

GRANTS POLICY FOR SLALEY PARISH COUNCIL August 2020

Slaley Parish Council will consider making grants to groups and organisations that are based in the Parish or whose activities are available and significantly useful to people who live in the Parish. The deadline for applications for the following year is the end of September.

What will we give grants for?

- Running Costs
- Capital Spending
- One-off Events

Who is eligible?

- Not-for profit clubs and groups
- Temporary groups running one-off events
- Not-for-profit independent community services
- BENCOMs & CICs

If an application is eligible, we will apply the following criteria in deciding whether to award a grant:

1. Financial need

- Is the grant needed to maintain or enhance the activity of the group?
- Is the grant needed for the start up of a new group, or for pump-priming for other grant applications?

2. Value to the community

- How many people in the Parish use the group or service, or is it of particular value to a particular sector of the community such as people with special needs?
- Is the group or its services available to everyone in the Parish?
- Is there evidence of substantial community support for the activity or equipment for which the grant is requested?

3. The Parish Precept

The Parish Council's money comes from the precept - a supplement to the council tax paid specifically by taxpayers in the parish. So any grant awarded by the PC is paid for by all the council tax payers in the parish. The PC will have to be satisfied that any grant it awards will not have an excessive effect on the size of the parish precept.

Written applications should address the above criteria and in particular supply the following information:

- Groups that keep full financial accounts should make the most recent year's balance sheet and profit and loss account available, which should not be more than 12 months old.
- Groups that do not keep full, formal accounts should describe their financial situation as fully as possible and provide details such as membership or user numbers.
- Please note that if you do not have a group bank account it will not be possible for the Parish Council to pay a grant to you - it will be necessary for the PC to directly pay for, say, room rent or equipment on your behalf.

Grant renewals

The Parish Council will automatically review each year grants awarded in the previous year and decide whether to invite further applications from the same bodies. If applications are invited for grant renewals, the same criteria as above will be applied and up to date financial information will be requested.

The points made in this Policy were agreed at the Annual Parish Council meeting on.....

Signed Chairman of the meeting