotes stronger, cohesive and balanced communities
  - Promotes volunteer opportunities
  - Promotes health & wellbeing
  - Improves the wellbeing of residents through acknowledging their diverse needs
  - Enables young people and older people to make a positive contribution to the communities in which they live
  - Promotes access to green spaces and countryside
  - Promotes commitment to reduce the impact of climate change.
80. The grant will go towards the project and funding the project co-ordinator.
81. The application of £7,200 is part funding for the total cost of the project of £8,160.
82. The Panel scored this scheme at 30 and recommends that a grant of up to £900 is awarded.
83. The Panel liked the project and felt that it was innovative and offered an exciting opportunity for volunteers. The Panel felt that there was not enough information regarding the need for a volunteer co-ordinator/project manager and that this post was a significant part of the project costs. The Panel were keen to be able to support the volunteers who wished to be involved and the £900 would be for supporting their costs.

**Loughborough District Scout Council – Score 34 - Recommendation to award up to £2,000**

84. This application is for funding for the Loughborough District Council which oversees and supports the provision of scouting to young people throughout the district group community provided by the individual scout groups.
85. The benefits of this project include:
- Supporting and training of volunteers
  - contributes to the volunteer's activities to enhance the wellbeing of the community as a whole
  - Provision of over 50 sessions each week

- Support of groups in Priority Neighbourhoods
  - Support of community projects.
86. The application identifies strong links with the following aims and objectives set out in the Council's Corporate Plan:
- Promotes stronger, cohesive and balanced communities
  - Promotes volunteer opportunities
  - Promotes health & wellbeing
  - Reduces the impact of crime and anti-social behaviour
  - Enables young people and older people to make a positive contribution to the communities in which they live.
87. The activities combined by the districts make up 50+ young people's sessions planned each week ran by 280+ volunteers.
88. The grant will enable the groups to reach out and support more individuals throughout the whole community.
89. The application of £6,950 is part funding for the total cost of the project of £11,850.
90. The Panel scored this scheme at 34 and recommends that a grant of up to £2,000 is awarded.
91. The Panel recognise the great work of the Scouts however they were unable to fund the core activities. The Panel have awarded the grant toward supporting the District Scout Council's action plan to continue to support access to Scouting in Warwick Way and Thorpe Acre and develop it in Ashby Road and Shelthorpe Estates. The funding will be subject to the District Scout Council providing additional information on how these actions will be delivered.

**Laura Beaton – The panel recommends awarding £50 towards fundraising for a placement fighting poverty in Nicaragua**

92. Grants to individuals are considered in exceptional circumstances where an individual who is resident in the Borough and has been selected to participate in an activity supported by recognised national organisation. Financial assistance is limited to a maximum of £50 per person.
93. This Individual has been offered a placement on the International Citizen Service (ICS) by Raleigh International. She is going to help fight poverty overseas (in Nicaragua) by making improvements which are sustainable to the community.
94. The ICS is a UK Government funded development Programme that brings people together.
95. The individual is required to raise £1,500 for Raleigh International and the grant would go towards this.
96. The application is for £50.

97. The Panel recommends that a grant of up to £50 is awarded.

**Hannah Frost – The panel recommends awarding £50 towards fundraising for a Guide trip to Canada**

98. Grants to individuals are considered in exceptional circumstances where an individual who is resident in the Borough and has been selected to participate in an activity supported by recognised national organisation. Financial assistance is limited to a maximum of £50 per person.

99. This individual has been invited with a group of Guides to visit Canada 15th – 29th August 2015.

100. She has to raise £1,500 towards the cost of this trip.

101. Individual has already arranged to do numerous fund raising events ie bag packing, organising a tuck shop, dinner dance.

102. The application is for £50.

103. The Panel recommends that a grant of up to £50 is awarded.

**Rural Community Council (Leicestershire & Rutland) – Score 50 - Recommendation to award up to £5,000 towards supporting rural communities in Charnwood**

104. This application is for funding to cover the work of the Rural Community Council in supporting the rural communities in Charnwood.

105. The benefits of this project include:

- Rural Advisory Service
- Representative and Engagement
- Community Capacity Building Service
- Community Buildings Service
- Community Led Planning
- Seminars and Training
- Suicide Awareness Partnership Training
- Information Material.

106. The application identifies strong links with the following aims and objectives set out in the Council's Corporate Plan:

- Promotes stronger, cohesive and balanced communities
- Promotes volunteer opportunities
- Promotes health & wellbeing
- Improves the wellbeing of residents through acknowledging their diverse needs
- Enables young people and older people to make a positive contribution to the communities in which they live
- Promotes access to green spaces and countryside

- Promotes commitment to reduce the impact of climate change.
107. Each community has on average 8 volunteers within the Steering Committee which, translated across the number of villages the RCC is currently engaged with, totals 50 + volunteers.
  108. Community Led Planning is based around volunteers at every level and it is their ownership and involvement that makes the process work.
  109. The RCC Suicide Awareness Partnership Training (SAPT) Project is directly involved in raising awareness of mental health issues amongst those staff in agencies coming into contact with vulnerable people.
  110. The RCC will promote the model of a Good Neighbours Scheme within Charnwood to encourage communities to establish their own response system for those in need within the village particularly elderly people.
  111. The application is for £5,000.
  112. The Panel scored this scheme at 50 and recommends that a grant of up to £5,000 is awarded. The Panel recognise the continued work of RCC and the support they give to the more rural communities of Charnwood. The schemes that are supported by RCC benefit a wide range of residents in these communities and have encourage significant volunteering.

**The Shepherd Outreach Trust – Panel were unable to score this application as it didn't meet the criteria for the grant - Recommendation to decline**

113. This application us for funding toward phase 2 of the Bothy Building conversion. It's being transformed from the old Yorkshire Bank on Baxter Gate into a community café. The grant will help with the internal building work.
114. The café will promote healthy eating to all those that attend in a safe and welcoming environment.
115. The benefits of this project include:
  - The café will provide a space for those who are lonely and helping isolated people get back into the community including young offenders and rehabilitated addicts.
  - The café will promote healthy eating for all those that attend a safe and welcoming environment
  - Volunteers will develop skills and support them to find work
  - Cooking training facilities will be available.
116. The café will be run by volunteers and work in partnership with other organisations (BACA, SOAR etc) to be able to advise people on smoking, drinking, drugs etc.
117. The application of £10,000 is for part of the total project cost of £145,694.16.

118. The Panel were unable to score this application as it did not meet the criteria for the Community Development and Engagement Grants as it was for renovation and building work for an ongoing project and recommend that the grant is declined.
119. The project has already received funding of £8,000 from the Charnwood Facilities Grant in October 2013. The Panel agreed to fund specific elements of the first phase of this project including a youth area and some of the kitchen refurbishment which they felt appropriate and that met the criteria of the grant.

**CLASH 2012 – The panel were unable to score this application as it duplicated a previously funded application and did not demonstrate additional benefits - Recommendation to decline**

120. This application is for funding towards the countywide charity introduction of telehealth; which offers MSK sufferers an efficient way of managing long-term MSK conditions, promotes self-management and can reduce difficulties the NHS faces by supporting service users to become 'active' rather than 'passive' patients.
121. Benefits of the project would include:
- Expansion of the current e-learning provision to form part of a structured ICT MSK Pathway.
  - The enablement of 4 Charnwood based trustees and 2 Longslade student volunteers to use a mini iPad to support their volunteer work, and their learning and development as part of the ICT Pathway.
  - Support of the revenue costs of the charity over the coming year.
122. The charity remains a user-led, volunteer run organisation with the exception of some funding the charity received from Henry Smith charity to fund an administrator post for 10 months.
123. The application of £9,802.02 is for the total cost of the project.
124. The Panel were unable to score this application and recommend that it is declined
125. The application was a repeat of one previously submitted and part funded from the Staying Healthy grants. The Panel felt that a contribution to this project had already been made and that the application demonstrated that the organisation had successfully secured significant funding toward the project from other sources.

**Crime Stoppers – The Panel agreed that this application had elements of duplication to work already being delivered and that other elements of the application could be funded through the Community Safety Partnership - Recommendation to refer the application to the Community Safety Partnership.**

126. This application is for funding towards Charnwood Anti-Alcohol related crime initiative the Crimestoppers Volunteering Initiative

The benefits of the projects include:

- Anti-Alcohol related crime initiative
- A 5 week anti-alcohol related crime initiative that seeks to empower youngsters to make wise/safe choices concerning alcohol remaining safe in the lead up to Christmas.
- Engagement of 15-29 year olds on general issues surrounding crime.
- Promotion of social inclusion of youngsters.
- Crimestoppers Volunteering Initiative
- 6 month volunteering initiative involves creating opportunities for the community by learning new skills (fundraising, office skills) enabling them to act together to tackle crime safely.
- Borough wide benefit from the initiatives as they empower communities to do something about crime which reduces both the level of crime and the fear of crime.
- The campaign aims to reach approximately 10,000 or the 39,100 eligible candidates based on the 2011 Charnwood census.

127. The application of £9,082.60 is for the total cost of the project.

128. The Panel were unable to score this application, they felt that some of this application duplicated the work of the Night Time Economy Project but that some of the other elements including the Volunteering initiative would could get funding through the Community Safety Partnership.

**Young Enterprise – Score 27- Recommendation to decline**

129. This application is for funding toward a project named ‘The Business of Life’ which will benefit the young people of Charnwood aiming to give them a positive attitude towards work and education.

130. The benefits of the project include:

- providing young people with early and continuous engagement with businesses providing relevant knowledge, skills and attitudes to equip them ready for work and life.
- Programmes for learning and gaining knowledge of local employment market, ambition and raising expectations, an understanding of relevant qualifications and much more
- Volunteers from local businesses will be used as mentors, role models and help with activities.

131. The aim is to run the project in at least 5 schools targeting 1000 individuals.

132. The application of £9,835 is part funding for the total cost of the project of £22,905.
133. The Panel scored this scheme at 27 and recommends that the application be declined.
134. The Panel felt that funding this application would duplicate other similar projects and that in many cases this scheme is funded through the schools and academies themselves. The Panel referred the application to the Growth Fund Grant scheme but it did not meet the grants criteria.

#### **Glebe House Charnwood Ltd – Score 24 - Recommendation to decline**

135. This application is for funding toward providing social opportunities for the adults and children with learning disabilities. It is to provide day activities for up to 20 young adults with day trips.
136. The benefits of the project include:
- These days allow adults to spend the day doing activities such as going to the zoo, laser quest, bowling or Drayton Manor with qualified staff and their friends
  - Fulfils a social need
  - Activities are staffed with fully qualified support staff.
137. Glebe House currently funds 6 days per year which are all risk assessed.
138. The application of £1,500 is part funding for the total cost of the project of £6,034.
139. The Panel scored this scheme at 24 and recommends the application be declined
140. The Panel felt that the trips outlined in the application were for commercial outings, i.e. to Drayton Manor, with no particular learning, personal development or community engagement evidenced. Therefore the application did not meet the objectives of the Community Development & Engagement Grants Scheme. The beneficiaries could opt to fund the trips through their personal budgets. The Panel felt that the application could have been improved had the trips included more learning opportunities and health benefits.

#### **Spring to Action Ltd – Score 22 - Recommendation to decline**

141. The application is for funding toward business start-up boot camps to those 18+ living in priority neighbourhoods in Charnwood and working in partnership with the Work Programme and Jobcentre Plus.
142. The benefits of the project include:
- Improving the quality of life by assisting people return to work.

- a minimum of 6 people attending each course
  - 3 X 2 day boot camps
  - The boots camps will include working on confidence and motivation building.
  - 6 follow-up workshops on a range of topics which local businesses will be invited to attend.
143. The aim to get at least 18 people to attend the boot camps and another 10 businesses to attend the follow up workshops.
144. The application of £7,420.40 is part funding for the total cost of the project of £8,620.40.
145. The Panel scored this scheme at 22 and recommends that the application be declined.
146. The Panel felt that the application did not meet the grants criteria as it did not benefit the wider community and was more commercial. The panel are also aware of consideration being given to similar project and that any funding for this type of application should go the Leicestershire & Leicester Economic Partnership.

**Minnie's Friends – The panel were unable to score this application as it didn't meet the criteria for the grant - Recommendation to decline**

147. The application is for funding toward improvements of the kitchen facilities, maintain health and safety regulations. Minnie's Friends provide breakfast and lunch, clean clothes and access to a shower to 25 – 40 individuals who are on the fringe of society, no one is turned away. They charge £1 which barely covers the cost of the food.
148. The benefits of this project are:
- Increase the number of clients who benefit from breakfast and lunch, clean clothes and access to a shower
  - They also provide laundry service, advice, food parcels and household items.
  - Clients can volunteer and develop life skills
  - Reduce boredom and temptation for substance misuse.
149. The group is made up of volunteers, some of which have previously used the facilities.
150. The application of £7,015 is for the total cost of the project.
151. The Panel were unable to score this application as it didn't meet the criteria for the grant and recommended the application be declined.
152. The Panel are supportive of Minnie's Friends but the application did not meet the criteria for this grant as the application is for refurbishment and structural changes. The Panel have asked that officers liaise with Minnie's Friends and help provide additional support for future applications and ensure that they have a secure lease arrangement before investing in any refurbishment.

### **Youth Shelter – Score 29 - Recommendation to decline**

153. This application is for funding for a project that provides a moving on support service to the Falcon Centre and Youth Shelter clients as they move from Youth Shelter accommodation into private tenancies.
154. The benefits of the project include:
- A Moving On project co-ordinator to recruit and train volunteer mentors in all aspects of the programme.
  - Encouraging those moving into private tenancies to become active within their new communities.
155. There scheme has 12 volunteers working at any given time and these do many things including sourcing donated furniture, helping set up gas/ electricity etc.
156. The application of £9,321 is part funding for the total cost of the project of £15,721.
157. The Panel scored this scheme at 29 and recommends the application be declined
158. The Panel recommend that this application be declined as they are aware that there are already 3 significant elements of the project being prepared to be delivered by other projects including The Bridge ASB Hub Tenancy Support post and the Local Area Co-coordinator programme.

### **Shepshed ALLeY Group – Score 28 - Recommendation to decline**

159. The application is for funding toward supplying young people aged 12-19 with physical, mid learning or social interaction difficulties (cerebral palsy, dyspraxia etc.).
160. The benefits of the project include:
- a weekly youth club
  - stimulating outings and engagement with other groups.
  - activities which encourage; increased confidence, improved social skills, a healthier lifestyle and numeracy.
161. The group is helped largely by volunteers and helps promote the development of members into adulthood.
162. The application of £6,579 is part funding for the total cost of the project of £17,267.
163. The Panel scored this scheme at 28 and recommends that the application be declined
164. The Panel felt that the organisation had enough funding in place to run the one night a week youth club through the £10,000 income from

Children in Need. The Panel will recommend to the applicant that they may wish to apply for a Staying Healthy Grant for any other funding that meets its criteria.

### Appendices

Appendix 1 – Community Facilities Grant Summary

Appendix 2 – Community Development Grant Summary

**APPENDIX 1****Round 9 2014/15 - Community Facilities Grants Summary****Budget - £230,911.50**  
**Balance Remaining - £222,174.00**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project description</b>	<b>Amount applied for (£)</b>	<b>Total project cost (£)</b>	<b>Assessment score</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Wanlip Church & Community Centre	Upgrading of kitchen facilities to meet hygiene standards	7,500	30,554.53	48	The funding is to support the next phase of the upgrade of the halls facilities including the kitchen.	Up to £5,000
Wymeswold Memorial Hall	Installation of double glazing	3,737.50	7,475	44	The funding is to support the next phase of the halls refurbishment to make it more energy efficient.	Up to £3737.50

## Round 3 – Community Development Grants Summary

Budget for 2014-15: £27,192

Balance Remaining: £0

Applicant	Project description	Amount applied for (£)	Total project cost (£)	Community need score	Organisation need score	Total score	Comments/ Recommendation
Sorrel Youth Cafe	Development of the café through paying for resources and staffing	8,350	8,350	25	11	36	£2,500
Charnwood Action for Fairtrade	To host 'Speaker Tour' a major Fairtrade event	970	970	19	13	32	£500
Marios Tinenti Centre	Part funding a hub development worker	10,000	26,600	48	21	69	£8,500
Anstey Youth Cafe	Running costs of the Youth Cafe	5,000	10,896	29	17	46	£3,000
Corner Garden Community Group	Final stage of the Cambridge Street corner garden refurbishment	2,887.28	3,674.40	34	16	50	£1,892 £1,000 Green Spaces

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project description</b>	<b>Amount applied for (£)</b>	<b>Total project cost (£)</b>	<b>Community need score</b>	<b>Organisation need score</b>	<b>Total score</b>	<b>Comments/ Recommendation</b>
Glebe House SILW project	Funding towards the running costs of the "Skills for Independent Living & Working" project	3,000	33,689	22	16	38	£2,500
Parish of Birstall & Wanlip	Extending the existing provision of the Christians against poverty money course	600	600	17	14	31	£300
Complete Wasters	Supporting a multi-use activity space and funding a project co-ordinator	7,200	8,160	20	10	30	£900
Loughborough District Scouts	Equipment and running costs of the scouts	6,950	11,850	22	12	34	£2000  The Panel have awarded the grant toward supporting the action plan to continue to support access to Scouting in Warwick Way and Thorpe Acre and develop it in Ashby Road and Shelthorpe Estates

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project description</b>	<b>Amount applied for (£)</b>	<b>Total project cost (£)</b>	<b>Community need score</b>	<b>Organisation need score</b>	<b>Total score</b>	<b>Comments/ Recommendation</b>
Laura Beaton	Fundraising towards a placement fighting poverty in Nicaragua	50	1,500				Approved £50
Hannah Frost	Fundraising towards a Guide trip to Canada	50	1,500				Approved £50
Rural Community Council (Leicestershire & Rutland)	Supporting rural communities in Charnwood	5,000	unknown	37	13	50	£5000 The panel recognise the continued work of RCC and the support they give to the more rural communities of Charnwood.
The Shepherd Outreach Trust	Opening of a community cafe	10,000	145,694.16				Decline Unable to score as application did not meet the grants criteria
Clash 2012	Expansion of e-learning provision	9,802.02	9,802.02				Decline The application was a duplication of a previous application that was funded through the Staying healthy Grants. The panel did not feel that there was any additional service being offered.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project description</b>	<b>Amount applied for (£)</b>	<b>Total project cost (£)</b>	<b>Community need score</b>	<b>Organisation need score</b>	<b>Total score</b>	<b>Comments/ Recommendation</b>
Crime Stoppers	Anti-alcohol related crime initiatives and volunteering initiatives	9,082.60	9,802.60				Referral The panel felt this application didn't meet the criteria and has passed the application onto the Community Safety Partnership
Young Enterprise	Running of "The Business of Life" project to support young people	9,835	22,905	12	15	27	Decline
Glebe House Charnwood Ltd	Activity days for young adults with learning disabilities	1,500	6,034	9	15	24	Decline
Spring to Action Ltd	Providing business start-up boot camps in priority neighbourhoods	7,420.40	8,620.40	8	14	22	Decline
Minnie's Friends	Improvement of kitchen facilities	7,015	7,015				Decline The Panel was unable to score this application as it did not meet the criteria of the grant. The panel have asked officers to support them in their future applications

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project description</b>	<b>Amount applied for (£)</b>	<b>Total project cost (£)</b>	<b>Community need score</b>	<b>Organisation need score</b>	<b>Total score</b>	<b>Comments/ Recommendation</b>
Youth Shelter	Staffing, expenses and evaluation costs for the support service	9,321	15,721	17	12	29	Decline. This project duplicates many of the services already being delivered.
Shepshed ALLeY Group	Running costs for weekly youth club	6,579	17,267	14	14.5	28	Decline