**Grant Awarding Policy**

*This Grant Awarding Policy was approved by Kirkoswald Parish Council at their meeting on Tuesday 11th September 2012*

**Policy Statement**

A grant or subsidy is any payment made by Kirkoswald Parish Council (KOPC) to be used by an organisation for a specific purpose in the furtherance of the wellbeing of the community.

Guidelines for Grant Applications

1) It is a condition of any grant application that the group or project must bring direct benefit to the residents of the parish. All applications must clearly demonstrate how this will be achieved.

2) Grant Aid application forms are available from the Clerk or from the Parish Council website. Application forms must be submitted along with the latest set of the group’s annual accounts and bank statement(s). It is important that all questions on the application form are fully answered and that any appropriate additional information, which supports an application, is provided.

3) Retrospective grant applications will only be considered under special circumstances.

4) The scheme provides awards for new as well as grants for existing organisations. Applications will be considered for day-to-day running expenses and individual projects.

5) Applications WILL NOT be considered from:

 Organisations intending to support or oppose any particular political party or to discriminate on the grounds of race or religion.

 Private organisations operated as a business to make a profit or surplus.

 “Upward funders”, i.e. local groups whose fund raising is sent to their central HQ for redistribution.

6) Applications from religious groups will be considered where a clear benefit to the wider community can be demonstrated irrespective of their religious beliefs.

7) It must be understood that any grant must only be used for the purpose for which it was awarded

8) KOPC reserves the right to request any further information that it deems necessary to assist the decision making process

9) Ongoing commitments to award grants or subsidies in future years will not be made. A fresh application will be required each year.

10) The size of any grant awarded is at the sole discretion of KOPC

11) KOPC reserves the right to refuse any grant application which is considered to be inappropriate or against the objectives of the parish council.

**The Grant Application Form is available by clicking** [**here**](http://deanshelton.bedsparishes.gov.uk/deanshelton/assets/documents/grant-application-form-2)

**KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL**

**GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

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| **Name of Organisation:** |  |
| **Address:** |  |
| **Telephone No:** | **Email:** |
| **Contact Name & Position in Organisation:** |  |
| **Contact Address (if different from above):** |  |
| **Telephone No (if different from above):**  | **Email (if different from above):** |
| 1. **Aims of the Organisation**. (brief description of the main focus of the group and its benefit to Kirkoswald)
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| 1. **Approximate cost of project (if applicable)**
 | **£** |
| 1. **Amount you are applying for from Kirkoswald Parish Council**
 | **£** |
| 1. **Other funding applications (pending or approved)**
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| **BANK DETAILS:**1. **Account Name (for cheque payment)**
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| 1. **Please tick to confirm you have enclosed a copy of your latest audited accounts, and most recent bank statement(s) to support your application**
 | **Audited Accounts ****Latest Bank Statement(s) ** |

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| **Application submitted by:** | **Name:****Signature:** |
| **Date:** |  |
| **Completed Applications should be sent to:****Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council, Mrs R Lytollis, 1 Garth Hill, Castle Carrock,** **Brampton, Cumbria , CA8 9NE****Queries:** **kirkoswaldparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk** **or Mrs R Lytollis (01228) 670451** |

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| **For Kirkoswald Parish Council use only:** |
| **Date application received by KOPC:** |  |
| **Date submitted to full KOPC:** |  |
| **Request approved / Not approved** | **Amount awarded (if applicable):****£** |
| **Date cheque sent:** | **Cheque number:** |