

POLICY 137 Grants

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 Section 137, Treverbyn Parish Council sets aside a sum of money which offers grants/donations bi-annually which can be applied for by local organisations for projects which will be of benefit to residents within the Parish of Treverbyn. This policy document sets out procedure for grants and donations under Section 137 of the above Act with its aims of ensuring open, transparent support to recognised 'not for profit' community groups.

Eligibility

- Be established for charitable, benevolent, social, cultural or recreational benefits to the local community.
- Have a constitution or set of rules which defines the aims and objectives and operational procedures.
- Be able to provide a copy of the latest audited accounts with a bank account normally operated by more than one signatory.
- The Council will only consider applications from individuals in exceptional circumstances.
- The Council will not support applications for day to day revenue expenditure but will consider small scale capital expenditure for the purchase of specialised equipment.
- Only one grant will be awarded per calendar year unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Application Procedure

The Council gives consideration of applications at the Parish Council meetings at the end of May and October. Applications must be submitted on the Council's application form to the Clerk at least 21 days prior to the meeting. All applications must be accompanied with an up to date set of accounts and any supportive evidence to assist in the evaluation of the application.

Conditions of Support

- Applications must state clearly the purpose for which the grant is to be used. The grant must be used only for the purpose stated on the application.
- Funding must be spent within the same financial year.
- The Council reserves the right to visit the project or activity to fully comprehend the aims of the project. The Council may request the applicant (s) to make a presentation outlining the proposed project and explain the benefits accruing to the local community should the award of the grant be successful.

After Receipt of the Grant

- Evidence of the benefit to the community from the grant must be submitted to the Council within 12 months of the award.
- Organisations awarded grants for specific capital expenditure must produce proof of that expenditure within 12 months of the award. Any grant not spent must be returned to the Council.
- The Parish Council's support would like to be acknowledged in any publicity material.

TREVERBYN PARISH COUNCIL

Policy on Grants under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972

This Policy sets out the Parish Council's procedure with reference to the award of Section 137 grants and donations.

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