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DRAETHEN, WATERLOO & RUDRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

POLICY ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/GRANTS

The Community Council Grant Scheme is made available through Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. Section 137 states that any financial assistance awarded must bring direct benefit to a local authority's area or any part of it or some of its inhabitants.

Subject to funding being available, Draethen, Waterloo & Rudry (DWR) Community Council is committed to providing assistance and support to local community groups which are set up to promote community life for DWR residents. DWR Community Council's financial support is provided by way of grants which are decided against criteria set and which can be amended from time to time by the Community Council.

DWR Community Council is committed to following best practice in grant giving in order to provide sustainable funding and support to voluntary and community groups whilst providing value for money for local taxpayers and ensuring that public money is spent in a responsible manner.

In order for this Community Council to be able to assess applications rationally and objectively, many of which will inevitably be totally dissimilar in content, it is both necessary and helpful to assess all/any applications received against a range of criteria. These are designed to be a general indication of need but are not exclusive and can be flexibly applied.

The Community Council's policy on community grants is based on the principle of promoting the development of partnerships which encourage and enable local community organisations to deliver local projects to the residents of Draethen, Waterloo and Rudry. In general, the following principles apply:-

- Assistance will be given on the basis of need, merit and contribution to the local community
- Applicants must clearly show how any assistance given will benefit the people living in Draethen, Waterloo and Rudry
- Any assistance given will be subject to ongoing monitoring and subsequent evaluation of the outcome of the grant within 12 months of grant receipt
- Organisations should not make a presumption that funding will continue on a year to year basis

AIMS OF DWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S GRANT MAKING POLICY

DWR Community Council provides grant funding to support the following aims:-

- To enable local people to participate in voluntary groups and activities
- To help the Community Council's voluntary groups to improve their effectiveness
- To ensure the provision of services need by the Community Council's residents via the voluntary sector
- To support organisations which meet the needs of people experiencing social and economic difficulties
- To ensure that there is equality of access and opportunity for all Draethen, Waterloo and Rudry residents to the services it provides and funds
- To improve or enhance the local environment
- To achieve value for money

The Community Council defines a voluntary group as a non-profit making organisation, set up and run by a voluntary, unpaid management committee.

DWR Community Council Grants Policy 2019/20