

Grant Awarding Policy for Winterborne St Martin Parish Council

APPLICATION FOR GRANT

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Name of Organisation Applying: *Friends of the Martinstown Defibrillator*

Contact details: Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms) [REDACTED]

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Position in Organisation: Address: *Point of Contact*

Post Code: [REDACTED]

Tel No: [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]

Are you or any members of your organisation related to any elected member or employee of the Council? If so, please give details: *At least one Councillor, and his wife, have indicated their support for this application.*

Purpose/Aims and Activities of the Organisation: *The organisation is an informal grouping attempting to ensure that the defibrillator located outside Martinstown Village Hall is maintained in the public interest.*

Size of Organisation/Number of Members: *As mentioned the Organisation is an informal grouping but we have gathered substantial support from the Community and evidence of this support will be submitted to the Clerk prior to the Council Meeting.*

Services/ Activities Provided, Eligibility Criteria and Charges Made: *We have a single purpose – maintenance of the public access defibrillator located outside Martinstown Village Hall. No charges are made for any purpose other than the maintenance of the defibrillator.*

Purpose for which the grant is required: *To partly reimburse the parishioner who has procured the battery and pads in the public interest.*

Please include details on who will benefit from the project or scheme requiring funding: *Perhaps, or even hopefully, nobody will benefit from the defibrillator, but it might save a life. The parishioner who has ensured its continued use would benefit from being partially repaid.*

Total cost of the project or scheme requiring funding: *£396 – Invoice can be provided.*

Other Fund Raising Activities: *We brought the matter to the attention of the Parish Council (PC) though a Councillor and a motion was raised to fund the full cost of the maintenance items required. The motion was defeated but we now note that the PC appears to be pursuing much more expensive options. As mentioned earlier an individual parishioner determined to buy the required items in order to retain the service to the wider public. Following our failure to raise funds from the PC we have launched a public appeal which has been partly successful but still*

leaves monies outstanding. Additionally, from its installation the Village Hall trustees have contributed the electricity necessary to maintain the charge in the battery.

Amount of grant Applied for: £250

Account of Activities over the previous year:

In addition to advertising issues to the PC we have also studied literature relating to Public Access Devices/Automatic Emergency Defibrillators and note from British Heart Foundation literature that a defibrillator is best placed where people, and particularly older people, gather. We suggest that the Village Hall is the central point for such gatherings in the Parish, and being outside the building this PAD serves other areas where the public congregate such as the bus stops, shop and pub (just) within the 2 minute walk time.*

- *Page 9 - https://www.bhf.org.uk/-/media/files/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/defibrillators/defib-buying-guides/bhf_defibrillators_buying_guide_community.pdf?rev=8b9e33f8e56d4e93a49ee15370c68795&hash=D32071D9883AC5C5F06D48B2D86E3FF1

Account of Plans for Forthcoming year: *Given the earlier refusal of the PC to fund the maintenance costs you should be aware that even with this grant the Parishioner will remain out of pocket in this Financial year. We will therefore continue to seek donations to maintain the provision of this defibrillator. Fortunately, no further funds should be required until Jan 2027 when the pads will again need replacing*

If your Organisation works with children, young people under the age of 18 or vulnerable adults, please confirm that it has appropriate safeguarding and related policies in place. N/A

Additional information: please provide any additional information you may consider relevant or helpful to the Council when considering this application.

The defibrillator was installed on 3rd Nov 2019 with initial funding being obtained through grants and the generosity of Parish Organisations, notably the W.I., Valley Club, Village Hall, Keep Fit, the Church and Individuals donating funds whilst local companies such as Andy Whitty (electrician) Mike Fry (installation works) provided their services pro bono. The Village Hall kindly agreed to 'host' the Defib with the understanding that they would only be liable for the electricity costs. It was always the intention that ongoing funds would have to be raised for maintenance, however there was sufficient surplus in the grant to allow for the first replacement of pads.

We would ask that this application be publicised with the meeting papers in order that members of the public might comment prior to the meeting, or indeed attend the meeting in order to make their views clear.

Declaration: I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, all particulars and information provided in this document are correct and complete. I understand that any false declaration or misleading information or any significant omission may result in the rejection of the application or repayment of any grant aid subsequently provided.

Signed ...  Date 12/11/2024