



Portishead Town Council

Grant Application Decision Form

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Ref: #10 TC 18.11.20 Item 18

Attach to front of corresponding full Grant Application

DECISION FORM - to be completed to support the Community Matters Committee to review and consider the grant application.

Name of group / organisation

Nailsea District Community Transport (NDCT)

Name/ title of project/ activity/ event

Community Transport - providing community transport to the Northern half of North Somerset, that includes specific service provision to the residents of Portishead.

PURPOSE - Why is this group/ organisation applying for funding

To continue to provide community transport for the elderly and disabled who cannot use public transport for many reasons. It is to provide financial support for the year ended 31 March 2022 (FY21/22).

BENEFIT - How will the people and communities of Portishead benefit

Pre Covid 19- pandemic we served around 400 members in the North Somerset area for which there were 99 in Portishead. Majority of members are between 70 and 90. The transport enables them to do their weekly shop, meet other people and go on day trips out. Without this service they would struggle to do the bare minimum and social isolation would be a significant problem.

For 2019/20 NDCT provided 4,584 passenger journeys (shopping, day trips, dial-a-rides and hires) to Portishead residents, an increase of c30% on the prior year. Normal services ceased on 23 March due to the pandemic and resources were redirected to prescription delivery and hospital transport with over 3,000 deliveries and 4,000 miles being covered to the end of August. Day trips also resumed during September.

The total cost of providing services is around £148,000 and a grant of £11,000 is sought, which is the same amount as the grant paid in respect of FY20/21. Due to the impact of Covid-19 NDCT is expected to incur a loss of £13,000 this year that may need to be managed by a reduction in its reserve fund for bus replacements.

To support the continuation and preservation of this important service a grant payment at the same level as last year is recommended.

RECOMMENDATION OF the Community Matters Committee

1) Approve: (tick relevant box):

YES

NO

2) Amount to be paid: £11,000

3) Payment terms: Payment during April 2021, of this grant in respect of the year ended 31 March 2022.

4) Decision of Community Matters Committee: To recommend approval of the payment of a grant of £11,000 for 2021/22 to Nailsea District Community Transport.