

ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Report to	COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting date	12 July 2022
Report author	Community Services and Events Officer
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:

Friends of Carswell School	£10,000
Total	£10,000

2.2 Your officers have assessed each of the applications against the council's objectives and a grant scoring sheet for the application is provided with this report.

2.3 The remaining budget available in the annual community grants fund (406/4886) for 2022-23 is £18,500.

3. Action required

3.1 Members are requested to determine this grant application.

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.'

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5. **Background**

5.1 The applicant has previously been awarded the following grant by the town council.

May 2017	£630	Towards shortfall in funding for educational programme at Carswell School
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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 summarises the application:

Applicant	Project	Total cost of project	Grant applied for	Total score	Score to grant applied for
Friends of Carswell School	Replacement of astro turf pitch	£60,000	£10,000	10/28	$10/10000 \times 100 = 0.1$

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. For comparison, the grants awarded at the meeting on 7 June 2022 had scores of 0.76 and 2.4.

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), of which £1,500 has been used 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.

8.2 There are four more meetings of the Community Committee scheduled for the municipal year 2022-23 and if this grant was awarded in full the remaining community grants budget for this year would be £8,500.

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9. **HR implications**

9.1 None.

10. **Supporting papers and appendices**

10.1 Friends of Carswell School application form

10.2 Grant Scoring Criteria

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