

Beckermet with Thornhill Parish Council

Grants Policy

As adopted by the full Council, 18/07/2012

1. Introduction.

Beckermet Parish Council will set a budget each year for grants to organisations and groups that undertake work or provide services of benefit to the Parish and its residents.

Only in very exceptional cases will the Parish Council consider providing any grants to organisations or groups operating outside the Parish boundaries unless they can demonstrate that their work directly benefits the Parish or its residents.

All requests for grants will be considered and assessed against the criteria outlined in this policy.

Applicants will be required to provide details of any funding already received, along with any pending or other proposed grant applications to other organisations/bodies.

All applications must be made using the Councils application form.

All decisions relating to grants will be made by the full Council.

2. Criteria for eligibility.

Grants will only be made to charitable, voluntary and other non-profit-making organisations or groups.

No grant will be awarded to or for any commercial venture for private gain.

Organisations and groups must have a basic constitution or agreed set of rules governing the way they conduct their business, and their actions must be able to be scrutinised by their members.

Grants will not normally be made towards the general running costs, salaries consumables etc, of a group or organisation.

Grants will not normally be made for work already undertaken.

Applicants should be able to demonstrate how any grant will benefit the Parish or its residents.

Only in very exceptional circumstances will the Council consider more than one request from a group or organisation for financial assistance in the form of a donation or grant in any one Council financial year.

3. Additional notes.

*The **maximum** grant/s for any applicants in any one financial year of the Council will not exceed £1000.00. However the Council reserves the right to waive this maximum at its discretion in very exceptional circumstances.*

Normally the Council will try and support a number of groups / organisations within the limits of its grants and donations budget rather than one applicant.

The Council may require a detailed breakdown to ensure any monies approved represent the best value for money.