

# ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Report to	COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting date	6 September 2022
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## 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:

Clean Slate	£500
30 <sup>th</sup> Abingdon Scouts	£5,000
Racial Justice Campaign	£1,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>£7,000</b>

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

2.3 The remaining budget available in the annual community grants fund (406/4886) for 2022-23 is £14,500.

### 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.'

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5. **Background**

5.1 One of the applicants has previously been awarded the following grant by the town council:

**Clean Slate**

September 2017      £500      Listening and support to victims of sexual, physical and emotional abuse

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 (score/grant applied for x 100)
<b>Clean Slate</b>	Funding for courses for victims of domestic abuse	£18,000	£500	12/28	$12/500 \times 100 = 2.4$
<b>30<sup>th</sup> Abingdon Scouts</b>	New scout hut to replace an old one which is no longer fit for purpose	£39,837	£5,000	5/28	$5/5000 \times 100 = 0.1$
<b>Racial Justice Campaign</b>	Funding for a three day exhibition to celebrate the history, culture and contribution of people of African heritage	£3,250	£1,500	17/20	$17/1500 \times 100 = 1.13$

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.

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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 £5,500 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 three more meetings of the Community Committee scheduled for the municipal year 2022-23 and if these grants were awarded in full the remaining community grants budget for this year would be £7,500.

9. **HR implications**

9.1 None.

10. **Supporting papers and appendices**

10.1 Clean Slate application form

10.2 Clean Slate grant scoring criteria spreadsheet

10.3 30<sup>th</sup> Abingdon Scouts application form

10.4 30<sup>th</sup> Abingdon Scouts grant scoring criteria spreadsheet

10.5 Racial Justice Group application form

10.6 Racial Justice Group grant scoring criteria spreadsheet

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