

## REPORT TO THE FINANCE, EMPLOYMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE



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<b>Subject</b>	<b>Small Grant Applications</b>

### PURPOSE:

1. To provide details of the Small Grant Applications that have been received for the Committees consideration.

### BACKGROUND:

2. Colne Town Council has a commitment to encourage, support and promote local community, voluntary and not-for-profit organisations in Colne for the benefit of the Town.
3. The Town Council currently operates three different grant schemes as follows:
  - Small Grant Scheme
  - Climate Change Grant Scheme
  - Nature Reserve Grant Scheme
4. Colne Town Council has adopted a Small Grants Policy that is reviewed regularly. (Please see Appendix 1 for details)
5. The agreed budget for the financial year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 includes a total of £6,500 collectively for Climate Change and Community Projects, and a top up to £15,000 for the Nature Reserve Grant.
6. The grants awarded are normally restricted to £1,000 for Small Grants, £1,500 for Climate Change Grants and £5,000 for Nature Reserve Grants, however these limits may be lifted at the Committees discretion.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

7. Please find information relating to the Grant Applications that have been received below:
  - Colne Citadel – Colne Citadel are a charity centre in the middle of Colne Town Centre that aim to reduce social isolation and improve wellbeing by providing many different, diverse low cost or free interventions. The Citadel are requesting a total of £1,000 towards a £7,250 project to make improvements to their building to help provide a safe warm space for their service users, to reduce energy costs and to ensure continuity over

the next few years.

- Colne Football Club – The Football Club situated up at Holt House is in the process of applying for a grant to replace the floodlights which are about 15 years beyond their lifespan. The Club are requesting a total of £1,000 towards the project and are hoping to get approximately £2,000 from Colne Area Committee.
- Colne Junior Council – Colne Junior Council was formed in 2023 and consists of a group of 9–11-year-old pupils representing their respective School Councils that are passionate about the areas in which they live and are wanting to make a positive contribution to their local communities. The Junior Council has just chosen a logo and is now requesting £750 representing 50% of the project cost, to provide signage for the school receptions, badges for Members of the Junior Council and a budget to allow for promotion via social media and newsletters.
- Colne Gala Committee – Colne Gala is a free family fun day which takes place annually and includes a street procession, fairground, staged events, charity stalls and children’s attractions. The event will be held on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The Gala Committee is requesting a total of £3,500 towards an expected total cost of £8,640 for the event. This will help to pay for the required road closure and road safety services, and some help towards funding entertainment provision.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

8. The requested funding comes to a total of £6,250, which is within budget, however it would leave only £250 for the remainder of the year.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

9. That Members consider the applications received and come to a consensus on which projects the Town Council will agree to support.

#### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

10. Town Council Members have shown a commitment to encourage, support and promote local community, voluntary and not-for-profit organisations in Colne for the benefit of the Town.

#### **SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS:**

11. Four grant applications have been received for the 2024-25 financial year and the FES Committee has delegated authority to make the decision of which projects to support.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

12. One of the grant applications received will require Members discretion to waive the upper funding limit which is currently in place.

**DETAILS OF CONSULTATION:**

13. None

**SUPPORTING PAPERS:**

- Appendix 1 - CTC Grants Policy

FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: Gina Langley