

## Report of the Interim Deputy Chief Executive

**GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS,  
CHARITABLE BODIES AND INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN SPORTS,  
THE ARTS AND DISABILITY MATTERS 2018/19**1. Purpose of report

To consider requests for grant aid in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Grant Aid Policy.

2. Applications and financial position

Details of the grant application received are included in appendix 1 for consideration. The amount available for distribution in 2018/19 is as follows:

	£
Revenue Grant Aid Budget	168,800
Less: Estimated requirements for: Outstanding Rent Awards and Others	44,850
Less: Grant Awards to Date	91,265
<b>BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION</b>	<u>32,685</u>

(#) – 'Outstanding Rent Awards' includes provisions in respect of the applications from 2<sup>nd</sup> Beeston Sea Scouts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kimberley Scout Group, 5<sup>th</sup> Stapleford Scout Group, Age Concern Eastwood, Beeston Shopmobility, Bramcote Cricket Club, Broxtowe Play Forum, Chilwell Community Association, Eastwood People's Initiative, Stapleford Community Association and Toton Coronation Hall Community Association.

A summary of the grants awarded under delegated authority since October 2018 is included for information at appendix 2. An update on the Broxtowe Lotto and the Community Fund is provided in appendix 3.

**Recommendation**

**The Committee is asked to:**

- 1. Consider the request in appendix 1 and RESOLVE accordingly.**
- 2. NOTE the grants awarded under delegated authority in appendix 2 and the progress made relating to Broxtowe Lotto in appendix 3.**

Background papers

Nil

## APPENDIX 1

**Applications**

The following grant applications have been received for consideration in 2018/19:

<u>Applicant</u>		<u>Grant Award 2017/18</u>	<u>Grant Request 2018/19</u>
		£	£
Age Concern Eastwood	1	9,000	9,000 #
Voluntary Action Broxtowe	2	Nil	7,000
Broxtowe Women's Project	3	6,000	6,000
Eastwood People's Initiative	4	2,500	2,500 #
Bramcote Cricket Club	5	865	865 #
Kimberley Institute Cricket Club	6	Nil	750
Phoenix Football Club	7	Nil	1,000
Chilwell Community Association	8	3,150	3,150 #
Stapleford Community Association	9	3,000	3,000 #
Toton Coronation Hall Community Association	10	7,000	7,000 #
Beeston Shopmobility	11	14,500	8,500 #
2 <sup>nd</sup> Beeston Sea Scouts	12	1,750	1,750 #
2 <sup>nd</sup> Kimberley Scout Group	13	6,500	6,500 #
5 <sup>th</sup> Stapleford Scout Group	14	4,500	4,500 #
Broxtowe Play Forum	15	5,500	5,500 #
Greasley Gathering, The	16	1,000	1,000
		<b>Total</b>	<b>68,015</b>

The total request is made up of £23,165 in 'cash' from the balance available with £44,850 being for rents and other commitments as covered by the provisions below.

# The estimated outstanding rent awards includes provisions for the applications from 2<sup>nd</sup> Beeston Sea Scouts (£1,750), 2<sup>nd</sup> Kimberley Scout Group (£6,500), 5<sup>th</sup> Stapleford Scout Group (£4,500), Age Concern Eastwood (£3,850), Beeston Shopmobility (£7,000), Bramcote Cricket Club (£850), Broxtowe Play Forum (£5,500), Chilwell Community Association (£3,150), Eastwood People's Initiative (£1,750), Stapleford Community Association (£3,000) and Toton Coronation Hall Community Association (£7,000).

**Age Concern Organisations**1. **AGE CONCERN EASTWOOD**

Age Concern Eastwood was established in 1954 and is based at The Colin Dyson Centre on Edward Road in Eastwood. These premises are owned by the Council. The group generates its membership from Eastwood and the surrounding area. Currently, 82 clients are using its services with the majority being Broxtowe residents aged 60 years or over. Age Concern Eastwood provides welfare facilities to local elderly residents. Its clientele includes some disabled users, others who are suffering with dementia and Alzheimer's and those who may be isolated.

The group aims to provide a quality meeting place, companionship, socialising, entertainment and advice for its elderly users by offering a wide variety of activities such as a luncheon club (the group currently serves over 100 meals per week, Monday to Thursday), social events and activities, arts and crafts and festive parties. A trustee also provides a Sunday lunch for up to 18 members on a regular basis and has recently started a Friday pie day to serve meals to those in need. A Christmas party was held for 26 members with wrapped gifts, a turkey roast dinner, games and a party atmosphere. The group provides its own volunteer driving scheme that provides transport for its more isolated members. It works in partnership with Broxtowe Mental Health and Nottinghamshire County Social Services who recommend their service to potential new members.

Age Concern Eastwood has spent over £40,000 in recent years on improving the building interior and facilities for its clients to enjoy. The main hall has been redecorated by professional decorators. Also, to help save on heating costs and improve sound, the group has installed a suspended ceiling.

For the year ended 31 March 2018, income totalling £48,454 was generated from grants and donations, meals and drinks income, fundraising and hall hire. Expenditure of £51,585 mainly related to employee costs (£16,963), volunteer expenses (mileage), equipment, repairs and renewals, meals and catering, rent, utilities, insurances and other general running costs. Cash at bank and in hand as at 31 March 2018 was £43,214. This figure will include the residual balance of a significant legacy of received in 2009/10 that is continuing to be used towards projects that may sustain and improve future income streams, such as building and facility improvements. Over £25,000 of this legacy has already been spent, including upgrading of the toilet facilities.

The Council has supported Age Concern Eastwood for many years with grants towards its premises and transport costs. The grants awarded in the past four years were as follows:

2017/18	£9,000
2016/17	£9,000
2015/16	£9,000
2014/15	£9,000

For 2018/19, Age Concern Eastwood has requested a grant of £9,000 towards its running costs, including the rental of the Edward Road premises. Any grant award in respect of the premises rental (£3,850) would be matched by allowances within the premises income budget and therefore leave the Council's overall budget unchanged. Any additional award for other running costs however will have to be funded from the grant aid budget.

Members should note that the grant aid policy would normally require that 'cash' grant awards of £5,000 or above to be subject to a Service Level Agreement. However, monitoring arrangements that 'measure and celebrate success' should also be tailored specifically to the organisation and can include written reports, feedback from service users and monitoring visits.

## Volunteer Bureaux

### 2. VOLUNTARY ACTION BROXTOWE

Voluntary Action Broxtowe (VAB) is the voluntary sector infrastructure support provider for the Borough. It provides a wide range of practical and advice services for local voluntary and community groups across the Borough.

VAB effectively fulfils all the functions of a Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) with its mission to “provide high quality infrastructure support to local organisations and through this, help strengthen communities and deliver more appropriate and effective services for the residents of Broxtowe”. The stated aims and objectives of the charity are to promote the benefit of local inhabitants by associating together the inhabitants, local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to improve the quality of life of said inhabitants and in particular, not exclusively, to:

- advance the education, learning and skills of volunteers through the provision of training, advice, assistance and associated activities so that they are better equipped to carry out their role and provide a valuable contribution to their community
- promote the voluntary sector and volunteering generally, the provision of education, learning and skills and services for the social benefit of the local community and similar charitable activities, and to enhance those services provided by the statutory sector by providing a wide range of infrastructure support services including the setting up of networks and forums to facilitate partnerships.

VAB is a fully accredited Volunteer Centre providing volunteer recruitment, support, training and placement with other organisations. The benefits of volunteering are considerable as it enables people to overcome the challenges they face, to learn skills through specialist training and find solutions that benefit the wider community. For older people volunteering is a social activity and thus provides a means to counter social isolation and loneliness. Local organisations also benefit from the experience, expertise, capacity and commitment of older people. Volunteering is a recognised route back into paid employment. VAB regularly assists young people, typically students, with volunteer placements to assist them in gaining work experience and new skills.

VAB responds to over 1,000 enquiries for volunteering each year. VAB directly supports specialist volunteer placements, which currently include 80 placements. It has developed specialist volunteering opportunities through an innovative Day Service Framework Agreement. This service offers training and volunteer opportunities with health and social care support for people with disabilities and long-term conditions, such as learning disabilities, mental health, Down’s Syndrome, Asperger’s etc. This service has recently started and, once established over the next 18 months, it will contribute towards the financial sustainability of VAB.

VAB also delivers a preventative support service to people over-75 who live in Broxtowe who are socially isolated. *Caring Companions* is staffed by trained volunteers who visit isolated older people in their own homes on a weekly basis to provide company and to monitor their well-being and safety. VAB is currently supporting eight older people and has 12 active volunteers. This service links to the Vintage Cafe providing further support to this cohort of service users.

Over 600 individual residents and volunteers from across the Borough benefit from VAB services each year. These include around 40 people, aged over 75 years, who are isolated and receive befriending services on a weekly basis to provide company and to monitor their well-being and safety.

Another scheme, 'Move It', assists older people when moving into residential and care homes, as well as supporting families who require low cost services to move locally. Around 150 people per annum benefit from this service.

VAB has established ESOL classes, employment workshops and a language café promoting social integration. These interventions enable resettled people such as Syrian refugees to learn English and employment skills to fully integrate into the community. The project promotes social inclusion; contributing to Community Safety by raising awareness of the value cultural differences can bring. Participants speak 35 different languages. A range of partners are involved with the project: Public Protection, Police Fire Service, Sure Start, schools and Broxtowe Celebrations Community Group.

VAB currently supports over 200 voluntary and community sector organisations across the Borough. VAB helps to ensure that these groups are kept well informed, well-funded and are working safely and in line with current charity legislation. VAB has provided essential courses and qualifications in health and safety, first aid, food safety and health awareness to over 200 volunteers and staff from a range of community organisations.

VAB also provides free, dedicated meeting space for small business start-ups and fledgling community organisations to develop and deliver business ideas. These measures contribute to a more vibrant town centre, attracting new visitors and local businesses to Broxtowe. Six local organisations operate from Oban House, namely Age Friendly Nottingham, Barnardo's, Beeston Shopmobility, Chilwell and Toton Neighbourhood Forum, Beeston and District Local History Society and Global Grains. VAB also provides a weekly vintage tea room for older people to meet and socialise.

In 2010, VAB moved into Oban House on Chilwell Road in Beeston, having secured a ten year lease from private owners. The decision to move to Oban House has provided VAB more spacious accommodation and provided the opportunity to diversify and maximise a greater variety of income streams through renting out meetings rooms, training facilities and office space to other community groups and charities.

VAB has provided its annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 for scrutiny. The charity separates its accounts between restricted and unrestricted funds. Total income generated in the year amounted to £208,070. This included £92,050 of unrestricted core funding from grants and donations, rent/room hire, sales income and a grant of £25,000 from Nottinghamshire County Council to provide infrastructure services as part of the Nottingham Together consortium. Other sizeable restricted funding was received from the Big Lottery Fund (£78,337), Nottingham City Council (£11,873), Awards for All (£9,840) and Department of Health (£9,583). Total expenditure amounted to £182,186, including £64,320 in respect of core funds. This mainly related to staff costs (£95,526 for an average six employees), rent and services (£35,000), other premises expenses and general operating costs. Total cash/bank balances at 31 March 2018 was £92,440, with £65,285 available as unrestricted funds.

The reserve policy is that VAB carries sufficient free reserves to cover its liabilities should it ever fold. The trustees do not believe in amassing large amounts of reserves and feel that donations and other funding entrusted to VAB should be used for the benefit of those in need of its support in the community. It is suggested that the value of unrestricted fund balances held as at 31 March 2016 was sufficient to meet with this reserves policy.

VAB is applying for grant aid towards its core costs of providing volunteer services and network development support across the borough. VAB does not currently receive grants to provide infrastructure services, although it has received project funding from the Department of Health for the Befriending Project. VAB has designed services that are cost effective and innovative. Future sustainability will be achieved through contract income and commissioned services.

The Council has previously supported Voluntary Action Broxtowe although the last funding request considered by this Committee on 13 July 2017 was turned down, largely on the basis of the level of balances held by the charity and the level of employee expenses. The grants awarded in the past four years are as follows:

2017/18	£0
2016/17	No application
2015/16	No application
2014/15	£6,500

For 2018/19 Voluntary Action Broxtowe has requested a grant of £7,000 towards its general running costs to provide volunteer services and network development support across the Borough.

The grant aid budget does not include any specific provision earmarked for Voluntary Action Broxtowe. Members should note that the revised grant aid policy requires that grant awards of £5,000 or above may be subject to a Service Level Agreement.

### Caring Organisations Category

#### 3. BROXTOWE WOMEN'S PROJECT

Established in 2001, Broxtowe Women's Project Limited (BWP) is a voluntary organisation that provides a unique, community-led service offering a range of high-quality domestic abuse outreach and awareness services in response to local needs. The BWP vision is that women and their families who are affected by domestic abuse in Broxtowe are empowered to feel safe, to take control of their lives and to lead safer lives. BWP wants everyone in Broxtowe to have more awareness of all types of domestic abuse.

The main aims of BWP is to provide outreach support to women and children who are experiencing or have experienced domestic violence and to provide advice, information, training, publicity and raising awareness for local agencies, individuals and community groups.

BWP provides a critical direct service to women survivors of domestic violence, including a telephone support line, outreach services for women and children, short-term survivor support groups, awareness sessions, training and as a facilitator of partnership working across the area.

BWP currently provides a high level of outreach support to in the north of the Borough, in particular Eastwood, Kimberley and the surrounding rural areas, as well as Stapleford in the south. The project recognises that domestic violence is often an unreported crime and they work hard to raise awareness in the community to ensure it becomes a public matter and that responses are appropriate to anyone seeking support. Some women who have experienced domestic violence may find themselves living in the most deprived areas as a result of leaving the perpetrator.

In 2018 BWP received 190 referrals that were made through various channels, including self-referral, friends and family, Women's Aid, children and young people, health, adult social care and others (these referrals do not include the numbers of women supported by the legal surgery or who contacted the support line). Of these cases, 131 required ongoing support through outreach support, group support or via regular phone support. Providing support for these women has also helped their dependent children.

BWP aims to provide a quality service to women and to provide support as quickly as possible for them. The majority of referrals were received support on the day of referral, with the remainder largely being supported by the next day. All referrals were supported within one week of the referral.

Previously, BWP just provided an outreach service to women living in the north of the Borough. Since September 2016 BWP have been providing services to women throughout Broxtowe. The highest percentages are from Beeston (24%), Eastwood (20%), Stapleford (19%), Chilwell (7%) and Kimberley (6%) with the remainder from other areas in the Borough.

Outcomes are monitored. The percentage of women that reported an increase in positive outcomes as a direct result of working with BWP during this period included client empowerment (97%), increased self-esteem (78%), minimised risk of harm (77%), feeling safer (76%), improved mental health (76%) and reduced isolation (65%). These outcomes provide a strong indication of the impact the BWP has had upon the lives of survivors with whom it works. It also indicates the importance of continually developing services such as the counselling to increase the positive outcomes for women.

BWP continues to work in partnership with other service providers to help women with personal development and in changing their lives. It works with the Council and jointly alongside Midland's Women's Aid and Women's Aid Integrated Services to ensure complementary and non-duplication of services for women in the borough. BWP is regularly involved with the South Nottinghamshire Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences, Broxtowe Health Partnership and South Notts Domestic Abuse Strategic Group. BWP also actively contributes to the local Sure Start Children's Centres delivery plans through input and attendance at their Local Advisory Groups.

BWP continues to support the action plan for delivery of targeted work in Eastwood South aligning with the priority geographical areas identified and supported by the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership and Eastwood South Focus Group.

BWP provides a Legal Surgery in partnership with Nelsons Solicitors to women in Broxtowe offering free legal advice in partnership with solicitors on a variety of civil matters such as child contact. The surgery has been running since 2016 and has supported over 50 women, providing 29 hours of free legal advice. Without this service women would not have been able to access this support locally.

BWP successfully delivered two Freedom Programmes, in partnership with Sure Start. This is a 12-week programme delivered in Eastwood and Stapleford examines the roles, attitudes, beliefs and actions of abusive men in addition to the responses of victims and survivors. The aim is to help them to make sense of and understand what has happened to them. The Freedom Programme also describes in detail how children are affected by being exposed to this kind of abuse and very importantly how their lives are improved when the abuse is removed.

BWP is developing a volunteer programme that will provide additional services for women experiencing Domestic Abuse. This is an opportunity for women to access excellent volunteer work experience and relevant training that will enable them to gain valuable work experience in the field. BWP has recruited volunteers to a variety of roles including trustee positions, awareness raising, fundraising, helpline and ambassador roles.

BWP is currently developing its service for children affected by domestic abuse. This service offers outreach to children and young people including a therapeutic strand offering specialist counselling to those most at need.



BWP has a support line for women to call to get advice and support from a specialised worker. During 2017 BWP received a total of 531 calls to the helpline and 774 texts, an increase of 23% and 32% respectively.

As well as direct support, BWP consistently highlights issues of domestic abuse and is committed to improving knowledge and services for women and children to seek help and support. BWP have successfully delivered a number of campaigns throughout the year raising awareness around mental health, domestic abuse and the benefits of volunteering. In November 2018 BWP worked in partnership with the Council on the 'White Ribbon Campaign' and will do so again for November 2019. In total, BWP has released 29 blogs on its website, issued four newsletters, 179 unique tweets (to its 1,282 followers), around 210 Facebook posts and 11 press releases to raise awareness of Domestic Abuse.

BWP has submitted its latest financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2018 for scrutiny. Financial activity is split between restricted and unrestricted funds. In the period, BWP generated total income of £155,465 mainly from grants and donations. The charity considers the majority of this funding to be restricted and significant grants were received from the Big Lottery Fund (£78,842), Comic Relief (£38,827), Boots Charitable Trust (£10,000), The Noel Buxton Trust (£4,000) and this Council. Expenditure for the year amounted to £228,016 and mainly related to employee costs (£164,391 with £154,600 from restricted funds), activities and premises rental and room hire costs. BWP had overall cash and bank balances of £51,034 as at 31 March 2018, with unrestricted funds amounting to £48,347. The grant funding still committed to the Business and Fundraising Manager's post is £13,000.

The project continues to apply to a range of funders for all aspects of its services and costs. Most funding is restricted to specific project costs. BWP was delighted to receive a five-year funding grant from the Big Lottery Fund in 2015 for ongoing outreach services and a three-year grant from Comic Relief to help meet the costs of the outreach service (now ended). The Boots Charitable Trust has pledged to provide three-years funding for a children's worker through its volunteer programme.

The Council has supported BWP for many years with funding towards core costs. The grants awarded in the past four years were:

2017/18	£6,000
2016/17	£6,000
2015/16	£6,000
2014/15	£6,000

For 2018/19, BWP has requested a similar grant of £6,000 to meet its rental obligations and to contribute towards other core costs. Members should note that the grant aid policy requires that grant awards of £5,000 or above may be subject to a Service Level Agreement.

#### 4. EASTWOOD PEOPLE'S INITIATIVE

Eastwood People's Initiative is a registered charity that was formed in 1982 that serves Eastwood and the surrounding communities in north Broxtowe. The aim of the charity is to offer practical help and emotional support for any individual, with particular regard to people on low income or unemployed. The charity provides support aimed at improving self-confidence, developing social and practical skills and enhancing employment potential. To achieve its aims, Eastwood People's Initiative operates a community facility that provides computer and phone facilities, in addition to giving users with advice on welfare rights, finances and budgeting, employment and training.

The charity offers free weekly sessions for the community, attended by around 25 people. The core component of each session is the use of ICT facilities for writing CV's and as an internet access point to online services, job, training and learning opportunities. The charity also has a free phone service for calls regarding jobs, benefits, housing and utilities. The sessions are supported by a team of volunteers, as the charity strives to develop as a community run facility. Over 3,000 people have visited the charity at its premises.

For the year ended 5 April 2018, Eastwood People's Initiative generated receipts of £16,399 from premises rental, lottery grant (£9,992), grant aid and donations. Annual expenditure of £14,116 related to costs linked to the lottery grant (£5,101), rent, ICT, telephone and utilities costs, professional/legal fees and other operating costs. The net receipts were added to investments, bank and cash balances which at 5 April 2018 amounted to £20,375. The remaining balance of the lottery grant is committed in 2019. The accounts also show that the charity has been repaid its loan of £2,000 to a local day nursery.

Eastwood People's Initiative continues to operate from Council owned premises on Scargill Walk. There is a tenancy agreement in place with the rent assessed at £1,750 per annum as part of the Council's aim to secure economic rents on its properties. The charity has suggested that it only has limited financial resources and would be unable to sustain a rental charge of this size.

The Council has supported Eastwood People's Initiative with grants towards its operating costs. The grants awarded in the past four years being as follows:

2017/18	£2,500
2016/17	£2,500
2015/16	No application
2014/15	£2,500

For 2018/19, Eastwood People's Initiative has requested a similar grant of £2,500 to cover the market rent and buildings insurance (£1,750) and other associated premises costs (£750). Any grant awarded in respect of the rental element would have no effect on the Council's overall budget, with the award being matched in the Council's premises income budget. Members should note that any additional award for the other operating costs will have to be funded from the grant aid budget.

## Sports Clubs

### 5. BRAMCOTE CRICKET CLUB

Bramcote Cricket Club was founded in 1858 and is based at Bramcote Hills Park on Ilkeston Road in Bramcote. The club currently runs a number of league cricket teams and has occasionally coached midweek junior teams.

The Club is open to anyone interested in playing or coaching cricket and currently has 41 adult members, the majority of whom live in Bramcote, Beeston, Chilwell and the surrounding areas. In addition, around 70 juniors also regularly attend to play 'kwik-cricket' and visiting clubs from Chilwell, Attenborough and Beeston also enjoy use of the Club's facilities.

Unlike some clubs in the region, Bramcote Cricket Club has experienced an increase in participants including juniors who attend for coaching sessions. Some of these juniors have joined from larger clubs where, due to the numbers involved, they have been unable to receive one-to-one coaching. The club hopes to continue to provide this opportunity for juniors to participate in cricket.

For the year ended 31 December 2018, income totalled £9,092 and was mainly generated from subscriptions, match fees, bar sales, grants and sponsorship and other fundraising activities. Expenditure amounted to £7,895 and included bar expenses, ground equipment maintenance, playing equipment, pitch hire, rent, insurances and other running costs. Total cash and bank balances as at 31 December 2018 amounted to £10,791.

The Council owns the clubhouse used by the Club on Bramcote Hills Park and as part of the Council's aim to secure economic rents on its properties the rent has been assessed at £865 per annum.

The Council has supported Bramcote Cricket Club for many years with grants towards its premises costs (including rental). The club also received a £2,500 capital grant in 2016/17 as a contribution towards the cost of renovating the all-weather wicket. The grants awarded in the past four years were as follows:

2017/18	£865
2016/17	£865 (plus £2,500 capital grant)
2015/16	£865
2014/15	£865 (plus £9,196 capital grant)

For 2018/19, Bramcote Cricket Club has requested a revenue grant of £865 towards the total cost of their annual rent obligations. This award would be for a period of one year and would be matched by allowances within the premises income budget, leaving the Council's overall budget unchanged.

**6. KIMBERLEY INSITUTE CRICKET CLUB**

Kimberley Institute Cricket Club was founded in 1878 and is based on Newdigate Street in Kimberley. The club currently has 214 playing and supporting members of all ages (including 105 junior players) from Kimberley and the surrounding areas.

The principal aim of Kimberley Institute Cricket Club is to provide cricket facilities and coaching for adults and children, delivered in both a social and competitive environment. The club, which is club mark accredited, runs four senior sides on a Saturday, with the first team playing in the Nottinghamshire Premier League and the other three sides competing in the South Nottinghamshire Cricket League. The club has one senior Sunday side that takes part in the Newark Club Cricket Alliance. The club also has a flourishing youth section, catering for boys and girls from ages five to 19, with the junior teams competing in the Nottinghamshire Youth Cricket League.

The Club would like to improve the facilities for the increasing number young players by providing a second batting cage for practice sessions. Quotations have been received for the equipment, with preferred unit costing £1,176 including VAT. The Club has requested a contribution from the Council towards the purchase, with the remaining cost being found from Club funds.

Kimberley Institute Cricket Club has provided its accounts for the year ended 30 September 2018 for scrutiny. Total income amounted to £37,961 which mainly related to fundraising, bar income and membership subscriptions. Expenditure for the year totalled £27,197 and was mainly in respect of coaches and players expenses (£7,432), utilities, ground expenditure (including groundkeeper), match fees and PAYE. Asset purchases of £4,992 (covers and dryer) were made from the surplus on activity, partially offset by loans and grants totalling £4,150. The closing reserves amounted to £18,115, with cash at bank and in hand as at 30 September 2018 being £16,684. This is earmarked towards the maintenance and improvement of facilities.

The Council has previously supported Kimberley Institute Cricket Club with grants the last being in 2011/12. For 2018/19, the club has requested a grant of £750 towards the purchase of a second batting cage for practice sessions.

**7. PHOENIX FOOTBALL CLUB**

Phoenix Football Club was formed in 2015 and is based at the Inham Nook Recreation Ground in Chilwell. In addition to the organisers, coaching staff and senior team, the club currently has over 100 junior members from Chilwell and the surrounding areas.

The objective of the Club is to provide football for adults and children, delivered in a social and competitive environment. The club runs teams at several age ranges from under 7's to 16 plus. A key aim of the club is to provide a community engagement element in a deprived area.

Inham Nook suffers from deprivation and has seen anti-social problems. The club offers an alternative outlet for some of the local children. In some cases the club has even worked with excluded children and helped find pathways into alternative education. Membership subscriptions are kept deliberately low to maximise inclusion across the estate. This inevitably leads to pressure on resources and this request would help sustain the club in the medium term.

The club would like to improve its offering for young players by purchasing new kit, footballs and training equipment. In the longer-term, the club would also like to acquire portable floodlighting to allow for evening training sessions in the winter months. This grant aid request supports these aspirations.

Phoenix Football Club has provided its accounts for the period ended 31 July 2018 for scrutiny. Total income for the season amounted to £3,279 from subscriptions and fundraising. Expenditure for the year totalled £2,892 which mainly related to pitch hire, match and league fees, referees expenses and other running costs. The surplus was added to cash and bank balances which totalled £387. These have since fallen to £120 as at 31 December 2018.

This is the first application that the Council has received from Phoenix Football Club and for 2018/19 the club has requested a grant of £1,000 towards the purchase of new kit, footballs and training equipment.

### **Community Associations**

#### **8. CHILWELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

The Chilwell Community Association was set up with its own Constitution in January 2002 and is responsible for the day-to-day management and development of the Council premises at Chilwell Community Centre on Inham Road in Chilwell.

The aim of the association is to provide facilities at a competitive cost to enable local community groups and individuals to use the premises for a variety of purposes including parent and toddler groups, craft courses and educational classes run by the local college.

The main user of the facility is the Nottinghamshire County Council Library Service and this provides an important resource and meeting place for the community. The library is well used on the week days that it is open.

For the year ended 31 March 2018, the Chilwell Community Association generated receipts of £12,716 were generated from grant aid and fees. Payments amounted to £7,767 including rent, wages (£1,974), property maintenance, utilities, insurance and other miscellaneous costs. Cash and bank balances as at 31 March 2018 had increased to £36,374. These funds are earmarked towards the enhancement of facilities at the Community Centre, including the provision of additional facilities at the Centre, and to provide initial financial support to newly formed groups using the Centre in order for them to become established for long-term use.

The association has invested in improving the facilities and the interior of the Community Centre to make it even more attractive to users. It will continue with this programme in the coming year and has allocated a proportion of its reserves to do this.

As part of the Council's aim to secure economic rents on its properties, the annual rental of Chilwell Community Centre has been assessed at £3,150. The Chilwell Community Association has suggested that with limited financial resources it would be unable to sustain a rental charge of this size.

This is the seventh application that the Council has received from the Chilwell Community Association and previously a grant of £3,150 was awarded. For 2018/19, the Association has requested a similar grant of £3,150 to cover the market rent of the Chilwell Community Centre. This grant award would be for a period of one year and would have no effect on the Council's overall budget, with the award being matched in the Council's premises income budget.

#### 9. STAPLEFORD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Stapleford Community Association was formed in 1954 and is responsible for the management and operation of the Council owned Community Centre on Cliffe Hill Avenue in Stapleford.

The aim of the Association is to provide a high quality, low cost centre for a variety of leisure, educational and community activities in Stapleford. A number of groups utilise the facilities for these purposes including playgroups, keep fit clubs, uniform groups, senior citizen's groups, dance classes and family groups. Around 300 people of all ages use the facilities on a weekly basis, with an estimated 80% being residents of the Borough.

For the year ended 31 December 2018, income of £10,678 was generated from hall lettings and grant aid. Annual expenditure amounted to £11,615 and included rent, repairs and renewals, cleaning and sundry expenses, insurances, heating and lighting, water charges and depreciation. Cash and bank balances as at 31 December 2018 were £24,863. Stapleford Community Association has indicated that these funds are earmarked towards ongoing maintenance projects and for unexpected emergencies.

The tenancy agreement for the Community Centre replaced the previous arrangement of charging a peppercorn rent. As part of the Council's aim to secure economic rents on its properties, the rent was assessed at £3,000 per annum. The Stapleford Community Association has suggested that it has only limited financial resources and would be unable to sustain a rental charge of this size.

The Council has previously supported Stapleford Community Association with grants towards its premises rental. The grants awarded in the past four years were as follows:

2017/18	£3,000
2016/17	£3,000
2015/16	£3,000
2014/15	£3,000

For 2018/19, Stapleford Community Association has requested a similar grant of £3,000 to cover the rental of the Community Centre on Cliffe Hill Avenue in Stapleford. This grant award would be for a period of one year and would have no effect on the Council's overall budget, with the award being matched in the Council's premises income budget.

#### 10. TOTON CORONATION HALL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Toton Coronation Hall Community Association is responsible for the management and operation of the Coronation Hall on Portland Road in Toton which opened in 1953.

The aim of the Association is to provide a social meeting place for Toton and the surrounding area. A variety of groups utilise the facilities for educational, recreational, leisure and sporting activities, including playgroups, keep fit clubs, uniform groups, senior citizen's groups, dance classes, martial arts clubs, family groups and parties. It is estimated that 200 people of all ages use the facilities on a weekly basis, with the majority being residents of the borough.

A new Committee was formed in March 2017 to oversee the operation of the Community Association. Since that time, there has been continued refurbishment of the Coronation Hall including redecoration, health and safety improvements, new curtains and blinds, stage curtains, new cooker and fridge and replacement furniture. There are still areas that require attention, but these are considered to be minor. The refurbishment has attracted a theatrical group to use the facilities for rehearsal and to provide tuition.

The Toton Coronation Hall Community Association has provided its annual accounts for the year ended 31 July 2018 for scrutiny. Income in the year amounted to £23,337 from hall hire and grant aid. Expenditure was inflated to £36,864 including repairs and refurbishment works (£21,321), rent, utilities, cleaning and repairs and maintenance. Cash and bank balances as at 31 July 2018 had fallen to £12,964. The Association indicated that reserves are earmarked towards the refurbishment and improvement of the premises.

The current tenancy agreement for the Coronation Hall replaced the earlier arrangement of charging a peppercorn rent. As part of the Council's aim to secure economic rents on its properties the annual rental is £7,000. The Toton Coronation Hall Community Association has suggested that it would be unable to sustain the tenancy with a rental charge of this size.

The Council has previously supported the Toton Coronation Hall Community Association with grant aid towards its premises rental with the grants awarded in the past four years being as follows:

2017/18	£7,000
2016/17	£7,000
2015/16	£7,000
2014/15	£7,000

For 2018/19, the Toton Coronation Hall Community Association has requested a grant of £7,000 to cover the market rental of the Coronation Hall. This grant award would be for a period of one year, with the potential award being matched by allowances within the premises income budget.

### **Disability Group Category**

#### 11. **BEESTON SHOPMOBILITY**

Beeston Shopmobility has been operating since June 2001 and is a registered charity. The aim of Beeston Shopmobility is to enable people with temporary or permanent mobility difficulties, the freedom of movement around Beeston town centre through the loan of disability aids, manual and powered wheel chairs and scooters. The scheme helps people with disabilities to lead more independent lives and often provides a welcome respite for carers. Mobility equipment can be used to access shops and services and enables users to socialise more frequently with friends in and around Beeston.

Beeston Shopmobility is run by a team of unpaid volunteers (11), some of whom are disabled. The scheme is open daily from Monday to Saturday every week throughout the year. The scheme currently has 92 registered users (including 13 new users) and provides benefit to an estimated 70 Broxtowe residents. The charity has 11 scooters and wheelchairs which can be hired for a charge of £1 per two hour hiring or £30 for a full week. There was around 1,000 hirings in the past year.

For the year ended 30 September 2018, Beeston Shopmobility generated income of £9,565 from grants and donations. Expenditure of £10,971 mainly related to premises costs, insurances and equipment repairs. Cash at bank and in hand at 30 September 2018 was £10,359. Beeston Shopmobility indicated that funds are earmarked towards a scooter replacement programme (around £1,200 each).

This Committee previously noted a report on Beeston Shopmobility on 12 October 2017. This related to the potential ongoing revenue implications of using previously approved capital funding to relocate Beeston Shopmobility from the Council owned Cavendish Lodge into Oban House on Chilwell Road in Beeston. Oban House is privately owned and is leased in its entirety to Voluntary Action Broxtowe (VAB). VAB partly supports its annual running and rental costs by sub-letting parts of the building to sub-tenants. Beeston Shopmobility is a sub-tenant at Oban House, paying an all-in rental of around £7,000 per annum. Beeston Shopmobility completed the move to Oban House in January 2018. Whilst these premises provide a much more suitable location for their operations, Beeston Shopmobility states that it only has limited financial resources and is unable to sustain a rental charge of this size.



The Council has supported Beeston Shopmobility for many years with the grants awarded in the past four years being as follows:

2017/18	£14,500 (including £6,000 internal rent)
2016/17	£9,650 (including £8,150 internal rent)
2015/16	£9,650 (including £8,150 internal rent)
2014/15	£9,650 (including £8,150 internal rent)

For 2018/19, Beeston Shopmobility has requested a grant of £8,500 for the cost of annual rental of premises at Oban House (£7,000) and insurance cover (£1,500). Any award for these costs will have to be funded from the existing grant aid budget. Members should note that the grant aid policy requires that grant awards of £5,000 or above may be subject to a Service Level Agreement.

### **Uniformed Groups Category**

#### **12. 2<sup>ND</sup> BEESTON SEA SCOUTS**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Beeston Sea Scouts was established in 1928 and is based at Lilac Grove in Beeston. The group serves the South West Notts Scout District, including Attenborough, Beeston South, Beeston Rylands and Wollaton. It currently has 105 members (including 80 junior members) with the majority living in the Borough.

The aim of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Beeston Sea Scouts is to provide scouting activities, under the policy and rules of the Scout Association, with the speciality of water based activities such as canoeing, kayaking, rowing and sailing. The main activities of the group attempt to develop young people in life skills in many areas of physical, social and mental development. Water activities are held at the base on the River Trent at Barton Island.

For the year ended 31 December 2017, 2<sup>nd</sup> Beeston Sea Scouts generated receipts of £23,964 from subscriptions, grants (including £2,500 from the Scout Association), donations, fundraising activities and the sale of an asset. Total payments amounted to £17,180 and included premises expenses, such as heating and lighting and repairs and renewals, boat maintenance, cost of scouting activities, purchase of equipment and capitation.

The cash and bank balances at 31 December 2017 increased to £15,240, of which £10,200 is earmarked towards a new headquarters building fund.

As part of the Council's aim to secure economic rents on its properties, the rental of the Lilac Grove premises was assessed at £1,750 per annum. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Beeston Sea Scouts suggests that it has only limited financial resources and would be unable to sustain a rental charge of this size.

The Council has regularly supported the 2<sup>nd</sup> Beeston Sea Scouts with grant aid towards its rental obligations. The grants awarded in the past four years were as follows:

2017/18	£1,750
2016/17	£1,750
2015/16	£1,750
2014/15	£1,750

For 2018/19 the 2<sup>nd</sup> Beeston Sea Scouts has requested a similar grant of £1,750 to cover the market rental of the Lilac Grove premises. This grant award would be for a period of one year and would have no effect on the Council's overall budget, with the potential award being matched by allowances within the premises income budget.

13. 2<sup>ND</sup> KIMBERLEY SCOUT GROUP

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Kimberley Scout Group was established in 1955 and is based in Council owned premises at Kettlebrook Lodge on Eastwood Road in Kimberley. The Group has over 200 members (both junior members and voluntary helpers) generated from Kimberley and the surrounding areas.

The aim of the Group is to provide activities within the Scout Association organisation. The Group is responsible for the maintenance and up-keep of Kettlebrook Lodge as a community venue. The facilities are currently utilised by the Scouts and Guides organisation, a pre-school playgroup, as a blood donor centre and for other events and functions. It is estimated that over 4,000 people use the facilities every year.

The latest accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 showed receipts of £29,794 being generated from subscriptions (less capitation), donations, grants, hire of hall, fundraising and other activities. Payments amounted to £29,596, which included premises expenses (rent, heating, lighting, repairs and maintenance), cleaning and caretaking, cost of activities and fundraising events and other expenses. The General Fund is represented by cash and bank balances, which at 31 March 2017 amounted to £10,796. This money is earmarked towards repairs, new lighting and other improvements to Kettlebrook Lodge, including development of land at the rear of the building.

The tenancy agreement for Kettlebrook Lodge replaced a previous arrangement of charging a peppercorn rent. As part of the Council's aim to secure market rental on its properties, the annual rent was assessed at £6,500. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Kimberley Scout Group has suggested that it would be unable to sustain a rental charge of this size.

The Council has previously supported 2<sup>nd</sup> Kimberley Scout Group with grant aid towards its rental obligations. The grants awarded in the past four years were as follows:

2017/18	£6,500
2016/17	£6,500
2015/16	£6,500
2014/15	£6,500

The Council also supported 2<sup>nd</sup> Kimberley Scout Group with £5,000 of capital funding in April 2018 for the full cost of replacing the boiler at Kettlebrook Lodge, with the Council's officers also providing technical support in the process of assessing the scheme and evaluating quotations.

For 2018/19 the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kimberley Scout Group has requested a grant of £6,500 to cover the market rental of Kettlebrook Lodge. This grant would be for a period of one year and would be matched by allowances within the premises income budget and therefore leave the Council's overall budget unchanged.

#### 14. 5<sup>TH</sup> STAPLEFORD SCOUT GROUP

The 5<sup>th</sup> Stapleford Scout Group was established in 1964 and is based at Stapleford House on Wesley Place in Stapleford. The group currently has 87 members of all ages (scouts, cubs, beavers, leaders and voluntary helpers), the majority of whom are residents of Stapleford and Bramcote.

The aim of the group is to provide activities within the scout association organisation. The group provides an interest for local children aged between 6 and 14 years to experience new adventures, learn new team and individual skills required for scouting activities, play new games and meet new friends. The group are also supported by the local community at regular fundraising events such as jumble sales and fairs.

For the year ended 28 February 2018, receipts of £15,637 were generated from subscriptions, grants, donations and fundraising and other activities. Payments amounted to £14,113 and included membership fees, equipment, premises expenses such as rent, heating, lighting, repairs and maintenance and the cost of activities and fundraising events. Cash and bank balances as at 28 February 2018 amounted to £11,778.

The group have occupied the first floor at Stapleford House since September 2014. The tenancy agreement reflects the Council's aim of securing economic rents on its properties, with the annual rent of the accommodation assessed at £4,500. The 5<sup>th</sup> Stapleford Scout Group only has limited financial resources and suggests that it would be unable to sustain a rental charge of this size.

The Council has regularly supported the 5<sup>th</sup> Stapleford Scout Group with grant aid towards its rental obligations. The grants awarded in the past four years were as follows:

2017/18	£4,500
2016/17	£4,500
2015/16	£4,500
2014/15	£4,500

For 2018/19 the 5<sup>th</sup> Stapleford Scout Group has requested a grant of £4,500 to cover the annual market rental of the accommodation at Stapleford House. This potential grant award would be for a period of one year and would have no effect on the Council's overall budget, with the award being matched in the Council's premises income budget.

**Miscellaneous**15. **BROXTOWE PLAY FORUM**

Broxtowe Play Forum was established in 1983 and is based in Council owned premises at Montrose Court in Stapleford. Broxtowe Play Forum generates the majority of its membership from the borough with 130 local member groups using the facilities provided, supporting over 3,000 children and young people.

The primary aim of Broxtowe Play Forum is to support and encourage play in the borough and the group achieves this by providing play resources for children's groups. Broxtowe Play Forum also organises meetings at its premises, provides office services and craft workshop facilities and offers reasonably priced art and craft materials for sale in its play resource centre.

It is open to the general public on a Wednesday, holding a card making club for adults. Broxtowe Play Forum has also attended local play days and events in partnership with the Arts and Events team.

For the financial year ended 31 March 2018 income totalling £18,536 was generated from grants, membership fees, equipment hire and resource sales. Major grants received were from Nottinghamshire County Council (£9,000) and this Council. Total expenditure amounted to £9,931 and included purchase of resource sales, rent, utilities and general running costs. There were no employee costs in the year, with the former full-time resource worker having been made redundant. Total bank and cash funds as at 31 March 2018 had increased to £21,351.

Broxtowe Play Forum has occupied units at Montrose Court in Stapleford since 2014. As part of the Council's aim to secure market rental on its properties, the annual rent for the premises was assessed at £5,500. The group has limited financial resources and would be unable to sustain a rental charge of this size.

The Council has supported Broxtowe Play Forum for many years with grants towards the cost of its rent obligations. The sums awarded in the past four years were as follows:

2017/18	£5,500
2016/17	£5,500
2015/16	£5,500
2014/15	£5,500

For 2018/19, Broxtowe Play Forum has requested a similar grant of £5,500 towards the cost of its rent obligations. This grant would be for a period of one year and would be matched by allowances within the premises income budget and therefore leave the Council's overall budget unchanged.

16. GREASLEY GATHERING

A grant application has been received from the organising committee of the Greasley Gathering for assistance towards the costs of a free family fun-day multi-venue event in the parish of Greasley to be held on Bank Holiday Monday, 27 May 2019.

The Greasley Gathering event has been taking place since 2013, having been born out of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Greasley the previous year. The event is hugely popular with around 1,800 people attending, with the 2018 event benefitting from good weather. There were attractions all across the parish including local pubs, Colliers' Wood, Beauvale Priory, Greasley Church and Craft Fair, with the main hub being based at the Greasley Sports and Community Centre. The group organises transport (London buses) to enable everyone to get around the other venues.

The aim of the event is to strengthen local identity and mirror the wide cultural appeal of a community event, as successfully developed at the Hemlock Happening in Bramcote. The project is community driven giving voluntary organisations the perfect opportunity to showcase their work in the local community and hopefully recruit new members. It is also considered to be a platform for agencies to promote their services and plans for the future. The event has an organising committee, which includes the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. All committee members reside in the Parish of Greasley.

The 2018 the programme offered a variety of activities, including rides around the parish in London buses, children's magician, dog agility displays, Nottingham Youth Jazz Combo, face painting, climbing Wall, Miner's Cave at Collier's Wood, The Racing Room, creation stations, Stormtroopers, Pulp Friction, Glee Choir, Rock 'n Soul singers, Friends of Collier's Wood, classic cars, Beauvale Priory (entertainment and beer festival), Scarecrow Trail, Greasley Church and craft fair, barbeque and music at local public houses and charity stalls. There were also inflatables and numerous charity and funfair stalls selling products as well as catering facilities. Warburtons Bakery provided teacakes and crumpets, which were sold in the refreshment area.

The financial statements provided by the Greasley Gathering for scrutiny related to the 2018 event. These show generated receipts of £3,941 relating to grants (including this Council and a reduced cash grant from Greasley Parish Council who provided their facilities for free), donations, stallholders and event day takings. The total spend was £4,646 for entertainment, transport hire, refreshments, printing and advertising and prizes. The deficit was taken from cash and bank balances which had reduced to £1,826.

Planning is well underway for 2019 to ensure another fun-filled event with plenty of new things to do and see, as well as some of the established popular events. The projected cost for 2019 is around £4,000. Funding is required to make sure the necessary infrastructure is in place to cover the increased cost of stewards and entertainers as well as matters such as publicity.

With a reduced budget the organisers have had to cut down on some of the more expensive providers and will try to resource more locally based entertainments.

The Greasley Gathering has requested financial backing of £1,000 to help with the running costs of the event. The group does raise money through raffles, refreshments sales and seeking sponsorship from local businesses as well as appealing for donations. However these do not cover the total expense for the day especially when entertainment is bought in to ensure that there is a variety of activities for families, especially children, to enjoy.

The initiative by The Greasley Gathering to organise and provide funding to a local event is commended. The value of these events, which are self-contained and do not require the direct involvement of this Council, is a sustainable way to develop new community initiatives.

This is the sixth application that the Council has received from the Greasley Gathering with grants of £1,000 being awarded on each occasion. For 2018/19 the group has requested a grant of £1,000 to contribute towards the cost of organising the 2019 event.

## APPENDIX 2

Delegated Awards

A summary of the grants awarded under delegated authority since October 2018 is included below. The Council's policy in respect of grant aid to voluntary organisations is to award the amount requested by the organisation or the maximum specified whichever is the lower. Additional consideration is given to groups who can demonstrate that they are meeting the particular needs of disadvantaged sections of the community.

All requests under the revised delegated limit of £250 are considered under delegated authority, in conjunction with the Chair of this Committee. This includes applications from individuals involved with sport and the arts.

This Committee determines all requests for grants in excess of the £250 maximum.

Groups

Group	Total No. of Members	No. of Broxtowe Residents	Grant Award in 2017/18	Grant Award in 2018/19	Purpose of Grant Award
Attenborough Friendship Group	36	36	£100	£100	General running costs.
Brinsley Bowls Club	24	14	Nil	£100	Match and land fees

Individuals

Name	Grant Award in 2018/19	Purpose of Grant Award
Luca Lacovara	£200	Shotokan Karate – Contribution towards the cost of competing in the Shotokan Karate SKIF World Championships in July 2019.

**APPENDIX 3****Broxtowe Lotto****Background**

Members will recall that the establishment of a local lottery for Broxtowe was agreed by this Committee on 15 February 2018.

The Broxtowe Lotto was launched in August 2018 and has operated successfully since. Further details relating to its operation is available on the website at <https://www.broxtowe.gov.uk/for-you/community-living/broxtowe-lotto/> and on its own dedicated website at <https://www.broxtowelotto.co.uk/>.

**Progress**

There are currently 24 'good causes' participating in the scheme. The good causes received 50p of every £1 ticket sold, with the anticipated money raised for these good causes in a year likely to be around £15,700. This is estimated as the number of ticket sales can change on a weekly basis. The actual money raised so far for the good causes (excluding the Community Fund below) is over £4,700.

A further 10p of each ticket sold is returned to the Council for distribution through a 'Community Fund'. So far, the actual monies generated for the Community Fund is around £1,700, although the annual sum estimated to be received is £2,900. These monies will be rolled forward into 2019/20 when this Committee will have opportunity to distribute sums in accordance with the principles of the grant aid policy.

The Lotto has seen 41 winners, most of whom received three free tickets, although seven lucky players each won £25.

The Council is looking for more good causes to support through the Lotto. The Commercial Manager is meeting with Voluntary Action Broxtowe to use its channels to promote the Lotto.