

REPORT TO THE FINANCE, EMPLOYMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE



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Subject	Small Grant Applications

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 1st April 2025 includes a total of £6,375 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 Dramatic Society – The Colne Dramatic Society have requested a grant for £1,000 to help fund the repair works required to the roof of the Little Theatre. Match funding is available and a quotation for the works has been seen. Total project cost £12,350.

- The Waterside Millennium Green Trust – The Trust have requested an amount of £1,000 to help with funding a free family friendly event on Saturday, 28th June 2025 from 11am – 8pm in the central space of the Millenium Green to include: A big top music tent for DJs, Gazebos for children’s crafts and community stalls, circus equipment and games. Total project cost is estimated to be £2,800.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

8. The requested funding comes to a total of £2,000, which is within budget, and would leave £4,375 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. Two grant applications have been received for the 2025-26 financial year and the FES Committee has delegated authority to make the decision of which projects to support.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

12. None

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION:

13. None

SUPPORTING PAPERS:

- Appendix 1 - CTC Grants Policy

FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: Gina Langley