

ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Report to	Community Committee
Meeting date	9 July 2024
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Agenda item	6a

GRANTS DETERMINATION REPORT

1. Purpose of this report

1.1 Presentation of grant applications received for consideration by the committee.

2. Summary

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

Abingdon and District Model Railway Club	£2,170
Enrych	£1,000
Total	£3,170

2.2 The applications have been assessed against the council's objectives and grant scoring sheets for each application are provided with this report.

2.3 The remaining budget available in the annual community grants fund (406/4886) for 2024-25 is £21,300.

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 grants by the town council as follows:

Enrych	
2019-20	£500
2021-22	£1,000

Abingdon and District Model Railway Club has not applied to the town council for a community grant before.

6. **Key information and options**

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

- (i) Award the grant requested in full;
- (ii) Award a partial amount of the grant requested;
- (iii) Refuse the grant request and confirm the reason for this decision;
- (iv) Request further information from the applicant and defer a decision to a 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)
Abingdon and District Model Railway Club	New access ramp and defibrillator	£2,711	£2,170		$\frac{7}{2170} \times 100 = 0.32$
Enrych	Support for people with disabilities	£73,500	£1,000	11	$\frac{11}{1000} \times 100 = 1.1$

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.

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.

8. **Financial/budget implications**

- 8.1 The budget for community grants for 2024-25 is £30,000 (406/4886), of which £8,700 has been used this year. 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 If the grant(s) is/are awarded in full the remaining community grant budget for this year would be £18,130.

9. **HR implications**

- 9.1 None.

10. **Supporting papers and appendices**

- 10.1 Application form
- 10.2 Grant scoring criteria spreadsheet

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