

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

GRANT AID REQUESTS FROM NUTHALL PARISH COUNCIL1. Purpose of report

To consider requests for grant assistance in accordance with the protocol for the consideration of grant aid to parish and town councils.

2. Grant Aid Applications

Two grant aid requests have been received from Nuthall Parish Council for consideration.

Firstly, Nuthall has requested funding of up to £2,590 towards the purchase of two new outdoor defibrillators to be installed in the 'Horsendale' and 'Mornington' areas of the parish. Secondly, Nuthall has also requested grant funding of £1,905 towards the cost of traffic management for its Remembrance Sunday Parade. Details of the applications are included in appendix 1.

The agreed protocol for assessing grant aid to parish and town councils is provided for information in appendix 2. The grants previously awarded under this scheme are listed in appendix 3

3. Financial position

The provision of defibrillators in Broxtowe was considered by the Policy and Performance Committee on 1 July 2020. Members resolved that the Council should play a role in the provision of defibrillators by working alongside other organisations, such as parish councils, to ensure communities had access to a defibrillator. There is no provision in the Council's budget for either the purchase or maintenance of defibrillators, whether owned by the Council or other organisations.

If Members wished to support these requests from Nuthall, an award could be made from the £20,000 provision for grants to parish councils included in the 2021/22 revenue budget.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to CONSIDER the request and RESOLVE accordingly.

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX 1**Grant Aid Requests from Nuthall Parish Council****Purchase of a Defibrillator**

Nuthall Parish Council has submitted a grant aid request for up to £2,590 towards the purchase of two new defibrillators to be installed in the parish areas of 'Horsendale' and 'Mornington'.

Following a local consultation in March 2021 and as part of the resulting conversations, Nuthall Parish Council was asked to provide outdoor defibrillators in the Horsendale and Mornington areas of Nuthall. Two sites have been identified and the necessary permissions provided. One unit is to be placed outside a row of shops central to the Horsendale estate and the second is on the outer gates of the Assarts Farm Medical Centre.

The Parish Council is fully prepared to maintain and monitor these units and has taken advice from the Nuthall First Responder Team with regards to the most appropriate unit to purchase. The responder team have also agreed to provide training for the community, which the Parish Council will arrange at local venues and encouraging participation once the units have been installed.

The cost of two new fully automatic defibrillator outdoor packages is £2,590 plus VAT. Nuthall have requested grant aid of up to the full cost of purchasing the defibrillators. Going forward, Nuthall shall be responsible for repairs, maintenance and inspection of the facility and meet the cost of any power supply required.

Remembrance Sunday Parade

Nuthall has also submitted a grant aid funding request of £1,905 towards the cost of traffic management at its Remembrance Sunday Parade in 2021.

This parade has been running for many years. Following the Police withdrawing traffic control by way of a rolling road block, updated regulations require a full road closure. Nuthall is unique in that it has to control traffic flows on the major island ('Nuthall Island') meaning that it has a far greater risk level than other parishes. With the Police unable to offer any level of service, Nuthall has little alternative but to employ specialised contractors for the event. Also, since installing the new War Memorial at the Basil Russell Playing Fields in Maple Drive, the numbers attending the Remembrance events continue to increase. This has created additional risks and responsibilities. The cost of the traffic management service is £1,905 plus VAT and includes professionally liaising directly with the Highways Authority and other stakeholders, providing the appropriate signage and security on the day.

The closing balance of Nuthall Parish Council funds as at 31 March 2021 was £131,406, with cash reserves of £140,635 (the difference being net creditors and debtors). The funds include reserves earmarked set aside for further improvements to the Temple Centre (£50,000) and an election reserve (£4,000). The Nuthall Parish Council annual precept for 2021/22 was £120,820

APPENDIX 2**Protocol for consideration of grant aid to parish and town councils**

The protocol for the consideration of grant aid requests from parish and town councils was agreed by Cabinet on 8 June 2010. The key provisions are:

1. Grant aid will only be given in support of specific projects or services and not as a general grant towards the services provided by a parish/town council.
2. Revenue grant aid will only be considered towards services which act as a replacement for services which otherwise Broxtowe Borough Council would have to provide or which supplement services which the borough council provides so as to reduce the costs that Broxtowe would otherwise incur.
3. In applying for grant assistance the parish/town council will need to demonstrate how the service or project in question contributes to Broxtowe's aims and objectives as laid out in the Corporate Plan and the Sustainable Community Strategy.
4. In applying for grant aid assistance the parish/town council will need to provide evidence as to why they do not have the financial resources to provide the services or project in question and what the consequences would be for local residents and businesses if the service was withdrawn or the project not completed. This will include a requirement for the parish/town council to detail what other funding sources they have secured (or otherwise) and to provide a statement as to any reserves held and their planned use.
5. Preference will be given to support for the provision of mandatory services as compared with discretionary services.
6. Where grant aid is to cover the cost of a specified service, the parish/town council will be responsible at its own cost for providing an audited statement within six months of the end of the financial year concerned to confirm the amount of expenditure incurred and income received against which grant aid may be payable. Any grant payable would then be adjusted retrospectively if necessary following receipt of such an audited statement.
7. Grant aid will only be in respect of additional costs directly incurred by the parish/town council and will not cover the cost of any general overheads which the parish/town council would otherwise incur anyway as a result of their operations.
8. Grant aid will be cash limited in each year and the responsibility for costs increasing beyond the cash limit will normally rest with the parish/town council. Where such cost increases are considered to be unavoidable and beyond the parish/town council's control, then Broxtowe may be approached to seek a further grant award.

9. Where the parish/town council wishes to vary the service provided for which grant aid has been awarded, this should only take place after full consultation and with the agreement of Broxtowe.
10. Preference will be given towards one off capital projects rather than as a regular annual contribution towards the ongoing costs of providing services.
11. The parish/town council shall be required to provide such information as Broxtowe may reasonably request as to the actual outputs and outcomes arising from any service or project where Broxtowe makes a contribution.
12. Any grant contribution that may be awarded by Broxtowe need not be at the rate of 100% of net expenditure incurred but may be at a lesser rate to reflect such as its own corporate priorities, budgetary constraints or the availability of similar services or projects elsewhere.
13. Revenue grants will normally only be awarded for one year although an indicative amount for the following year may be given at Broxtowe's discretion. Capital grant aid will be towards the cost of a specific one-off project.
14. Requests for grant aid in respect of a particular financial year should normally be submitted by the end of October of the preceding year at the latest to assist with forward budget planning for both Broxtowe and the parish/town council. Broxtowe will endeavour to make a decision on such requests by the end of December in the year preceding that for which grant aid is requested.

APPENDIX 3

Grant Aid Awards to Parish/Town Councils

The table below lists the grants awarded under this scheme since 2014/15.

Date	Council	Amount	Purpose
01/04/14	Nuthall Parish Council	£2,000	War memorial construction (Capital)
16/10/14	Nuthall Parish Council	£2,500	Cemetery maintenance
02/06/15	Cossall Parish Council	£350	Memorial plaque
19/04/16	Eastwood Town Council	£5,000	Building refurbishment works (Capital)
04/07/16	Greasley Parish Council	£4,000	Upgraded heating system (Capital)
19/09/16	Awsorth Parish Council	£5,000	Heating system replacement (Capital)
09/01/17	Brinsley Parish Council	£4,000	Play facility repairs/replace (Capital)
03/10/17	Nuthall Parish Council	£1,820	Remembrance parade
12/10/17	Greasley Parish Council	£1,000	Christmas lights event
12/10/17	Nuthall Parish Council	£3,395	Cemetery maintenance
26/04/18	Nuthall Parish Council	£12,000	Cemetery roadway surface (Capital)
26/04/18	Nuthall Parish Council	£2,000	Summer Youth Club
11/10/18	Greasley Parish Council	£647	WW1 commemoration sculpture
15/08/19	Brinsley Parish Council	£2,070	Summer play day
10/10/19	Awsorth Parish Council	£1,250	Kitchen Refurbishment – Pavilion
10/10/19	Brinsley Parish Council	£2,300	Tree planting – commemoration
10/10/19	Nuthall Parish Council	£1,855	Remembrance parade
10/10/19	Stapleford Town Council	£2,010	Remembrance event
10/10/19	Trowell Parish Council	£3,500	Car park refurbishment
13/02/20	Brinsley Parish Council	£1,000	Festive lighting display
13/02/20	Brinsley Parish Council	£1,225	VE Day celebrations 2020
07/01/21	Kimberley Town Council	£1,200	New defibrillator
30/03/21	Kimberley Town Council	£1,200	New defibrillator