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Meeting: Arts, Culture & Tourism Committee, Item ACT2.5

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Subject: Community Donation Applications

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 For Councillors to consider requests received for Community Donations and to agree or not to make awards to applicants.

1.2 Councillors are requested to read the applications in detail and be mindful of the organisation's governance, funding, support, membership and length of existence.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The following applications (which are attached) have been received and the committee is required to make a decision on the awarding of donations based on the current criteria:

- To provide financial support to organisations who work to improve the quality of life for residents by supporting the Town Council's objectives;
- To provide facilities and activities which promote and support health and wellbeing as well as meeting social and leisure needs;
- To support community involvement in local arts and cultural activities which benefit the residents of Shepton Mallet;
- To support community participation in local sports and leisure activities to enable clubs to develop and thrive;
- To facilitate access and sustainable transport schemes by community and voluntary activity;
- To maintain and enhance opportunities to create a green, clean and safe environment, including biodiversity and sustainability.

- 2.2 The Community Donations budget for the financial year 2021-22 was **£10,000**. This is the second meeting of two for the purpose of considering Community Donation applications.
- 2.3 In addition, there was a **£9,000** 'Art Projects' budget allocated to this committee. Councillors may consider the applications relating to arts projects, are awarded specifically from this budget. Applications were subjected to the same scrutineering process as for the General Community Donations.
- 2.4 At the first meeting held on 3rd August 2021:
- **£3,437.50** was awarded from the Community Donations budget. Therefore, **£6,562.50** remains from the Community Donations budget.
 - **£3,260** was awarded from the Arts Projects budget. The remaining budget is **£3,740** as there are other projects committed to this budget.
- 2.5 Total grants requested at this meeting:
- a. General Community Donations - **£10,020**
 - b. Arts Projects - **£3,000**

Fund	Group/Organisation	Amount Requested	Reason for Requesting Donation	Criteria Checked/ Info Rec'd
General Community Donations	1 st Shepton Mallet Guides	£1,975	To support the Guiding unit with increased costs which would normally have been covered by fundraising.	Yes
General Community Donations	Edge Acrobatics Gymnastics	£1,941	To help with the funding of an 'air track' to provide members with opportunities to extend their gymnastic skills.	Yes
General Community Donations	Holly & Hawthorn	£1,070	To facilitate the running of monthly Family Fun sessions which would be open to all and free of charge.	Yes
Arts Projects	League of Friends Shepton Mallet Community Hospital	£350	To provide funding for the Christmas Concert from the Chapel Dance Studio which gives the young people an opportunity to display their dance skills.	Yes
Arts Projects	Shepton Mallet Lantern Festival	£650	To fund the road closure costs, to help with rental of the workshop space plus materials for the workshops.	Yes

General Community Donations	*Shepton Mallet Revival CIC	£1,500	To facilitate an entertainment package to support each of the proposed Sunday Markets.	Yes
General Community Donations	Shepton Mallet Sports FC – Girls Section	£1,184	To support the cost of purchasing club kit to give the club the same identity as the Shepton Mallet Team.	Yes
Arts Projects	The Rubbish Art Project	£2,000	To help facilitate free community workshops to create illuminated installations made from repurposed plastics for an event to be held on 10 th December (tbc)	Yes

*Shepton Mallet Revival CIC was awarded a donation of £500, from £2,000 requested, at the ACT Meeting held on 3rd August 2021. Councillors wished to review the application at this meeting to grant further support if appropriate and to consider support from a different budget in the next financial year (Minute ref ACT1.6).

3.0 [History of Donations received by current Applicants](#)

Group/Organisation	2020-2021 (£)	2019-2020 (£)	2018-2019 (£)
1 st Shepton Mallet Guides	0	0	1,305
Edge Acrobatics Gymnastics	0	0	0
Holly & Hawthorn	0	£1,200	0
League of Friends Shepton Mallet Community Hospital	0	0	0
Shepton Mallet Lantern Festival	250	250	250
*Shepton Mallet Revival CIC	500	Start-up cost £1,000 Entertainment £748.92	0
Shepton Mallet Sports FC – Girls Section	0	0	0
The Rubbish Art Project	0	0	0

4.0 [Recommendations](#)

4.1 For Councillors to consider if they wish to make financial awards against any of the applications and to what level.