

Natural Kirklees Trustees Meeting
13th May 2022 9.45am Teams Meeting

Attendee	Organisation
Ed Day	
Tim Duke	
Joan Vevers	
Christine Senior	
David Rudd	
Apologies	Organisation
Phil Slater	

Item	Action
<p>The Meeting was called to discuss the applications received for the Small Grants Scheme.</p> <p>Activities 4 All - Windybank Community Centre - aim to run gardening sessions at the Centre. Want Soil, Tools, Brushes and paint, wire, canes, seed tray, netting, plant food, overalls and a fruit tree. £741</p> <p>It was agreed that, in principle we are happy to award the grant but there were a few questions raised. Christine Senior agreed to arrange to visit the site to review the proposal and resolve some questions which were raised as follows:</p> <p>Does the proposal have the landowners permission and if this is Kirklees Council who has given permission for the work?</p> <p>Are the tools you have requested necessary for the ongoing nature of the project or if only temporary could we loan you the tools?</p> <p>Is the soil solely for the use in the centre?</p> <p>We may consider purchasing the tools through a council contract (we are hoping to piggy back the council's purchasing power) in order to get either a cheaper price than B&Q or more beneficially - a better quality, though only if this doesn't unduly delay the project.</p> <p>Friends of Cliffe House - Shelley - Basically want plants for a border and the newly created pond area. £750</p> <p>We have agreed to grant the full amount of £750 to the Friends of Cliffe House so that they can purchase the plants for the border and ponds. Julie Hirst, our treasurer will make a transfer in the next a transfer in the next few days to your bank account ending 5560.</p> <p>We asked that they allow us to visit again when the work is complete and also write a paragraph on the benefits that the grant has enabled so that we may publicise via our Facebook and our web site and anywhere else you deem appropriate</p>	

Friends of Spen Beck and Mann Dam - want a bat survey, trees, litter pickers, meadow seed, graffiti removal liquid and paper for leaflets - £600.

It was agreed to grant the full amount of your proposal less £77 for the litter pickers, rings and bags. The sum of £523 will be awarded to enable them to undertake the work proposed in their application. Julie Hirst, our treasurer will make a transfer in the next few days to their bank account ending 3639. The reason for deducting the £77 is that the price we paid for the pickers etc would probably not be honoured by the supplier for such a small quantity, however we will be willing to donate the 6 rings, 2 grabbers and bin liners from our stock. We asked them to liaise with Christine Senior or David Rudd to provide these - email christine_senior@outlook.com or juliehirst54@gmail.com (for David) to arrange for these.

We asked that they allow us to visit again when the work is complete and also to write a paragraph on the benefits that the grant has enabled so that we may publicise via our Facebook and our web site and anywhere else you deem appropriate.

Grange Moor Community Association - grant is a contribution towards a much larger project to create a miniature park costing circa £30000.
£750

The Trustees agreed a grant of £750 as a contribution to the total costs of works to create the Miniature Park. Julie Hirst will make a transfer in the next few days to the bank account ending 7500

We have not visited the site but will do so as soon as possible and asked that we could visit again when the work is complete to photograph and review the work. We also asked that they write a paragraph on the benefits that the grant had enabled so that we may publicise via our Facebook and website etc. Andy Wickham has also been advised even though the work is being carried out on private land he is supportive of the work. We will also check with our insurance brokers that the work the volunteers are doing to clear the site is covered.

Hade Edge Residents Association - grant is for plants to provide summer flowers for the tubs located in the village. Additionally, 2 tubs added to the application following our visit. - £260

It was agreed to grant the sum of £260 for this project and Julie will transfer the money in the next few days to the account ending 2341.

We asked if they could put a plaque on the new tubs similar to the HERA one and reflecting the sponsorship from Natural Kirklees. We said that we would visit again when the work is complete to photograph and review the project and that they write a paragraph on the benefits that the grant has enabled so that we may publicise via our Facebook etc

Mirfield In Bloom - have asked for a grant of £116 for soil testing kits to help them prepare for the Yorkshire RHS Britain in Bloom competition. Ed will check with the Insurers that the tests the volunteers are doing is covered. We asked them to write a paragraph on the results of the test and the benefits that the grant has enabled so that we may share the project with members and publicise via our Facebook and our web site and anywhere else you deem appropriate.

Shelley Conservation and Environment Group - provision of a bench and memorial plaque for the Queen's Jubilee - £500. We asked if acceptable to the group, we would appreciate some indication on the bench that it was sponsored by Natural Kirklees but will leave that to the group to decide. We also asked the group to write a paragraph on the benefits that the grant has enabled so that we may publicise via our Facebook and website.

Smith Community Play Space - have asked for £706 for tools and plants. In principal we were happy to award the grant subject to Christine Senior visiting and to review the proposal and resolve a few questions.

These relate to:

Does the proposal have the land owners permission and if this is Kirklees Council who has given permission for the work?

Are the tools you have requested necessary for the ongoing nature of the project or if only temporary could we loan you the tools?

We may consider purchasing the tools through a council contract (we are hoping to piggy back the council's purchasing power) in order to get either a cheaper price than B&Q or more beneficially - a better quality, though only if this doesn't unduly delay the project. If the grant goes ahead we would also request that we revisit once the work has been completed to review and photograph and also ask you to write a paragraph on the success of the project so that we can publicise via Facebook and our website, and obviously anywhere you may consider.

The Lepton Preservation Society - a grant for sculpture and plants of £600 We agreed a grant of £100 to The Lepton Preservation Society to enable them to purchase the plants in their application. As far as the willow sculpture is concerned, we have had to defer a decision on this until approval has been given by the council. However, in principle, we are happy to award a further £425 for the sculpture should the approval be given, although we do have concerns over whether this may be subject to vandalism.