



## **BIDFORD-ON-AVON PARISH COUNCIL POLICY FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**Bidford-on-Avon Parish Council's aim is to improve the quality of life of the people of the parish and ensure it is a desirable, safe and sustainable place to live and work.**

### **Bidford-on-Avon Parish Council's Aims and Vision**

The Parish Council is committed to improve, maintain, strengthen and support the many local community/sports associations and groups that help to make a positive difference in Bidford-on-Avon. The Grant Scheme has been set up to assist community/sports organisations, groups and individuals to get started and to continue contributing to the local community. In special circumstances, this may include assisting with the running costs.

The Parish Council is looking to enable local community/sports associations and groups to benefit the local community and improve the quality of life of some or all residents.

Its aim is to involve the community and make a difference, not only through its grant process, but also by exploring other ways in which they can grow and develop.

Its vision to work with all local community/sports groups and enable them to work in partnership for their benefit and the benefit of those around them

## Grant Process and Guidelines

Applications can be completed and sent, by email or post, to the Parish Council at any time and will be considered, by the appropriate Working Group, at its next meeting after receipt of the application.

The Working Group will consider the application and make its recommendation to full council which will make the final decision.

Applicants will be advised of the date of the Parish Council meeting when the decision will be made.

Grants will be considered for:

- Start up groups subject to a satisfactory business plan
- Specific projects
- Purchase of specific equipment
- Identified issues that require funding
- Sponsorship
- Funding of outside groups that benefit the local community such as CA South Warwickshire and other UK based charities or organisations
- In special circumstances, grants to assist the running costs of an organisation. when it is deemed that lack of funding may result in the closure or scaling down of the organisation with the consequent harm to the local community

All organisations and individuals which are awarded a grant must make a full report to the Parish Council on how the money was spent and what benefits were derived from it within 12 months of receiving the funds.

Organisations or individuals will need to fully complete the attached Grant Application.

