

**RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL** DECISION  
**REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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Agenda Item No 5

meeting date: 5 APRIL 2016  
title: VOLUNTARY GRANT APPLICATIONS 2016/17  
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES  
principal author: SALLY MASON/KAY PLANT

1. PURPOSE

1.1 To approve the allocation of voluntary organisation grants for 2016/17.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Council has a number of grant schemes in operation including recreation grants, culture grants and sports grants, administered by Community Committee. The voluntary organisations grant scheme is administered by this Committee.

2.2 A member working group considers the applications received and makes recommendations to this Committee regarding the allocation of funds to voluntary organisations on an annual basis.

2.3 The working group consists of 3 conservative members and 1 liberal democrat member of this committee.

3. APPLICATION PROCESS

3.1 Applicants must clearly demonstrate that the purpose of the grant sought is to provide services or facilities that will meet the needs of communities in the Ribble Valley or directly benefit our residents.

3.2 The scheme will not normally fund the following:

- Capital projects on which work has already started or in aid of expenditure already committed or paid.
- Commercial organisations / businesses
- Any activity designed to promote political party politics or influence government policies
- Applications from the County Council or other government agencies
- Applications from religious organisations unless there is a clear broad community benefit.
- Schemes that can be funded by the Councils' other grant aid schemes.

3.3 Applicants can only be accepted from parish/town councils and properly constituted organisations operating on a non-profit making basis. A valid constitution or memorandum of articles or association, which clearly indicates the voluntary or charitable status of the organisation, should accompany all applications.

3.4 Applications for grants over £10,000 are required to supply a 3-year financial plan and for grants over £1,000 a copy of the organisation's latest audited accounts. Capital projects are limited to 50% of the approved costs to a maximum of £5,000.

4. ALLOCATION OF 2016/17 GRANTS

4.1 A meeting of the working group was held on 17 March 2016 for members to consider the applications received. Councillors S Hirst, A Knox and T Hill attended the meeting. Councillor R Thompson was unable to attend and sent his apologies.

4.2 The budget available for 2016/17 is £105,410.

4.3 The Council received 21 applications requesting support of £149,956. Annex 1 shows a list of the applications received from each of the voluntary organisations.

4.4 After careful consideration of all grant applications received, the working group recommends the grant allocations as shown in Annex 2 totalling £95,300.

4.5 The Working Group recognised that the balance remaining offers the Council flexibility to consider any new grant requests which may be received during the course of 2016/17. In addition it was recognised there may be additional cost pressures facing this Council following the service cuts agreed by Lancashire County Council as part of their budget setting process.

5. RECOMMENDATION

5.1 Approve the allocation of grants as proposed by the voluntary grant sub-group as set out in Annex 2, totalling £95,300.

ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

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## VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED 2016/17

Organisation Name	Brief description of Organisation	Grant Requested for 2016/17 £	Purpose of Grant request	Grant Applications Made To Other Bodies 2016/17	Level of Unrestricted Reserves £
Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team	Voluntary organisation which provides 24hr support to emergency services in treatment and recovery of casualties in wild and remote areas.	£1,250	For the purchase of safety goggles essential due to new, larger helicopters being used creating greater down force	N/A	As at 31 December 2014 £854,713
Carers Link Lancashire	Provides help, support and training to those who care for people who are ill, disabled or elderly	£4,500	To assist in supporting existing registered carers and help to identify hidden carers across the Ribble Valley	N/A	As at 31 December 2015 £201,828
Chipping Show	To promote agriculture, horticulture and tourism.	£350	To assist with the cost of putting on the Show and help keep it going	N/A	No accounts provided
Crossroads Care - Ribble Valley	Charity which provides Carer Support Workers to care for people in their own homes to give their carers a break	£15,000	To assist with the high travel costs the charity incurs as its staff have to travel around the Ribble Valley to reach clients	N/A	As at 31 December 2015 £172,180
Gisburn Festival Hall	Charitable Trust which operates Gisburn Festival Hall for the use of the people of Gisburn	£1,000	For the purchase of combined badminton and volleyball posts, nets and ancillary equipment	N/A	As at 28 February 2015 £9,071

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Goosnargh & Longridge Agricultural Show	To promote rural and farming life	£500	Towards the purchase and set up costs of the small local business marquee	Longridge Town Council	As at 28 February 2015 £107,861
Hodder Valley Agricultural & Horticultural Society	To improve the standard of animal husbandry and horticultural practices and to foster and encourage interest amongst young people	£250 - £500	Sponsorship of the handicrafts and art classes within the horticultural section of the show	N/A	As at 30 September 2014 £60,334
Home Start Pendle and Ribble Valley	Charity which supports vulnerable families with at least one child under 12.	£3,000	To assist in the day to day running of the charity to allow it to continue to operate	£42,200 Big Lottery £15,328 Public Health, both pending	As at 31 March 2015 £60,816
Lancashire Wildlife Trust	Charity set up to promote the conservation of nature for purposes of study and research and to educate the Public in the understanding and appreciation of nature, the awareness of its value and the need for conservation	£10,000 two year commitment	The grant is to support the Trust's work managing the Salthill and Cross Hill nature reserves by supporting the revenue costs of the East Lancs Reserves Officer.	£3,980 Ribble Valley Borough Council Countryside Budget, £1,000 Hyndburn Borough Council	As at 31 March 2015 £1,116,000

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Lancashire's Best Kept Village Competition	Annual competition to encourage a high standard of care and maintenance in Lancashire villages and hamlets	£500	To assist in the financing of the competition and awards ceremony and in the recruitment and training of new judges	N/A	As at 31 December 2015 £3,233
Little Green Bus	The Charity's main activity is the provision of community transport services for mainly elderly and vulnerable people	£7,500	The grant is to support the running costs of the volunteer car scheme.	£300,000 Big Lottery to be spent over 5 years	As at 31 March 2015 £47,246
Longridge Field Day Events	A small committee of local people providing family entertainment and raising money for charity	£1,000	To purchase crowd control barriers to ensure public safety for this and future events	N/A	As at 31 August 2015 £9,883
Revitalise Respite Holidays	Revitalise provides essential respite breaks for disabled guests and carers throughout the UK at their three holiday centres.	£354	To provide an essential one week break for a disabled guest and their carer from the Ribble Valley	N/A	As at 31 January 2015 £4.97m

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Ribble FM	A Community Interest Company aiming to provide a local community radio station for the Ribble Valley	£9,600	The grant is towards capital costs in building the studio and revenue costs towards training the 20 volunteers so that they can deliver professional programmes daily across the Ribble Valley	£9,998 Lottery, £1,500 Ribble Valley Homes, £250 Whalley Lions, £100 Whalley Parish Church, £500 Hanson, £1000 Bowland Trust, £1,000 Mayoral Fund, £500 Cardboard Box Co., £250 Whalley Pickwick	£10,177
Ribble Valley Breast Friends	A support group for Ribble Valley residents affected by breast cancer. It is the only group of its kind within a 15 mile radius of Clitheroe	£820	To help with the cost of renting a room in the Pavilion in Grindleton for one year.	£1,040 Macmillan pending	As at 31 December 2015 £1,378
Ribble Valley Citizens Advice Bureau	The service provides free, confidential and impartial advice to everybody	£84,332	To cover the core running costs of the organisation.	£10,000 Energy Best Deal Extra, £2,500 Ribble Valley Homes, both pending	As at 31 March 2015 £81,227

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Ribble Valley Shopmobility and Information Centre	To provide an equipment loan service to people with mobility problems to access shops, health and leisure in Ribble Valley.	£8,000	To help with the running costs of the service	N/A	As at 31 December 2015 £667
Rotary Club of Clitheroe Clitheroe Community Bonfire and Fireworks Display	To safely plan and stage the Clitheroe Community Bonfire and Fireworks Display each November and ensure all proceeds are donated to local charities	£750	The grant will be used to contribute towards the cost of the fireworks	Clitheroe Town Mayoral Fund	£2,428 brought forward from 2015 bonfire
The Foundation for Ribble Valley Families	To improve the social and emotional wellbeing of the most disadvantaged families in the Ribble Valley	£3,000	To fund 12 families to attend a 12 week Mindfulness stress reduction course	£59,000 LCC East Lancashire Building Resilience, over a two year period- Pending	£860
Whalley Pickwick Festival	To support Whalley Pickwick Festival	Not received to date	Application pending - has been overlooked due to involvement with flooding.	-	-
Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust	The trust supports the environmental, social and economic well being of the Dales and surrounding areas	£3,000	To support the "Wildflowers for the Meadows" project in growing hundreds of wildflower plants from seeds collected in Bowland hay meadows and verges.	£20,000 Lancs Environmental Fund, £5,000 AONB, £5,000 YDMT	As at 31 March 2015 £728,639
<b>Total</b>		<b>£149,956</b>			

## RECOMMENDED ALLOCATION OF GRANTS 2016/17

Organisation Name	Recommended Grant for 2016/17 £
Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team	0
Carers Link Lancashire	£2,000
Chipping Show	£500
Crossroads Care - Ribble Valley	£15,000
Gisburn Festival Hall	Refer to recreation grant scheme
Goosnargh & Longridge Agricultural Show	£500
Hodder Valley Agricultural & Horticultural Society	£500
Home Start - Pendle and Ribble Valley	£3,000
Lancashire Wildlife Trust	0
Lancashire's Best Kept Village Competition	£500
Little Green Bus	£6,000
Longridge Field Day Events	£500
Revitalise Respite Holidays	0
Ribble FM	0
Ribble Valley Breast Friends	0
Ribble Valley Citizens Advice Bureau	£60,000
Ribble Valley Shopmobility and Information Centre	£5,300
Rotary Club of Clitheroe - Clitheroe Community Bonfire and Fireworks Display	£750
The Foundation for Ribble Valley Families	0
Whalley Pickwick Festival	£750
Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>£95,300</b>