Grants Panel: Cllrs Lord Pennington, Nield; J Critchley, Poulton, Mostyn-Jones & Stockton

Attended by: Cllrs Lord Pennington, Nield, J Critchley, Poulton, Stockton (from application #13) and J O'Donoghue (Town Clerk)

- 1. Cllr Poulton was appointed as Chair of the Panel.
- 2. There were concerns expressed regarding groups who have received grants for specific projects in the past and then spent the grant on alternative projects.
- 3. It was agreed that organisations who applied and were successful for grant funding should be asked to provide receipts for activities/actions completed.
- 4. It was noted that the grants scheme has been over-subscribed compared to previous years and that the rules of the scheme would be vigorously applied.
- 5. Each application was considered on its own merit.

Recommendation

It was agreed to:

- 1. Recommend to P&P that grant funding be distributed in the following way: £1,500 to 3rd Frodsham Sea Scouts; £585 to Frodsham Bees Netball Club; £700 to Coleman Flaherty; £1,500 to Frodsham Methodist Church; £860 to Mid Cheshire MIND (Appendix A for full details). Total grants payable £5,145.
- 2. Recommend to P&P that the remaining £855 from the £6,000 budget be allocated to a Sponsorship budget.

APPENDIX A

#	Organisations	Project	Total Costs	Amount requested	Amount agreed	Recommendation	Reasons
1	3rd Frodsham Sea Scouts	Replacement of 30-year-old kayaks with new smaller boats more suitable for younger Scouts	£5,240	£2,620		£1,500	Physical activity for young people
2	Alley Angels	Setting upa Frodsham Clean Team to carry out bimonthly clean-up sessions at local grot spots designated by FTC.	£1,659	£1,659		£0	Other organisations carry out this role and CWAC should be funding additional street cleaning
3	Castle Park Arts Centre	Electronic noticeboard and associated software	£1,674	£1,200		£0	Do not qualify within the time period of 2 years
4	Christopher Burrows (InFrodsham.uk website)	Extend service to small groups and organisations without their own website - puchase additional domaion names and publicity material	£175	£175		03	Already plenty of scope within the area for social media
5	Clare Worral-Hill (Frodsham Bees Netball Club)	Branded vests,tournament balls and related kit	£585	£585		£585	Physical activity for older people

6	Coleman Flaherty	Safety equipment and skateboards to provide free skateboarding sessions for young people at Frodsham Leisure Centre.	£700	£700		£700	Physical activity for young people
7	Frodsham Methodist Church	Improvement to the audio, visual and lighting equipment in the church for use on a weekly basis by church and community groups and for special events.	£5,000	£3,000		£1,500	Used by members of the community and not solely faith groups
8	Frodsham Silver Band	External repairs to band hall including rendering and painting, repairing the drains replacing front and rear doors etc.	£2,140	£1,500		£0	Do not qualify within the time period of 2 years
9	Frodsham Transition Initiative	Climate Change Frodsham project to help local businesses reduce their carbon footprint - publicity material, room hire and website domain.	£710	£600		£0	Supported by CWAC
10	Frodsham WI	Produce Show at Frodsham Community Centre 14 September - hire of hall, advertising material, certificates.	£264	£250		£0	Grants are not paid out until November so this would be retrospective as the event will have taken place
11	Hob Hey Wood Friends	Materials to carry out path and access improvement work in the wood.	£800	£800		£0	The land is owned by FTC and works should be funded from Environment Committee budget
12	Mid Cheshire MIND	Bounce Back project providing support to cope with stress and anxiety - mindfulness workshops, materials for music and art therapy and room hire.	£860	£860		£860	Central government funding for mental health is limited and the group solely supports Frodsham residents
13	Minerva Arts	"Cheshire's Popular Entertainment Routes" project. Match-funding to National Lottery Bid to run workshops in Frodsham.	£35,000	£1,000		£0	Replicates the role of other local history groups
14	Spirit of the Herd Pony Sanctuary	Resurfacing the grooming yard, extending the yard roof to allow all year round activities and redoing the yard fencing and gates.	£8,190	£8,190		£0	Do not qualify as have not got long term lease of land
15	St Luke's Catholic Primary School	iPads to provide intervention tuition for puils on an individual basis so tuition is tailored to the individuallearning needs of each child - 10 iPads & software licences	£3,300	£3,300		£0	It was agreed not to make grant donations to faith groups
16	Weaver Words Literature Festival	Funding Great Weaver Words children's writing competitions.	£12,000	£300		£0	Do not qualify within the time period of 2 years
	TOTAL		£78,297	£26,739	£	£5,145	