

## ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Report to	COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting date	7 June 2022
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Agenda item	10

## GRANTS DETERMINATIONS

### 1. Purpose of this report

1.1 Presentation of the grant applications received for approval.

### 2. Summary

2.1 The following grant applications have been received for consideration by the Committee:

Abingdon Church Twinning Committee	£250
Friends of Abingdon Civic Society	£1,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,500</b>

2.2 Your officers have assessed each of the applications against the council's objectives. The grant scoring sheet for each application is attached.

2.3 No grants have been awarded in 2022-23 so the budget available in the annual community grants fund (406/4886) is £20,000.

### 3. Action required

3.1 Members are requested to determine these grant applications.

### 4. Link to strategic plan and objectives

4.1 The objective being met is: 'To work with community partners to support those who are vulnerable and in need and to create opportunities to increase social inclusivity.'

5. **Background**

5.1 The applicants have previously been awarded the following grants by the town council. Where the full amount applied for was not awarded, the amount which was applied for is shown in brackets.

**Abingdon Church Twinning Society**

August 2019	£150	Hosting visitors
<u>Total awarded</u>	<u>£150</u>	

**Friends of Abingdon Civic Society:**

May 2013	£600	Heritage Open Days
June 2014	£600	Heritage Open Days
March 2015	£750	Community Shop project
June 2015	£700	Heritage Open Days
May 2016	£700 (£900)	Heritage Open Days
Feb 2017	£1,000	Contribution - Community Free Space
May 2017	£700	Contribution - Heritage Open Day
Feb 2018	£800 (£1,000)	Contribution - Community Free Space
Feb 2019	£1,000 (£1,165)	Contribution - Community Free Space
May 2019	£900	Contribution - Heritage weekend
Sept 2020	£800 (£1,000)	Contribution - Heritage weekend
March 2022	£1,500	Abingdon Platinum Jubilee Walks
<u>Total awarded</u>	<u>£9,350</u>	

6. **Key information and options**

6.1 Members are required to consider the grant applications and choose one of the following options for each grant application:

- (i) Award the grant request in full
- (ii) Award partial amount of the grant request
- (iii) Refuse the grant request and confirm reason for this decision
- (iv) Request further information from applicant and defer decision to future meeting.

6.2 The table below compares the applications:

Applicant	Project	Total cost of project	Grant applied for	Total score	Score to grant applied for
<b>Abingdon Churches Twinning Society</b>	Hosting visits from twin towns	£950	£250	6/28	$6/250 \times 100 = 2.4$
<b>Friends of Abingdon Civic Society</b>	Heritage weekends	£1,575	£1,250	12/28	$12/1,575 \times 100 = 0.76$

6.3 The intention of calculating the **score to grant applied for** is to allow a comparison which considers both the financial request and the ways in which the project can meet the aims and objectives of the council. A higher score suggests that the grant offers better value for money than a lower scoring application.

7. **Climate change/green implications**

7.1 As part of the Grant Scoring process the green implications of each application are considered and are reflected in the final scorings. Neither application demonstrates any positive or negative impacts on the climate emergency.

8. **Financial/budget implications**

8.1 The budget for community grants for 2022-23 is £20,000 (406/4886) and no grants have been awarded this year. Councillors are advised that any unspent element of the budget at the end of the civic year shall be transferred to the general fund and will not be available to fund any further community grants.

9. **HR implications**

9.1 None.

10. **Supporting papers and appendices**

10.1 Abingdon Churches Twinning Society application form

10.2 The Friends of Abingdon Civic Society application form

10.3 Grant Scoring Criteria

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