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Meeting: Arts, Culture & Tourism Committee, Item ACT1.6

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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 is **£10,000**. This is the first meeting of two for the purpose of considering Community Donation applications.
- 2.3 In addition, there is a **£9,000** 'Art Projects' budget allocated to this committee. It is proposed that the three 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 Total grants requested at this meeting:
- a. General Community Donations - **£10,337.50**
 - b. Arts Projects - **£6,000**
- 2.5 Two further applications were received but these did not pass the screening process.

Fund	Group/Organisation	Amount Requested	Reason for Requesting Donation	Criteria Checked/ Info Rec'd
General Community Donations	Make the Sunshine + primary schools	£2,000	To support the partnership project - 374 Ways to Change the World which will consist of theatre performances and professional artists in schools and the community and creating a performance by 1100 local young people and performed by 250.	Yes
General Community Donations	Shepton Mallet Revival CIC	£2,000	To facilitate an entertainment package to support each of the proposed Sunday Markets.	Yes
General Community Donations	Shepton Mallet Baptist Church	£2,000	To help fund the refurbishment of the downstairs meeting room to make it a welcoming and rentable space for community groups.	Yes
General Community Donations	Shepton Mallet Bowls and Tennis Club	£837.50	To purchase disability aids for existing members to help them remain active for longer and for prospective members to experience at open evenings and open days.	Yes
General Community Donations	The Mendip School - Food Bank Hub Project	£1,500	To provide funding for the installation of a secure store for dry goods and to provide an outlet for a pick up point for the food bank.	Yes

General Community Donations	The Mendip School Smallholding Project	£2,000	To support the cost of purchasing animals and secure pens for the forest school based learning activities.	Yes
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Arts Projects	HEARTHSTONE Ways CIC	£2,000	To provide materials and project costs to support the Research Residencies project at SM prison.	Yes
Arts Projects	IN:CH (Incubation Chamber)	£2,000	To support a 10-day exhibition at East Somerset Railway and to include daily drawing events and 2 free half day sculpture workshops.	Yes
Arts Projects	SMart CIC	£2,000	To support start-up costs for SMart.	Yes

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

Group/Organisation	2020-2021 (£)	2019-2020 (£)	2018-2019 (£)
Make the Sunshine + primary schools	0	0	1,305
Make the Sunshine – Winter Wonderland Project	1,990	0	0
Shepton Mallet Revival CIC	0	Start-up cost £1,000 Entertainment £748.92	0
Shepton Mallet Baptist Church	0	0	0
Shepton Mallet Bowls and Tennis Club	0	0	0
The Mendip School	0	0	0
HEARTHSTONE Ways CIC	Applied for a different project but were unsuccessful	0	0
IN:CH by Inch	0	0	0
SMart CIC	0	0	0

4.0 [Recommendations](#)

4.1 For Councillors to consider if they make appropriate financial awards with the budget constraint of the 2 budgets.