Duloe Parish Council

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Grants Policy

Introduction

Duloe Parish Council may make small grants of £100 to voluntary groups or charitable organisations working for the benefit of the Parish and the local community.

Section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act (LGA) 1972 gives a Parish or Town Council in England the power to spend a proportion of tax payers money on certain purposes that are not otherwise authorised. This can include:

- Promoting the economic, social, or environmental well-being of the area
- Making contributions to charities and not-for-profit organizations that provide a public service in the UK

Section 137 is a vital tool for local government, as it allows councils to be flexible, accountable, and prepared. It can help Councils address needs in their communities that might otherwise go un-met. The financial amount per head of population is set each year.

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

The process for application is as follows: Written letter addressed to the Clerk explaining what the money will be used for, and how it will benefit the people of the Parish of Duloe.

Grant applications can be agreed at any Council meeting throughout the year and are decided upon by the full Council. The Clerk will write to applicants the day after the meeting with the Councillor's decision.

Guidelines

Applications will be considered for the following purposes:

1. For the purpose of purchasing equipment either in part or in full.
2. For the funding of transport that will enable group members to partake in a group trip or outing regardless of their incomes.
3. For training activities, or to hire the expertise of an outside trainer/ facilitator.
4. For activities that raise the profile of the Parish.
5. For running costs of a viable group that is experiencing a period of hardship.
6. For hosting special events or celebrations.
7. For the provision of recreational facilities.

Conditions

1. Grants will not be awarded to individuals
2. Additional applications within a 12-month period will not be considered.
3. The award must be used for the purpose for which the application was made.
4. If the group is unable to use the award for the stated purpose, all monies must be returned to Duloe Parish Council.
5. All awards must be properly accounted for, and evidence of expenditure should be supplied as requested. If Duloe Parish Council is not satisfied with the arrangements, they reserve the right to request a refund of monies awarded.
6. Donations to Registered Charities in response to a general fundraising appeal will be restricted to an upper limit of £50.
7. Any grant awarded by Duloe Parish Council may be subject to additional conditions as determined by the council.
8. In making an award, Duloe Parish Council does not assume or accept any responsibility or liability of any kind whatsoever towards any person or persons in respect of any matter arising out of the execution of the work undertaken.

Eligibility

1. Any Charity, Voluntary Group or Community Organisation.
2. Agencies that operate within Duloe Parish and are of benefit to the local community, with the following provisos:
   - Duloe Parish Council will not fund activities that it considers to be the responsibility of a Statutory Authority.
   - Duloe Parish Council will not fund activities outside its powers and functions.

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Signed: 

Position: Chair

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