**Community Fund General criteria – these apply to all applications**:

(1) Each application to be considered on its merit; the amount of grant will be at the discretion of the Council but will not normally exceed twenty per cent of the approved cost.

(2) The Policy and Resources Committee has the discretion to make a grant on any project.

(3) The purpose for which the grant is made must be in the interest of the Isles of Scilly or any part of it or all or some of the inhabitants of the Isles of Scilly. The benefit to the area or inhabitants must be commensurate with the expenditure.

(4) Organisations and groups will be expected to contribute some of their own funds to the project although a set percentage has not been agreed.

(5) The Committee will endeavour to treat similar projects equitably.

(6) The Committee will take into account any previous grant made to an organisation or group when considering a new application.

(7) At the discretion of the Committee any organisation or group with permanent bar facilities in operation may be excluded.

(8) No grant to be payable to or for any commercial venture for private gain.

(9) Retrospective applications will not be funded where the expenditure or project has been carried out or the event has taken place.

(10) The Council might not give financial assistance to individuals under this scheme unless it can be demonstrated unequivocally that it will benefit the community of the Isles of Scilly.

Applications for support for a Commemorative Event or Festival

(1) The application must relate to a community event, a festival or special event in commemoration and be held within the Isles of Scilly.

(2) Preferably, the application should be for support for specific identifiable elements of the event or festival, rather than towards general running costs.

Applications for support for Capital Expenditure or Project

(1) The application must relate to some specific item of capital expenditure or project and not to any regular item or maintenance or other revenue item, such as utility or staffing costs.

Conditions

(1) All grants will be conditional upon submission of Audited Accounts, and supporting documentation detailing costs of capital expenditure, project or events for which funding is being sought.

(2) (a) Recipients of grants from the Council may be required to attend a meeting of the Council to inform Members how the grant has been expended.

(b) All grant recipients are required to provide the Council with a brief report, including photographs, of how the grant has been utilised, how it has assisted the organisation or group and what it has achieved; and such report may be published in the Council’s newsletter and on the Council’s website; this must be submitted within two months of purchase of the capital equipment, or completion of the project or event for which the funding was awarded.

(c) Acceptance of a grant will be taken as permission for the Council to publish such articles in its newsletter but the organisation or group is responsible for ensuring that all necessary permissions are obtained for publication of photographs.

(3) If the grant is put to purposes other than those for which it was awarded without the prior approval of the Council, the recipient organisation or group will be required to repay the grant to the Council.

(4) The organisation or group should supply such information as the Council may request regarding the impact of the project on the Isles of Scilly.

(5) Recognition of the grant from the Council of the Isles of Scilly must be made in any publicity.

How will the application be assessed?

(1) How well the grant will meet the needs of the community, providing positive benefit to the inhabitants

(2) How effectively the group will use the grant

(3) Whether the costs are appropriate and realistic

(4) What level of contributions has been, or will be, raised locally

(5) Whether the organisation or group could reasonably have been expected to obtain sufficient funding from another, perhaps more appropriate, source

(6) How the organisation or group is managed – for instance, as indicated in the Constitution of the organisation.