

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2024/25
Decision No.
2593

Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for Leisure and Community Thursday, 21 November 2024

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Funding Application - Portchester Community Choir
Report of:	Assistant Director (Democracy)
Corporate Priority:	Leisure opportunities for wellbeing and fun

Purpose:

This report presents an application for funding under the Council's Community Funding Programme.

An application to the Community Fund has been received from Portchester Community Choir for £2,047.21 for the purchase of technology and storage equipment for their Singalong Outreach project.

Portchester Community Choir started in 2017 and now has over 70 members. More recently they have received requests from local groups asking if they could take singing to people who cannot attend their performances for groups of 20-30 people. Care homes and groups like Dementia Care Hub have already benefited through their trial sessions and they would like to continue and expand these extremely beneficial outreach performances. This technology and storage equipment would enable Portchester Community Choir to be self-sufficient as currently they use members' personal equipment which is not fit for purpose.

Portchester Community Choir are looking for £2,047.21 from the Community Fund for the purchase of a laptop, portable speaker, printer (to print their song sheets), microphone and headphones plus storage for these items and the song sheets.

As of October 2024, Portchester Community Choir held £1,654.20 in their accounts. In the accounting year January 2023 – December 2023 there was an income of £10,401.51 and expenditure of £9,754.63.

Both Ward Councillors, Councillor Bainbridge and Councillor D Wiltshire supports Portchester Community Choir's funding application.

Options Considered:

The Executive Member for Leisure and Community considered the contents of the report.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive Member for Leisure and Community approve the application to award £2,047.21 from the Community Fund.

Reason:

This application meets the Community Fund criteria for financial support for community capital projects.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor Mrs C Hockley (Executive Member for Leisure and Community)
Thursday, 21 November 2024