



CROWAN PARISH COUNCIL

Community Grants Policy

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Parish Council**

Introduction

Crowan Parish Council awards grants to local organisations to support their activities. In doing so, the Parish Council is spending public funds and so takes seriously its duty to make grants that improve the lives of parish residents.

A grant application can be made at any time of the year and will be considered at the next Council meeting. Applications can be for any amount, but the Council will only consider applications for more than £1,000 in exceptional circumstances. The Council may support an application in full or in part; seek more information; or refuse to support it. An application may be made for running costs, but not to meet the cost of maintenance. In general terms, grants may be made for start-up costs or to purchase items. The Council expects an applying organisation to have a bank account in its own name that requires at least two authorised representatives to make payments.

The council's decision regarding an application is final.

Applications

Grant applications must be made on the Council's application form and be supported by the evidence the council needs to make a decision. The council will support applications that can demonstrate that the funds will help make the parish a better place in which to live and work and contributes to the health and well-being of parishioners. This includes improving buildings, open spaces, play and leisure facilities; improving the environment; and providing activities that enhance the lives of people living and working in or visiting the parish. Crowan Parish Council is particularly interested in supporting initiatives that promote community involvement – especially when such work involves hard-to-reach groups such as young, older and disabled people.

The Council expects applicants to show clearly how their activities enhance the local community, and how the funds requested from the council will be spent to that end.

Criteria For Decision-Making

In deciding whether or not to support an application, the council, will consider:

- the extent to which the lives of parishioners will be improved by it
- whether it represents value-for-money
- the viability of the scheme
- the amount of unallocated funds already available to the applicant
- whether the applicant is already in receipt of funding from Crowan Parish Council.

The Council will not support applications

- from organisations that aim to make a profit
- that have a political aspect
- that are discriminatory in any way
- from individuals.

Awards will not normally be made

to 'branches' that could be funded by their main organisation
for buildings that are uninsured
for buildings where reasonable security of tenure is not demonstrated.

Other Notes

Crowan Parish Council reserves the right to reclaim a grant in the event of it not being used for the purpose specified on the application form.

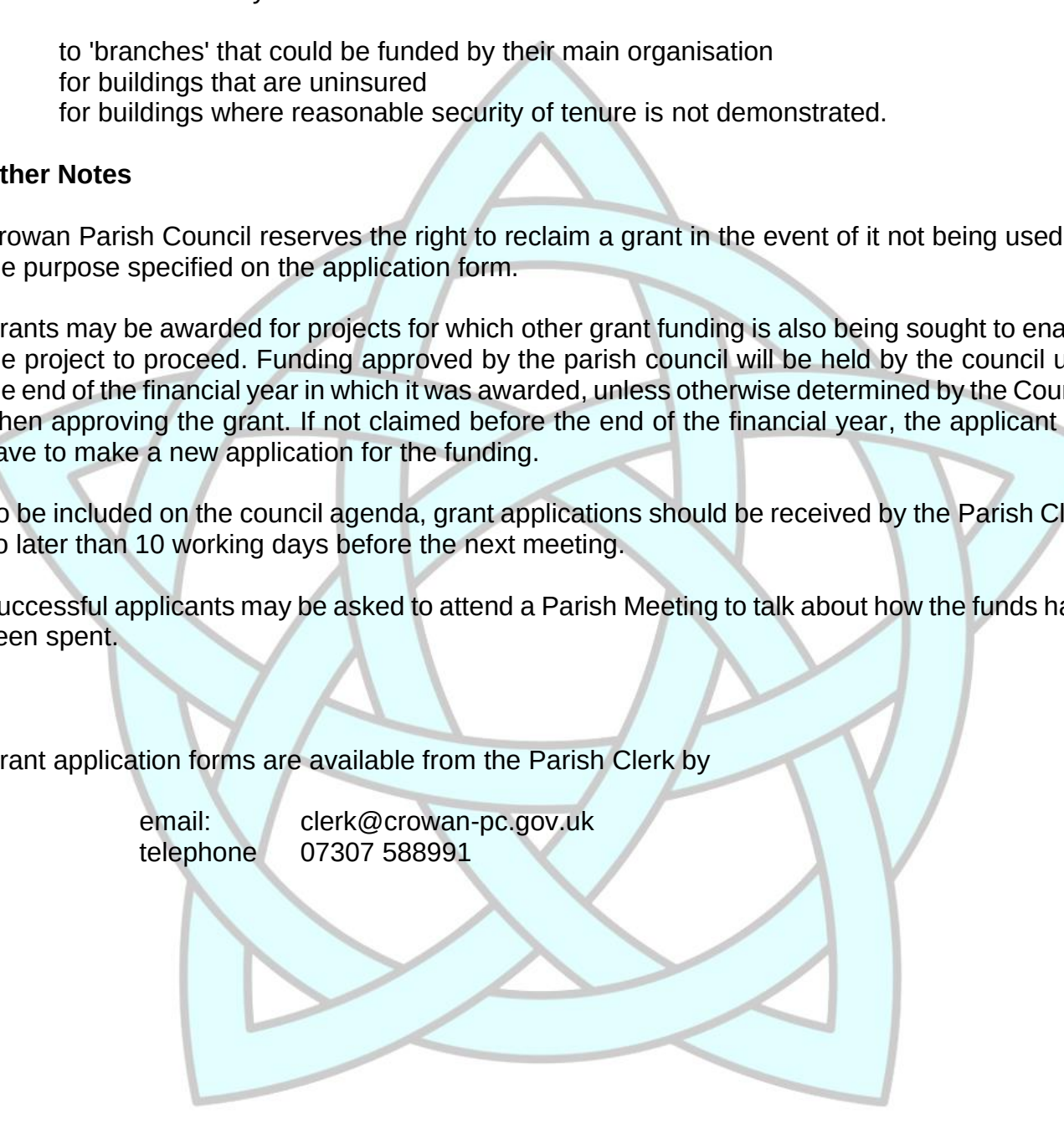
Grants may be awarded for projects for which other grant funding is also being sought to enable the project to proceed. Funding approved by the parish council will be held by the council until the end of the financial year in which it was awarded, unless otherwise determined by the Council when approving the grant. If not claimed before the end of the financial year, the applicant will have to make a new application for the funding.

To be included on the council agenda, grant applications should be received by the Parish Clerk no later than 10 working days before the next meeting.

Successful applicants may be asked to attend a Parish Meeting to talk about how the funds have been spent.

Grant application forms are available from the Parish Clerk by

email: clerk@crowan-pc.gov.uk
telephone: 07307 588991



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