

**BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY 21 June 2022**

LJ/2022

12<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**Grant Recommendation Report**

AGENDA ITEM 10 – Grant Applications

AIM

1. To consider any grant applications received since the previous Town Council Meeting.

BACKGROUND

2. The Town Council has a policy on Grant Applications.
3. All grant applications whether recommended or not are to be placed on the Town Council agenda.
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5. The complete applications will be distributed to councillors separately as they include copies of bank statements or personalised data that are not considered appropriate to be in the public domain.

DISCUSSION

One grant application has been received:

6. Bridgnorth Dry Bar Trust (registered charity 1041288). The grant request for £2,739 is 'To renovate and old storeroom to provide a private space for use in our mentoring programme for small group work and meetings.' The application appears to focus on providing some element of mental health support. The application includes a budget which identifies the costs anticipated for materials and specialist labour to host the activity. Some of the labour is being provided by staff and the manager.

7. The application does not obviously satisfy the crisis or hardship funding elements of the Town Council Grants Policy. The Dry Bar has been operating for many years and it does not appear to be suffering financially to carry out its current activities. However, the activity might be considered new/ novel (the Dry Bar advise that they have employed a part-time mentoring specialist) and the grant only seeks to provide for some initial capital costs for an 'extension of service'.

## FINANCIALS

8. The Town Council has a budget line (£25k) for grant funding - Grants Other (Cost Centre 120 Nominal Ledger 4800). The current balance available until 31 March 2023 stands at £19,710, a summary of expenditure (£5,290) in the current financial year is provided:

Activity/ Event	Grant Request Value	Town Council Minute reference	Amount Awarded
Jubilee Tea Party	£2,000.00	0352/2122	£2,000.00
Sustainable Bridgnorth	£500.00	0377/2122	£500.00
Crucial Crew	£1,290.00	0377/2122	£1,290.00
Twinning Association	£3,500.00	0022/2223	£1,500.00

The organisation appears to be suitably governed and has a specific purpose (see the documentation on the charity commission website: [Governance, THE BRIDGNORTH DRY BAR TRUST - 1041288, Register of Charities - The Charity Commission](#)).

## RECOMMENDATION

9. It is recommended that:
- The grant application of £2,379 submitted by the Bridgnorth Dry Bar Trust be considered by the Town Council.



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