



# Edenbridge Town Council

Town Clerk: Christine Lane CertHE Local Policy



To: Cllrs J Barnett, T Bryant, J Chappell, Mrs J Davison, R Davison (Vice Chairman), A Layland, V Maynard, M McArthur, S McGregor (Chairman), R Orridge, C Pearman, M Robson, J Scholey, B Todd and J Woollorton.

**A meeting to consider the Grant Applications will be held in Rickards Hall at 8.00pm on 19 OCTOBER 2015.**

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- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
  - 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OR PREDETERMINATION**, including any interests not already registered
  - 3. TO RECEIVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE GRANTS MEETING HELD ON 27 OCTOBER 2014 (previously circulated)**
  - 4. TO CONSIDER THE GRANT APPLICATIONS - attached**
    - 4.1 Grants Meeting**
    - 4.2 Grant Applications**
  - 5. TO CONSIDER THE SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS FOR 2016/17**
  - 6. PRESS RELEASE**

Members of the public are invited to attend and there is an opportunity for public questions or statements at full Council and Planning and Transportation and Open Spaces Meetings. There is no such facility at other Committee meetings. Copies of the agenda and back ground papers, except any exempt items, are available from Doggetts Barn before the meeting and plans can be examined there (Monday – Fridays 9am – 5pm)

## Grants Report October 2015

### 4. TO CONSIDER THE GRANT APPLICATIONS

The register of disclosures of interests is available on the Council's website. A hardcopy of the file will be available on the evening, prior to the meeting. Any member wishing to apply to the Clerk for a dispensation is asked to request this at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

#### 4.1 Grants Meeting

Members will recall that last year, at October Council meeting, members resolved to encourage all councillors to attend the Grants meeting, but with only the Finance Committee members having the right to vote.

#### 4.2 Grant Applications

Members are reminded that the total amount allocated for grants in the budget this financial year was £7,500. There is a limit on the amounts that can be used for Section 137. The amount for 2015/16 is £7.36 per elector and grants can be made for almost any purpose but cannot be to an individual and must provide value for money. The total amount available under S137 is £51,240.32. It must not be used where there is another specific power covering that particular activity. Grants must be for specific amounts under such authority and must be specifically resolved, recorded in the minutes, and annotated clearly in the accounts. A balance sheet showing the financial status of each organization and supporting information is attached. Organizations that received grants last year have completed Evaluation forms. Further information received from some organizations is available in the office. Members are requested to consider each application on its own merit and use the attached score sheet to aid their decision making. Members are advised that, in fairness to all applicants, all the funding should be allocated at this time and none should be retained.

A chart showing the current applications and the past record of grants awarded is attached.

Council has received the following 16 applications, totalling **£20,935**. **The total Grant Funding available is £7,500.**

<b>Applications</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
Edenbridge & District Rail Travellers*	£100
Edenbridge Community First Responders*	£2,400
Edenbridge & Westerham CAB	£2,000
Edenbridge Cricket Club	£1,100
Edenbridge Piranhas Swimming Club	£750
Edenbridge Players	£2,000
1 <sup>st</sup> Edenbridge Scout Group	£400
Edenbridge Voluntary Transport Service	£500
Forge Singers	£1,500
Hi Kent (Local Registered Deaf Charity)*	£960
Nomads Football Club	£500
The Eden Christian Trust	£200
Tunbridge Wells Samaritans*	£200
Uckfield Railway Line Parishes Committee	£25
West Kent Mediation*	£800
West Kent Extra*	£7,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>£20,935</b>

Those which would be sanctioned under Section 137 are marked with an \*

Members will see that some organisations are applying for grants from the Council for the first time this year. Previous recipients have been sent application forms and reminders. Bridges decided not to apply for a grant on this occasion, and Eden Valley Chamber of Commerce has not responded despite several reminders. Further information received from Edenbridge Cricket Club is attached to this report.

**5. TO CONSIDER THE SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS FOR 2016/17**

Members will recall that the Council has two Service Level Agreements which have been in place for almost three years now. These agreements are between Edenbridge Town Council and (1) Eden Valley Museum Trust (EVMT) and (2) Edenbridge and District Twinning Association (E&DTA). The agreements requested that an interim report on progress and spending, along with any request for funding for 2016/17, be submitted to the Council by 30 September 2015. Copies of the correspondence received and the current Service Level Agreements are attached for members' information.

(EVMT) has sent a request for continued support in 2016/17 but no figure has been included. In 2015/16 the Council provided £5,500 funding. EVMT does appear to have met its objectives for this year, hosting a major exhibition to mark The First World War Centenary, and another exhibition launched in July 2015 entitled 'Lost Diary of a Local Farmer'. Local schools continue to visit and talks have been given at Edenbridge Hospital and Roman Court. Many local organizations also make good use of the archive, establishing the Museum as the local history hub.

(E&DTA) has requested £500 funding for 2016/17. In March, Edenbridge representatives travelled to Mont St Aignan and took part in a walking weekend in Normandy and the return visit in June included a trip to Arundel. A Vintage Tea was held in May to celebrate VE Day anniversary and a Garden Party in July, together raising £656. Other fund raising events have been held throughout the year. This year, 2015/16, the Council provided £500 funding. E&DTA continue to have a busy year and have promoted the organisation in various ways

**Do members wish to extend the Service Level Agreements for a further year and, if so, what level of funding do members wish to propose for Budget consideration for each organization?**

**6. PRESS RELEASE**

Are there any items on the agenda for which members would like to issue a press release?

Daphne Slater  
14 October 2015

**SUMMARY OF GRANTS GIVEN IN RECENT YEARS**

Organisation	Amount Requested Oct-15	Oct-14	Oct-13	Oct-12	May-12	October 11	May-11	Oct-10	May-10	Oct-09
Bridges *		200	250	720						
Eden Valley Museum Trust				2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,600	2,600	2,325
Eden Valley Summer Festival			1,250					2,200		
Edenbridge & District Rail Travellers Association*	100		100		100		150		150	
Edenbridge Allotment Gardens Society								300		
Edenbridge Community First Responders*	2,400									
Edenbridge Centre										
Eden Valley Chamber of Commerce		1,250	1,250	1,500			1,000	600		
Edenbridge Fuchsia & Pelargonium Society										
Edenbridge Holiday Activities Scheme			nil		1,000		1,000			
Edenbridge & District Twinning Association					700		600		550	
Edenbridge & Westerham Citizens Advice Bureau	2,000	1,100	1,100		1,000		1,000		1,000	
Edenbridge Cricket Club	1,100	1,100	1,100							
Edenbridge United Football Club						300				

Organisation	Amount Requested									
	Oct-15	Oct-14	Oct-13	Oct-12	May-12	October 11	May-11	Oct-10	May-10	Oct-09
Edenbridge Partnership										250
Edenbridge Piranhas Swimming Club	750	800								200
Edenbridge Players	2,000	200	1,100		1,600		1,550		1,500	1,500
1st Edenbridge Scout Group	400	500	600							
Edenbridge Spiffires FC				860						
Edenbridge Voluntary Transport Service	500	500	500	500		350		300		250
Friends of Edenbridge Parish Church										250
Forge Singers	1,500	500	1,100		1,600		2,000		2,400	
Hi Kent (Local Registered Deaf Charity)*	960									
Nomads F C	500	400				0				
Sevenoaks Area Mind*			362.15							
Stangrove Area Community Action Group						675	1,000			
Sussex Community Rail Partnership			97							
The Eden Christian Trust	200	250	290		250					
The Swan Youth Football Club							500		500	

Organisation	Amount Requested										Oct-09	
	Oct-15	Oct-14	Oct-13	Oct-12	May-12	October 11	May-11	Oct-10	May-10	Oct-09		
Tunbridge Wells Samaritans*	200											
Uckfield Railway Line Parishes Committee	25					25						
Vitalise											124.5	
West Kent Mediation *	800	400	440	400		400			400			
WRVS Edenbridge Senior Social Club*									500			
West Kent Extra *	7,500											
West Kent YMCA *											200	
Wild Wing Youth Theatre												
Wild Wing Arts (Heart of Wonderland Project)										600		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,935</b>	<b>7,200.00</b>	<b>9,539.15</b>	<b>6,730.00</b>	<b>9,000.00</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>	<b>11,550.00</b>	<b>6,600.00</b>	<b>9,600.00</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>5,649.50</b>	



10	Hi Kent (Local Registered Deaf Charity)																			
11	Nomads Football Club																			
12	The Eden Christian Trust																			
13	Tunbridge Wells Samaritans																			
14	Uckfield Railway Line Parishes Committee																			
15	West Kent Mediation																			
16	West Kent Extra																			

Please score from 1-5 5 being the highest score