

TRUSTEE BOARD OF THE GILSTRAP AND WILLIAM EDWARD KNIGHT CHARITIES
4 MARCH 2021

UPDATE ON GRANTS AWARDED

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide the Trustees with an update following the decisions taken at their meeting held on 2 October 2020 to award grant funding to the Newark Civic Trust and the Newark R&M Cricket Club, and to request further details from the organiser of the Newark Book Festival.

2.0 Background Information

Newark Civic Trust

- 2.1 The Trustees gave consideration to an application for grant funding by the Newark Civic Trust. The Trust were seeking a contribution of either £2,500 or £1,918 to assist with the revision of 6 of the 8 town trails.
- 2.2 Having considered the proposal the Trustees agreed to award the full amount requested, subject to the Trust considering the following suggestions:
- i) combine some of the less popular trails to reduce the number of leaflets printed, thereby reducing costs and that consideration be given to the production of a booklet, to include advertising space to create an income;
 - ii) that an online presence for the town trails information be introduced; and
 - iii) that a partnership be entered into with Newark College to build leaflet display boards for the town trail leaflets.
- 2.3 Should the Trust not be in agreement to the above suggestions, the Trustees agreed that the sum awarded would be £1,918.00.

Newark Book Festival

- 2.4 The Trustees gave consideration to an application for grant funding by the organiser of the Newark Book Festival who was seeking a contribution towards the shortfall in the cost of providing the festival in 2020. It was noted that the shortfall was £9,634.00.
- 2.5 In considering the proposal the Trustees determined that they wished to see more than one year's financial accounts and deferred consideration of the application until they were provided.

Newark R&M Cricket Club Project

- 2.7 The Trustees gave consideration to a report which provided an update on progress of the Cricket Club's ground development project. The report set out that planning permission had been sought and refused due to accessibility issues. Therefore the Club were seeking additional funding for the installation of a lift on the front external stairs with the internal access to both sides of the building being reconfigured. The funding sought was in the sum of £13,134.

2.8 In considering the proposal the Trustees agreed to award the sum as requested.

3.0 Responses Received

Newark Civic Trust

- 3.1 Details of the grant awarded were forwarded to Mr. Michael Knapton, Chairman of the Newark Civic Trust for consideration. Mr. Knapton forwarded a letter to the Clerk to the Trustees dated 13 December 2020 thanking the Board of Trustees for their generous offer.
- 3.2 Having considered both offers the Trust decided to accept the lower offer of £1,918 and advised that if required, they would provide further details for that decision.

Newark Book Festival

- 3.3 A letter was forwarded to the organiser of the Festival advising of the Trustees' decision but to-date no response has been received.

Newark R&M Cricket Club

- 3.4 A letter was forwarded to the Cricket Club advising them of the Trustees' decision to award an additional £13,134 in funding.
- 3.5 On checking with the Assistant Business Manager – Financial Services the Cricket Club have not made a request to access the additional funding and, to date, of the total allocation of £113,134.00, only £5,000 has been drawn down.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the contents of the report be noted.

Background Papers

Nil

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