Report to Batheaston Parish Council relating to a grant application

made on behalf of Batheaston Youth Club, July 2020.

(Catherine Gregory, Chair of Finance Committee)

Background

Batheaston Parish Council (BPC) have made a grant to the Batheaston Youth Club (BYC) each year since 2011 when B&NES removed their funding. The BYC have operating costs of about £16k a year. In recent years the BPC grant has been £9.5k to cover staff, insurance and utility costs. The BYC record 125 young people from Batheaston using the club throughout the year. This is a significant grant for both the BYC and the BPC.

This Year, 2020/21

The BYC has been closed since late March due the Covid19 restrictions. The trustees expect to be able to re-open the club in September, in line with pupils returning to school. If this is possible the club will operate for 7 months of the financial year. As a charity the trustees have been able to furlough their staff under the government Covid support scheme whilst the club is unable to operate. The BYC have already received grants of £2k this year.

Proposal

I propose the BPC makes a grant of 7/12 of £9500. That equates to £5,541. I propose that is rounded up to £5,600, to be paid in approximately equal monthly instalments from September 2020 to March 2021. This grant would be conditional on the club being able to operate as planned for the rest of the year. I propose we review the situation with the BYC and report back to the BPC at the October council meeting.

Motion: To approve a grant of £5,600 to Batheaston Youth Club in support of their activities to March 2021, conditional on the BYC being able to comply with operating guidelines due to Covid 19 pandemic.