

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No. 15

meeting date: TUESDAY, 21 JANUARY 2020
 title: CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON CLUB PROJECT – UPDATE
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 This report provides Committee with an update on the Luncheon Clubs Christmas grants.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives - The provision of Christmas lunch clubs supports older and more vulnerable people in the community at a time when they are at their most vulnerable
- Corporate Priorities – Lunch clubs can help to make peoples' lives safer and healthier and helps to alleviate issues around loneliness and isolation.
- Other Considerations – Future funding allocations

2 CHRISTMAS LUNCH

2.1 Members will recall that at the meeting of Policy and Finance Committee in September (Minute 263 refers) it was agreed to promote an initiative under the Luncheon clubs programme to support Christmas lunch events. Members agreed to allocate £250 to each Luncheon Club towards a Christmas lunch.

2.2 However there is a significant variance in the number of attendees at the clubs, and as such each club was asked to complete a brief application form explaining how many they expected to attend the event along with an estimate of the associated cost.

2.3 21 applications were received, which are estimated to have supported 929 beneficiaries.

2.4 The total amount paid was £2,335, as detailed below:

Club	Amount Granted
West Bradford	£200.00
Grindleton	£200.00
Mellor	£65.00
Read	£200.00
Wilpshire	£135.00
Downham	£180.00
Gisburn Monday Club	£80.00
Tosside	£110.00
Read Constitutional	£150.00
Chipping Meet & Eat	£30.00
Chipping Cross Roads	£140.00
West Bradford Time for You	£175.00
Hodder	£187.50

Mearley Fold	£120.00
Gisburn FH	£200.00
Rimington	£162.50
Total	£2,335.00

- 2.5 In addition to the contributions given to existing luncheon clubs it was agreed after discussions raised at Parish Councils' Liaison Committee that one-off luncheon events could also apply for support under the scheme where appropriate. In total £830 was provided to 'one off' Christmas lunches as follows:

Area	Amount Granted
Chipping 'CHAOS'	£30.00
Longridge Rotary	£200.00
Billington	£200.00
Newton	£200.00
Total	£830.00

- 2.6 Whilst these areas do not have established luncheon clubs, where the Christmas lunch was promoted through the Parish Councils or operated by local voluntary organisations, this approach has provided a valuable opportunity to explore the scope for more regular luncheon club activities in these areas to help target isolation.

3 WAY FORWARD

- 3.1 Since the last review of Lunch Clubs in September 2019, £1,580 has been awarded to support activities in Billington and Read.
- 3.2 Work is also ongoing to develop the 'Meat and Eat' project early in 2020. 'Meet and Eat' has been set up to promote regular gatherings in established cafes and pubs. It also exists to support local businesses and provides a more sustainable model to deliver the objectives of luncheon clubs and reducing isolation.
- 3.3 Going forward opportunities develop new models including how the Council can best support needs in relation to activities that support well-being for older persons in particular will be explored.
- 3.4 The Christmas lunch programme was very well received, and the feedback has been very positive. It has enabled additional contacts to be developed with the opportunity for further Luncheon Clubs to be developed. Members will be kept inform through future reports of progress on the delivery of scheme.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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