



# Cainscross Parish Council

*Cashes Green & Ebley*

## **CAINSCROSS PARISH COUNCIL**

### **GRANT AWARDING POLICY 2011**

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**Review June 2019**

Cainscross Parish Council has a small budget for the award of grants to the community.

Grants awarded by local councils to organisations are usually made using the Local Government Act 1972 s137 which gives the “Power of local authorities to incur expenditure for certain purposes not otherwise authorised”.

The General Power of Competence (GPC) was introduced by the Localism Act 2011 and took effect in February 2012. In simple terms, it gives councils the power to do anything an individual can do provided it is not prohibited by other legislation. Cainscross Parish Council first confirmed its eligibility to use this power at its Full Council meeting on 25 July 2016.

Grants are considered at meetings of the Finance Committee and approved at Full Council. Application forms and guidance notes are available from the Parish Council offices, 39 Westward Road, Cainscross, Stroud, GL5 4JA or via our website [www.cainscross-pc.gov.uk](http://www.cainscross-pc.gov.uk)

#### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. The amount of the award will be at the Councils discretion.
2. All applications will be considered on their merits
3. Grants will be awarded to individuals, voluntary organisations, societies, clubs and not for profit organisations in the Cainscross parish.
4. Grants will not be awarded to national or regional charities unless for a project in the Cainscross parish
5. Groups from outside the area may apply if they can prove a benefit to the Cainscross parish
6. The Parish Council will take into account previous grants awarded
7. Grants will not be awarded for commercial ventures
8. Retrospective applications will not be considered
9. Grants are conditional on a full application form and supporting documents detailing costs
10. If the grant is used for any other purpose than that which it is awarded for without permission of the Parish Council, the grant becomes immediately repayable

11. All grant recipients must acknowledge receipt of the monies and provide proof of purchase of any equipment. If the grants for a community event, a short report and supporting photographs are required.
12. Organisations will not receive more than one grant in any financial year except in exceptional circumstances
13. The individual/organisation will normally be expected to have clearly written aims and objectives.
14. Organisations will be expected to have a written constitution and membership rules, copies of which should be submitted as part of the application. In addition, an organisation must demonstrate that it is properly managed and able to run its affairs responsibly.
15. An organisation is required to submit audited accounts or accounts that have been independently examined by a suitably qualified person, for the previous two financial years or, in the case of a newly formed organisation, a detailed budget and business plan.

### **HOW THE APPLICATION WILL BE ASSESSED**

1. Will the grant be used effectively
2. Are the costs realistic
3. What other efforts have been made to raise funds

### **GUIDANCE**

Applicants must return a full application form and background documents when applying for a grant. Applicants seeking more than £250.00 may be asked to attend a meeting of the Full Council and be prepared to discuss their application

All new applicants must attend a meeting of the Full Council