



WHITEHILL TOWN COUNCIL



PRESS RELEASE

GRANTS TO WHITEHILL & BORDON ORGANISATIONS

Four Whitehill & Bordon organisations will benefit from grants totalling £45,000 to help towards their costs in providing amenities, entertainment and services to local residents.

The following grants were awarded from the Whitehill Town Council's Major Grant scheme at a meeting of the Policy & Resource Committee on 7th March:

- £19,000 to the Phoenix Theatre & Arts Centre
- £6,000 to the Whitehill & Bordon Community Association, with a further £2,000 earmarked subject to conditions.
- £11,000 to East Hampshire CAB
- £9,000 to Whitehill & Bordon Town Partnership

Rob Allerston, Director of the Phoenix Theatre & Arts Centre says "Many thanks for the grant confirmation and on behalf of The Phoenix Trustees I'd like to thank Whitehill Town Council for their ongoing faith and support for the Phoenix Theatre & Arts Centre."

Cllr Adam Carew, Leader of Whitehill Town Council and Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee says "Whitehill Town Council remains in a strong financial situation thanks to sound management and we are therefore able to provide the same over-all level of major grant aid this year.

We have a transparent application process and provide more grant aid for community groups (as a percentage of our income) than any other town council in East Hampshire. This is on top of running a busy office, championing local causes and providing all sorts of facilities and events for our local community.

As funding pressure grows, we are always mindful this is tax payers money. Community Groups like Local Government are having to make efficiencies and become more proactive in marketing and match funding. We have therefore introduced targets and conditions to help provide best value for our residents and ensure promised services to our community are delivered.

We are in an era of great change both locally and in the way local government and the third (Voluntary) sector operate. We need to face these challenges together, working ever closer to ensure we have a strong and vibrant community here in Whitehill and Bordon.

Cllr Sally Pond, Whitehill Town Council Mayor says "I am very pleased with the outcome of the meeting - all the grants were allocated following a very robust, consistent process which is vital to the decision making. We wish all the organisations well."

The Council also runs a Minor Grant Aid scheme for applications up to £3,000 and the next closing date is 31st March 2016. All details can be found on the Council's website or by contacting Andrea Mann, Deputy Town Clerk, andrea.mann@whitehilltowncouncil.gov.uk.

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