CONEY WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

GRANT AWARDING POLICY

[1]Coney Weston Parish Council has statutory powers to make funds available to groups and organisations for the overall benefit of Coney Weston and its residents.

This document outlines Coney Weston Parish Council's guidelines for awarding. It also formalises the application process to ensure access, openness and fairness to the groups and organisations we aim to support.

General information for applicants

It is Coney Weston Parish Council's intention (subject to budget restrictions and available resources) to support initiatives from local community groups and organisations. Priority will be given to applicants who have not previously received grants from Coney Weston Parish Council. The size of any grant awarded is at the discretion of the Parish Council.

The following may apply:-

a. A Coney Weston based charity

b. An organisation serving the needs of the residents of Coney Weston

c. Resident(s) of Coney Weston requesting financial assistance with a project/event, which will be for the benefit of the local community

d. A Coney Weston based club/association/charity serving a specific section of the community or the community as a whole

e. A local branch of a regional or national organisation/group which serves the needs of the residents of Coney Weston

Applications will normally be rejected for:-

a. Projects which are the prime statutory responsibility of other government bodies who would normally provide funds

b. Local or regional authorities and national organisations unless it can be clearly demonstrated that the grant would be used specifically for the residents served by Coney Weston Parish Council

c. Projects which improve or benefit privately owned land or property

d. Support for individuals or private business projects

e. Applications by "for profit" commercial organisations

f. From organisations with political affiliations or those established for the purpose of furthering a party-political agenda

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g. Repairs/works to church property or property relating to the affairs of the church or an ecclesiastical charity (Sec 8 Local Government Act 1894)

What can be funded

The project should be something that makes the local community a better place to live, work and play. It should be something that will provide a long lasting and sustainable benefit to our local area. The project must be something that will improve the social, environmental and /or economic profile of Coney Weston. Priority will be given to those applications which add value over applications for running costs.

Conditions of grant

Coney Weston Parish Council support must be acknowledged, as appropriate, on all publicity and promotional material including posters, advertisements, press releases and leaflets.

Financial support can only be used for the purpose for which the grant is given. Grants must not be distributed to any other organisation.

If the organisation is unable to use the money, or any part of it, for the purpose stated, then all monies, or unexpended part of such monies must be returned to the Parish Council.

The grant needs to be either spent or returned within 6 months – unless an extension has been authorised.

Applications should be submitted in writing to: The Parish Clerk

Decisions will be based on the following criteria

- General eligibility
- Impact on key local need
- Community support
- Value for money
- Degree of match-funding
- Environmental impact
- Community involvement
- Feasibility
- Likely effectiveness

Should you be successful:

Receipts are expected to be provided along with a short report/e mail clearly demonstrating that the funds have been used for the purposes specified in the application