

**BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**

AK/2020

10<sup>th</sup> March 2020

REPORT TO TOWN COUNCILLORS

AGENDA ITEM 16 – VE DAY – GRANT FUNDING

AIM

1. *To provide an update on the recipients of the VE Day Grant Funding.*

BACKGROUND

2. At the Town Council meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Members **RESOLVED To make grant funding available to Bridgnorth community groups and organisations to contribute to events that seek to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day.**

And

**To form a panel of 3 to consider and approve any such grant funding applications** (The panel to include the current Chair and Deputy Chair of the Town Council's Events Committee) - Minute number 0313/1920 refers.

3. At their meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020, the Events and Christmas Committee then appointed Councillors S Barlow, S Stevens and Mrs V Hayward to the grants panel to consider and approve any such grant funding applications – minute number 0386/1920 refers.
4. £2,000 of grant funding would be available.
5. Advertisement of the funding was published on the Town Council website and social media shortly after the meeting.
6. The closing date for expressions of interest was 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

DISCUSSION/ COMMENT

7. Six applications were received; one of which was ineligible as they were outside the parish.
8. The grants panel considered each application and allocated the grant funding as follows:

Applicant	Use for Grant Funding	Funding Requested	Allocated Funding
Brown Clee Primary School	Event on school field	£500	Nil
Friends of Castlefields	3 hour VE Day storytelling workshop	£220	£200
Bridgnorth Bowling Club	Fancy dress bowls tournament followed by quizzes, songs and merriment	£250	£250
Castlecroft Gardens Residents Group	Open-Air 1940s themed street party	£300	£300
St. John's Catholic Primary School	Whole day WW2/VE Day theatre group with poetry	£845	£200
ReachOut Arts	Provide bespoke assemblies 1-1.5 hours) including learning of dances, songs and meeting characters	£500 per half day	Nil

9. The panel felt that the Bowling Club and Castlecroft Gardens Residents Group had captured the spirit of the grant funding with their expressions of interest (flag waving, merriment, community spirit).
10. The two schools would be offered £200 each to cover the cost of a workshop/assembly type event for their own students.
11. As a commercial enterprise, it was felt that ReachOut Arts were not suitable recipients on this occasion and it may be that one of the existing applicants may use their services with their own grant funding.
12. Total awarded grant funding was £950 leaving £1050 which could be rebid for.
13. Grant applicants had been contacted to advise them of their awarded funds and a cheque to each recipient would be raised for Council approval.

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