

Report to the Champion for Parishes

Report submitted by: Head of Service Legal, Governance and Registrars

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Champion Grants Scheme Application from:

Barnacre-with Bonds Parish Council

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Brief Summary

This report presents an application from an organisation requesting £500 towards the Restoration of Calder Vale War Memorial from the Champion for Parishes budget.

Recommendation

That consideration be given to the request for grant funding as set out in this report.

Detail

The role of Champion was first established in 2002 and the county council currently has six Champions, whose role is to support the Leader and individual Cabinet Members within their remits.

The six county council Champions are as follows:

- Armed Forces and Veterans
- Disabled People
- Mental Health
- Older People
- Parishes
- Young People

For the financial year 2024/25, each Champion has been given an annual allocation of £10,000 for use at their discretion to finance their activities, to which any unspent balance up to a maximum of £2,500 from the previous financial year could be added,



giving a maximum budget of £12,500 in any one financial year. The Champion for XXX total budget is set out in the financial section of the report.

Details of the request for grant funding are shown below:

Full name of your organisation
Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council
How much are you applying for? Minimum £100
£500
What are you going to spend the grant on? Please give a brief outline of the project.
Restoration of Calder Vale War Memorial.
Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods
February/March 2025
What are the benefits expected to be achieved?
The restoration of the War Memorial will help preserve historical accuracy and the planned re pointing and renewal of subscriptions provide vital information about the memorials purpose. The restoration will help to preserve its historical significance and ensure it remains a meaningful tribute to those who have served.
Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.
Specialist Historic Stonemasonry definitive works Weatherproofing/ - microporous weatherproofer solution Stone stabilising - decayed stone hardner solution Lime mortar joints - re- pointing Lettering inscriptions - hand painting Stone face - unloading infill lime mortar Possibly light letter redefinition work All specialist labour and specialist materials Estimate £750 - £850 at 08/07/24 2024/2025 tax year
If you are not asking for the full amount of the cost of your activity / equipment, please give us details of where the rest of the funding is coming from. Please also explain what you will do if we give you the grant, but you do not get the other funding.
A donation already received from NW Stages car rally of £300 has been allocated to this project. Parish Council funds. If other funding does not cover all the work, this funding will be used for a partial upgrade to the war memorial.



If the Champion offers a grant of less than you have asked for, please explain below how that will affect your proposal – for example, will you still be able to complete your project or purchase, will you scale the project back, or seek funding elsewhere?

As mentioned above, the Parish Council will have to scale back the planned restoration should the full requested funding is not received.

Will the activity involve members of your organisation having significant contact with children or vulnerable adults?

Yes
 No

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

No significant risks have been identified in relation to the proposals contained within this report.

Finance

It should be noted that the outstanding amount being requested by organisations for grant applications comes to a combined total of £930. The total amount of funding available in the Champion for Parishes budget is £8,105.01.

Therefore, the maximum amount of funds that can be approved for outstanding grant requests is £930.

An up-date of spend in 2024/25 is shown below:

Budget for 2024/25		£10,000.00
C/F from 2023/24		£2,500.00
Refunds		£0.00
Total Grant Available in 2024/25		£12,500.00
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Yealand Parish Council	£900.00
	Newton-with-Clifton Parish Council	£600.00
	Salesbury Parish Council	£750.00
	Newburgh Parish Council	£500.00
	Whalley Parish Council	£644.99
	Broughton Parish Council	£1,000.00



		£4,394.99
Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25		£8,105.01
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected	Inskip-with-Sowerby Parish Council	£430.00
		£430.00
NEW REQUESTS	Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council	£500.00
		£500.00
Total Grant Requests in Progress		£930.00
Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved		£7,175.01

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		

