

SOUTH PETHERWIN PARISH COUNCIL

GRANTS POLICY

**Policy for grant requests, including Wind Turbine funding.
Update adopted by South Petherwin Parish Council 14th October 2026.**

South Petherwin Parish Council recognises the importance of supporting local groups, organisations and charities that benefit the parish/local community, and that awarding grants is a valuable method of support. The purpose of this document is to ensure that the Parish Council has an open, consistent, and easily understood approach to awarding grants.

The Parish Council holds a Wind Turbine grant fund, from which most of its grants come, plus its own small grant fund. The Parish Council award grants, at its absolute discretion, to not-for-profit, charitable or volunteer organisations or worthy causes which can demonstrate a clear need for financial support to achieve an objective which will benefit the Parish by:

- Providing a service
- Enhancing the quality of life
- Improving the environment
- Measurable benefits to the residents of the parish
- Promoting the Parish of South Petherwin in a positive way

These may include a variety of projects, including community events; environmental improvements, including conservation projects and green initiatives; cultural, recreational or educational programmes & initiatives; capital projects that benefit the parish, such as purchasing equipment or improving facilities that benefit the community.

The Parish Council will NOT award grants to: -

- Private individuals ie. activities that solely benefit an individual rather than the wider community.
- Commercial organisations.
- Purposes for which there is a statutory duty upon other local or central government departments to fund or provide unless such duty is devolved to the community or local level by agreement.
- "Upward funders"/ "Uploaders" i.e. local groups where fund raising is sent to a central HQ for redistribution.
- Core operational costs for organisations, such as salaries or rent.
- Groups that do not operate within the geographical boundaries of the Parish or demonstrate direct benefits to the Parish community.
- Political parties.
- Religious organisations unless for a purpose which does not discriminate on grounds of belief.
- Any organisation which in the view of the Parish Council has racist, extremist or other policies which the Parish Council deems to be unacceptable.
- Publicise or promote any organisations.
- Entertainment or hospitality.

This list is not exclusive and may be added to at the council's discretion. Each application will be judged on its own merit.

Grants will not be made retrospectively or be made once work on a project has already commenced, or for expenditure already incurred.

Applicants will be asked if funding has been obtained from any other sources. This will not prejudice the application in any way. Projects in receipt of match funding will be welcomed and the Parish Council may be able to help applicants identify funding available from other sources.

The full amount requested may not be able to be granted. In these circumstances, the Clerk will notify the organisation of the reduced amount that has been agreed.

Organisations will normally be expected to have clear written aims and objectives, a written constitution where possible, and a separate bank account controlled by more than one signatory. A copy of the latest set of annual accounts, or recent bank statements, should accompany the application form.

Applications (with any accompanying documentation) to be sent to:

Mrs Alison Barham, Parish Clerk

Pentrevé, South Petherwin, Launceston, Cornwall PL15 7JA Tel: 01566 777561

Mobile: 07826 061932 Email: clerk@southpetherwinparishcouncil.co.uk

Applications are considered at every full Parish Council meeting (usually once a month). Applicants may attend the meeting in which the grant will be considered, especially if they would like to talk further about the application.

Organisations awarded a grant will be expected to report back to South Petherwin Parish Council regarding progress and/or community benefit, and to provide a copy of invoices for purchases. For a specific project, or purchase, funds will normally be released on completion/purchase, or a milestone as agreed with the parish council. If the organisation is unable to use the money – or part of it – for the purpose stated, the money should be returned or a request made in writing to keep the remainder for another specific, legitimate purpose.

Applicants must acknowledge the Council in any publicity relating to the grant and agree to the Council publicising details of any grants it makes.

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1.	Name of Organisation	
2.	Name, Address and Status of Contact	
3.	Telephone Number of Contact	
4.	Is the Organisation a Registered Charity?	Yes/No
5.	Amount of Grant requested	£
6.	For what purpose or project is the grant requested? When will the funds be required?	
7.	What will be the total cost of the above project?	£
8.	If the total cost is more than the grant, how will the residue be financed?	
9.	Have you applied for a grant for the same project to another organisation? If so, which organisation and how much?	
10.	How will the community benefit from the project? What demographic is targeted? Approximately how many of those who will benefit are parishioners?	
11.	Please give a description of the Organisations activities.	

You may use a separate sheet of paper to submit any other information which you feel will support this application.

Signed.....Date.....