

MAULDEN PARISH COUNCIL Grants & Donations Policy

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Next Review Date: Annually

1. Purpose

To outline the policy to be adopted and applied by MPC when considering applications for grants and /or charitable donations.

Under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, MPC have discretionary powers to award grants, and to give donations to local groups or organisations which provide a direct benefit to the parish or its residents.

2. Considerations

MPC will consider applications from voluntary groups or charitable organisations.

Applications will be dealt with by the Full Council.

MPC's decision in relation to all applications is final and there is no right of appeal.

3. Policy

Grants and/or donations can only be for charitable, benevolent, social, cultural, or recreational purposes.

To qualify for an award the applicant must be able to demonstrate that any funding from MPC will benefit the Parish, or residents of the Parish.

Grants/donations will not be awarded retrospectively, or to individuals or political organisations.

Payments will be made by bank transfer or cheque, but cannot be made to an individual's personal bank account.

The award must be used for the purpose for which the application was made within 12 months of the grant being approved, or the monies returned to MPC.

Written confirmation, including copy receipts, of the monies being used for the purpose for which the application was made will be required within 12 months of the grant being approved.

The amount awarded will be limited to a maximum of £500 in normal circumstances, but can be increased with the approval of MPC.

All applications must be completed using the MPC-approved application form available from the clerk, and submitted to the clerk, with full supporting documentation as set out in the accompanying information sheet including accounts.

Additional applications within a 12-month period will not normally be considered.

MPC will not fund activities that they consider to be the responsibility of a Statutory Authority.

All grants/donations awarded are funded directly from the Parish Precept.

When the budget for approved grant/donation applications has been spent, MPC is not able to consider any further applications until the next budget.

4. Decisions

Applications will usually be considered by MPC at the next council meeting following receipt of all information required, and a decision forwarded to the applicant at the earliest opportunity.