
Introduction

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables local councils to spend a limited amount of money for purposes for which they have no other specific statutory expenditure.

The Parish Council does not have the resources to provide significant grants or donations. However, the Parish Council does wish to support local organisations whose activities benefit the Parish of Streatley and its residents.

Policy Statement

It is the policy of Streatley Parish Council that grants and donations are allocated primarily for the benefit of the Parish of Streatley and its residents.

Criteria for Grants and Donations

Grants and donations may be made by Streatley Parish Council to any of the following:

- A charitable association or organisation which Councillors believe will benefit the residents of the Parish of Streatley.
- An association or organisation which provides religious, educational, meeting, transport or recreational facilities within the Parish of Streatley.
- An association or organisation whose purposes are considered by Councillors to serve the interests of the residents of the Parish of Streatley.

Requests are to be for a single donation in any financial year and should not be relied upon in future years.

Funding must only be used for the agreed purpose.

Any publicity must acknowledge the funding provided.

Grants and donations will not normally be made:

- to commercial and non-charitable organisations, even those which serve the Parish of Streatley
- to any individual
- to charitable bodies outside the Parish of Streatley
- for work unrelated to the Parish of Streatley or its residents
- for ongoing running costs
- to political parties
- to organisations raising funds to be passed upwards to a central HQ for redistribution
- to any non-profit organisations to increase their funds

Process

Applications must be made via email to the Clerk no later than 1st December for inclusion in the budget for the following financial year (April – March). Donations made or requested outside this timeframe will depend on funding available at the time.

All grants and donations must be approved by Councillors at a Parish Council meeting.

This policy was discussed and agreed at a meeting of Streatley Parish Council on 12th April 2021.