

Date: 04 November 2021

Title: Report Item 10 – Council Grant Scheme

By: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

Purpose: To report on an application from the Short Mat Bowls Club

Recommendation: To consider the application

A final application under this year's scheme has been received from the Short Mat Bowls Club.

The Club requests help towards hiring the hall and replacing equipment, including foot mats and jacks (not the mats that are played on).

The reason for the application is that the Club needs to run on two separate afternoons because there are members unable to play on one or other of the days, and in fact if everyone was on the same day that would be too many to cope with. The Treasurer says: 'The Club therefore usually runs at a loss each afternoon: it might be £8 short or £3 short depending on the number attending. At the moment, the club is gradually using up its savings.'

The Club organiser states that 'It is very important to keep this activity going as it is an extremely sociable afternoon and the members look forward to it, especially in the winter months which can be quite depressing for some'.

The application does not specify the amount requested.

The Donations budget was set at £2,000, all of which has been spent, but the council at its October meeting resolved that any unclaimed councillor allowances should be vired into the Donations budget. That additional sum is projected to be £839, of which £453 has already been used. The remaining sum is therefore £386. Would the council consider allocating this sum to the Club, so that the budget is fully used? No further applications are expected, as the council gave notice in October that the scheme would shortly close for the remainder of this financial year.