

MEETING: Kingswood Town Council, Finance and Administration Committee
DATE & TIME: Tuesday 26th November 2024 at 7.30pm
PLACE: The Park Centre, Kingswood

Councillors in attendance: Richard Bentham (Chair) Maria Ingram-Cotton (Vice Chair), Diane Bentham and Ken Rabone.

Also Present: Charlotte Littlewood, Town Clerk
Alice Twinn, Community Engagement Officer

Public Present: Representative from: South Gloucestershire Youth Housing, Kingswood Rugby Club, We are BS15, The Brightwell, Friends of Holy Trinity Church.

There was no public question time.

F09.11.24 Apologies for absence
These were received from Councillors Jim Corrigan, Comfort Iyiewuare and Joanne Doyle

F10.11.24 Declarations of interest and requests for Dispensations
Councillor Ken Rabone declared an interest in the South Gloucestershire Youth Housing, as the town council representative, and whilst he would remain in the room during the discussion, we will not vote on the matter.

F11.11.24 Minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2024
The minutes from the meeting held on 5th November 2024 were approved.

Resolved: To accept and sign the minutes of the meeting as a true record.

F12.11.24 To receive and consider grant applications from the following organisations.

Name of Organisation	Amount Requested
Shop Mobility	£500
We are BS15	£4,980
South Gloucestershire Youth Housing	£1,039
Kingswood Rugby Club	£5,000
Friends of Holy Trinity Church	£387.16
The Brightwell	£600

Representatives from the above organisations presented their application to the meeting and councillors asked questions.

The Chair, with councillors in agreement, resolved to ask the public to leave the meeting while councillors considered the merit and strength of each application.

The Public were invited back into the meeting to receive their outcome of their application.

Shopmobility: To decline their request as the application was lacking the relevant detail on which councillors could decide. The organisation was invited to make a new application for the next round of applications, but to be clearer on what the project that required support was.

We are BS15: to award £4,980 as a contribution to support 3 interconnected projects addressing essential community needs in Kingswood to create a hub for residents to access diverse support programmes, that includes a community kitchen and food club, as well as community allotment and social café.

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South Gloucestershire Youth Housing: to award £1,039 as a contribution to buy replacement furniture for the hostel to ensure health and safety and comfort for residents. The grant would be to purchase equipment and furniture for 2 rooms.

Kingswood Rugby Club: to award £5,000 as a contribution towards the costs of a concrete path around the newly built changing and storage facility to assure safe accessibility for all users especially those with mobility issues. Part of a larger project to create new facilities.

Friends of Holy Trinity Church: to award £387.16 as a contribution towards equipment to manage the graves and areas within the closed churchyard that will showcase the history of Kingswood as well as increase the biodiversity in the churchyard and create a place for quiet reflection. Newly created community interest group with 20 volunteers who have started to fundraise.

The Brightwell: To award £600 as a contribution towards funding the cost of providing subsidised oxygen therapy for members in Kingswood who live with the effects of neurological conditions. The charity provides therapies and services available to all residents of Kingswood that are not available elsewhere. The Brightwell fills a gap in provision for people in Kingswood living with neurological conditions and seeks to close the health inequality gap so that people from Kingswood can remain as healthy and as active as possible for as long as possible.

F13.11.24 To refer items to full council
There were no matters to refer to full council.

F14.11.24 Date of Next meeting
The next Finance and Administration Committee will be held on Tuesday 25th February 2025.

Meeting Closed: 2015hrs

Signed as a True Record.....

Date.....