

Donation request from Group4 News

Background

At the January 2024 meeting the Council agreed the following:

8. To consider donation request from Group 4 news

Following a discussion, it was **AGREED** in principle to support a donation to Group 4 news. Several months had elapsed since the letter outlining the challenges confronting the future of the newsletter. In light of this, members requested the Clerk to correspond with the Editors, seeking clarification on the specific amount being requested.

The Group 4 News Editor have now confirmed their request for a donation of £300.00 towards the production costs of the magazine. They highlight:

“.....that G4N performs a most useful service to the community in several ways. It provides a platform for local ventures (Village Halls etc) to publicise their event both to the local community but also to the surrounding parishes; it provides a platform for small local businesses to advertise their services; it provides information on local bus services, church services, various local social services; It enables Parish Councils to keep their parishioners informed of the business of the Parish Council. Most particularly, it is paper based and is hand delivered, free of charge, to every household in the 4 Parishes, thus many, particularly the elderly, who do not have access to the Internet can see what is going on in relation to matters that they would otherwise be unaware of.”

The donation request meets the eligibility criteria of the Council’s [Grants and Donations Policy](#).

Budget

- 1) The Council have £150.00 in an earmarked reserve from the BC jubilee grant. It has previously been confirmed by the Borough that the Council can use this money for anything that benefits the parish of Barton Bendish.

<u>Reserve</u>	<u>OpeningBalance</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Spend</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>CurrentBalance</u>
Earmarked					
Jubilee Grant	150.00				150.00

- 2) The budget 2024-25 was agreed with £250 for community grants and donations

Grants & Donations		Last Year 2022-2023				Current Year 2023-2024				Next Year 2024-2025					
		Receipts		Payments		Receipts		Payments		Receipts	Payments				
Code	Title	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Budget	Budget
9	Donation - Church			250.00	300.00					300.00	325.00		325.00		325.00
14	General				20.83						10.00		10.00		
24	EMR - Jubilee Grant														
26	S137														
29	Community Grant														250.00
SUB TOTAL				250.00	320.83					300.00	335.00		335.00		575.00