

Grants, Concessions and Donations

Grants:

Definition: A community grant allocated at the discretion of the Town Council based on what is detailed on the grant application form. The Town Council Community Grant is a sum of money that the Town Council allocate to Local Community Groups. Each year the Town Council utilises the interest earned on its Investment Accounts (approx. £3,000) and offers it straight back to the community through the use of Community Grants.

Process to gaining a grant: A grant application form (located on the Grants Page of the Website) should be completed and all accompanying documentation submitted to the Town Clerk who will then process the request at the next available Town Council Meeting. If you are successful, the agreed grant will be paid into your organisations bank account via BACS (online payment).

Concessions:

Definition: A reduction in the hire charge for groups or individuals raising money for charitable organisation who request the use of the Lyric Theatre to hold their event.

Process to gaining a Concession: All concessions need to be submitted in writing to the Town Clerk, and approved by Members at a Town Council Meeting before confirmation can be agreed with the person/organisation requesting the concession.

All Lyric Theatre concessions are fixed at 50% of the Lyric Theatre Booking Fee.

Donation:

Definition: The power for the Town Council to donate is contained in the Local Government Act 1972, s 137, which allows a local authority to spend a limited amount on activities for which it has no specific power, but which the authority considers 'will bring direct benefit to the area, or any part of it or all of some of its inhabitants'.

Process to gaining a Donation: A donation of £100 (maximum) can be awarded either via (a) request in letter asking for a donation; (b) as a result of not being able to award a grant, or (c) if recommended by a Town Councillor acting on the interests of the organisation/community who would submit a formal request on your behalf to the Town Council.