

# Record of Decision taken by Executive Portfolio Holder

Decision title: Award of Grant Funding from the Unparished Area Special Expenses Precept

Recommended by Standing Committee: 25/03/2021

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Date of Decision: 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## Details of decision:

### 1) Huish Tigers CIC -

A bid for a contribution (£5269) towards the equipment costs related to the set-up of a new not-for-profit community voluntary group formed 'The Huish Tigers' who formulated plans under a club committee to turn a 6 acre grass field containing a rifle range originally unused by the MOD for several years into a playing area for community sport. There is a need for further equipment to address and maintain this area which will provide access for sport players and the general public.

***RECOMMENDATION: The Standing Committee were supportive of the aims of the organisation and recommended that the applicants be awarded a contribution of £3973 to fund all of the capital equipment costs, minus the goal posts. The applicants were encouraged to apply to a relevant sports funding organisation for this element.***

### 2) Friends of Longrun Meadow/ Somerset Environmental Records Centre –

A bid for a contribution of at least £800 to support the £1450 shortfall in support of a Wildlife Project (total cost £9,900) in Taunton. The project involves engaging the local communities in Taunton in a project to record wildlife 'observations and sightings', whether on the meadow, parks, schools or in their gardens across Taunton. The information will then be available for all to see through the map so that individuals are able to gain a good understanding of the wildlife and habitats that exists in their midst and be motivated and encouraged to act to protect the habitats that support diverse range of wildlife in our town/locality.

***RECOMMENDATION: The Standing Committee recommended unanimously to support the application and recommended a contribution of £800 towards this project.***

### 3) Eaton Crescent Neighbourhood Watch –

A bid in principle for up to approximately £650 and a further £250.00 to fund the labour and installation by the DLO of a metal and lockable Information Board on the green space, Eaton Crescent Estate in Taunton.

***RECOMMENDATION: The Standing Committee recommended to support the application to a maximum of £900 costs in total, with any funds unspent to be returned to the Unparished Fund.***

### 4) Taunton Town Centre Working Group –

A bid for approximately £750.00 to replace a knocked down floodlight column on The West Wing of the Market House, next to the bus stop which would help support the wider plans to upgrade the lighting infrastructure around the Market House.

***RECOMMENDATION: The Standing Committee recommended that the bid was supported to a maximum of £750.00 in total, with any funds unspent to be returned to the Unparished Fund.***

**5) Councillor Martin Peters –**

A bid for £1046.24 to enable a new dog bin to be installed by the Galmington Stream adjacent to Ramshorn Green, off Manor Orchard. The bid covers the costs of the bin plus installation (approximately £420) and emptying it over the following two year period.

***RECOMMENDATION: The Standing Committee recommended that the bid was supported.***

**6) Councillor Hazel Prior-Sankey -**

A bid for £1046.24 to enable a new dog bin to be installed adjacent to Holley Close, on the path that runs down Hawthorn Drive, Taunton. The bid covers the costs of the bin plus installation (approximately £420) and emptying it over the following two year period.

***RECOMMENDATION: The Standing Committee recommended that the bid was supported.***

**7) Councillor Derek Perry**

A bid for £2092.48 to enable two new dog bins to be installed by Killams Green Open Space. The bid covers the costs of the bin plus installations (approximately £420) and emptying them over the following two year period.

***RECOMMENDATION: The Standing Committee recommended that the bid was supported.***

**8) Councillor Fran Smith -**

A bid for approximately £1200 to fund the installation of a bench in the Blackbrook and Holway Ward. The bid covers the costs of the bench plus installation (approximately £400).

***RECOMMENDATION: The Standing Committee recommended that the bid was supported to a maximum cost of £1400, with any underspend returned to the Unparished Fund.***

**Total: £12,007.96**

**\*Dog Bins – All new dog bins installed to be collected by the District Council until May 2023, at which point the future determination of permanent liability for payment will have been decided as part of the Governance review for the Unparished Area of Taunton. It was agreed that Councillor Lisgo would work with the Clerk to design a streamlined process for approving new dog bins. SWT to be requested to provide a spreadsheet of all current dog bins in the Unparished Area of Taunton.**

| The below has been completed:   | Name(s)  | Date       |
|---|--|------------|
| Relevant ward councillor(s) consulted   | As part of the bid process, all Charter Trustees have been made aware of the bids. | March 2021 |
| <b>The following are if appropriate / applicable: Yes/No. If yes the implications should be attached to this decision notice.</b> |  |            |
| Finance implications  | The remaining funds for this year stand at £5020.70                                |            |
| Legal implications  | N/A  |            |
| Links to corporate aims   | N/A  |            |
| Community Safety implications   | N/A  |            |
| Environmental implications  | N/A  |            |
| Equalities Impact   |  |            |
| Safeguarding Implications   | N/A  |            |
| Risk management   | N/A  |            |
| Partnership implications  | N/A  |            |

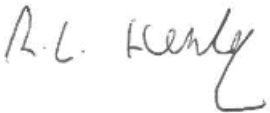
**Any conflicts of interest declared by Executive PFH, Mayor or Standing Committee Members consulted on the proposed decision. If Yes provide confirmation from Clerk to Charter Trustees to grant dispensation for the Mayor/Standing Committee Member's views to be considered.**

N/a

### **Decision Maker**

**I am aware of the details of this decision(s), considered the reasons, options, representations and consultation responses and give my approval / agreement to its implementation.**

**Signed:**



**Name: Councillor Ross Henley**

**Date: 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Note – This decision record is for decisions taken by the SWT Executive PFH following a recommendation by the Standing Committee of the Charter Trustees of Taunton. The decision(s) can be implemented following publication.

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