

19. Grant Requests

Power & Scope

A parish council has the power to give grants under the Local Government Act 1972 s.137.

There are two key stipulations:

1. It must be spent on purposes for the direct benefit of its area, or part of its area, or all or some of its inhabitants.
2. The council must secondly ensure that the direct benefit accruing to its area or residents is commensurate with the expenditure incurred. This means that a council should not spend a disproportionately large amount on something which has no or very little direct benefit.

Budget

Ennerdale and Kinniside Parish Council set a draft budget in November which is confirmed in January. In setting the budget the Council considers what grants have been requested, or what they expect to be requested.

In November the grant budget was set at £900 and noted that “This currently supports St Mary's churchyard maintenance, Lamplugh/Ennerdale Sports and sometimes The School through FOEKS”. That figure was confirmed in January and is the limit that the Council has available in this budget.

The Council asks that grant requests are received by the end of September so that they can be included in the budget. No applications were received by that date, but the previous clerk automatically sent out the application forms to previous applicants, an arrangement that the current clerk was not aware of.

Grant Applications

Three applications for grants have been received, which are attached. As some of the submitted information is confidential the applications are not published.

1. Lamplugh and District Sports Committee. £450 requested (Last year £300)
2. St Mary's churchyard maintenance. Not on the application form but a letter and supporting documents have been submitted. No specific sum has been requested (Last year £550)
3. Low Gillerthwaite Field Centre. £1000 requested.