

Lanchester Parish Council

Grant Awarding Policy

1. Policy Statement

A Grant is any payment made by the Council to be used by an organisation for a specific purpose in the furtherance of the wellbeing of the local community, either generally or for a specific purpose, and which is not directly controlled or administered by the Council.

2. Introduction

Lanchester Parish Council awards grants at its discretion to community organisations which can demonstrate a clear need for financial support to provide benefits to Lanchester Parish by:

- Providing a service
- Enhancing the quality of life
- Improving the environment
- Promoting Lanchester in a positive way

3. Organisation and Locality

Applications will only be accepted from charitable, voluntary or non-profit making organisations

Applications cannot be accepted from individuals

Organisations should be local to Lanchester Parish, or if outside the boundary, its work should be of benefit to the Parish and its residents.

National appeals are with limited exceptions outside of the scope of the Council's grant scheme.

The Council is unable to give financial assistance to organisations operating overseas or to a fund established to help persons outside the UK.

4. Process

All applications should be on the Council's application form (attached A).

Applicants will be required to submit a copy of the last years accounts with the application form.

Applicants will be required to submit a copy of their constitution with the application form.

All applications will be considered at an Ordinary meeting of the Council, normally in March.

All applications must demonstrate clearly how the grant will be of benefit to the local community within the Parish.

5. General Conditions

The Council will make the decision on which grants to award.

Each application will be assessed on its own merits and will be considered along with other applications submitted.

Organisations will not automatically be written to on the basis of previous expressions of interest.

Ongoing commitments to award grants or subsidies in future years will not be made. A fresh application will be required each year.

The Council may take into account the amount and frequency of awards in previous years.

The Council may make the award of any grant subject to such additional conditions and requirements as it considers appropriate.

Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Council from exercising at any time, its existing duty or power in respect of providing financial assistance or grants to local or national organisations through the General Power of Competence.