

**BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

AP/2022  
18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022  
REPORT TO TOWN COUNCILLORS  
AGENDA ITEM 10.2 – GRANT APPLICATION

AIM

1. To discuss the grant application received from the Bridgnorth Community Garden Project.

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 Bridgnorth Community Garden Project is a small local organisation with the aim of connecting residents through the maintenance of various areas in Bridgnorth.
6. They currently have 24 participants, and meet twice weekly, weather permitting.

7. The grant funding would be used for the purchase of plants and materials to create garden spaces in areas of neglected ground in Bridgnorth.
8. Areas mentioned in the application for planting are Hazeldine Foundry, Low town bus stop, planters on the bridge.

### FINANCE

9. The amount applied for is £426.50.
10. There is currently £16,971 available in the grant funding budget.
11. The Bridgnorth Community Garden Project have provided costings for the grant expenditure as shown below.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Tulips	£167.00
Narcissus	£57.00
Daffodil	£28.00
Anemones	£16.00
Compost x 16 bags	£88.00
Replacement Broom	£8.00
Miniature Roses	£62.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£426.50</b>

12. The group have not submitted bank statements, however from the minutes of their meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022, there was £258.81 in the bank.

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

13. After careful consideration of the eligibility criteria and review of the information provided, it is believed that the application comes under seed funding.

**RECOMMENDED:** To award the Bridgnorth Community Garden Project with a grant of £426.50

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