

**BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

AP/2022  
25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022  
REPORT TO TOWN COUNCILLORS  
AGENDA ITEM 9 – GRANT APPLICATION

AIM

1. To discuss the grant application received from the Haydn Festival Trust.

BACKGROUND

2. The Town Council has a policy on grant applications with the following eligibility criteria:

1. *Applications should demonstrate a need for seed, crisis, or hardship funding.*
2. *Applications should contain sufficient information to allow an objective decision to be reached by the Town Council.*
3. *Applications should be for local community groups.*
4. *Where applications will also benefit non-Bridgnorth residents, evidence should exist that demonstrates other sources of appropriate funding are being or have been pursued.*
5. *Applications should not be considered for retrospective grants.*
6. *Applications from groups that have recently received a Town Council Grant should demonstrate an overriding or particularly novel reason.*
7. *Applications should cover activities to which the Town Council has a legal power to contribute.*

*In exceptional circumstances The Town Mayor can exercise some discretion when considering whether an application is eligible for consideration that does not readily fall within the guidance criteria. Examples may include:*

1. *National charities that are conducting activities in the Town, primarily for the benefit of the residents.*
  2. *Participation in civic events.*
3. All grant applications will be put to Town Council, regardless of whether they are recommended or not.
  4. Full applications will be distributed separately as they contain sensitive information, not suitable for the public domain.

DISCUSSION/ COMMENT

5. The Haydn Festival Trust is charitable organisation based around the compositions of Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, and other 18<sup>th</sup> century composers with approximately 1000 participants from Bridgnorth.

6. The grant funding is to be used to hold a music workshop for local schools with demonstrations of 18<sup>th</sup> century instruments.

### FINANCE

7. The amount applied for is £1,500.
8. There is currently £16,971 available in the grant funding budget.
9. The Haydn Festival Trust have submitted financial statements which will be circulated to all Councillors for review.
10. They have also stated that their funding is from a combination of concert ticket and programme sales, donations, sponsorship, and annual subscription.
11. Staffing is provided on a volunteer basis including organising the festival and hosting musicians.
12. The trust currently has significant sums in their bank account.

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

13. After careful consideration of the eligibility criteria and review of the information provided it is

**RECOMMENDED:** Not to award the Haydn Festival Trust with a grant of £1,500.

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