



Report

Officer: Ros Williams – Deputy Town Clerk
Date: 17th May 2023
Meeting: Town Council – 23rd May 2023

Bridgnorth & District Twinning Association

Aim

- To discuss the grant application received from the Bridgnorth & District Twinning Association

Background

- 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.*
- All grant applications will be put to Town Council, regardless of whether they are recommended or not.
- Full applications will be distributed separately as they contain sensitive information, not suitable for the public domain

Discussion/Comment

- Funding is requested to support the Spartans U17s football team to visit Schrobenhausen during the festival weekend to play a football match against a local Schrobenhausen team.
- There are 18 participants; 14 players plus 4 coaches/parents
- The grant funding is to be used for transport costs and an overnight stay of 2 nights.



Finance

- The group have applied for a grant of £1,800; a contribution of £100 per person.
- There is £13,686 in the grants budget for this financial year.

Recommendation(s)

- Based on the eligibility criteria alone it is recommended not to award Bridgnorth & District Twinning Association with a grant of £1,800.