

## **GRANTS**

In 2018/19 the Council received numerous applications from voluntary groups and charitable/ community organisations and are pleased to confirm that grants were awarded as below:

- £250.00 for Shine Swindon for running support groups for new mothers who are suffering from postnatal depression
- £500.00 for Swindon 105.5 to provide a community-led radio
- £1000.00 to North Swindon Community Group for the running of the North Swindon Fun Day
- £640.00 to Britannia Majorettes and Miniettes of Swindon to purchase new dresses for their Miniettes troupe for the new display season
- £500.00 to Emmanuel URC Church for the running of Haydon Wick Festival
- £1000.00 to Haydon Wick Guides & Rangers to help with the costs of their trip to France
- £250.00 to 7<sup>th</sup> Swindon Scouts for the purchase of a new water boiler
- £1000.00 to Swindon & Cricklade Railway for the conversion of a train carriage to accommodate wheelchair users and carers

Some of our grant applicants are present at the meeting today to show case and present some ways in which our grants have helped them achieve their projects.

## **POLICIES REVIEWED & CREATED**

Policies created – CCTV, Recording of meetings, Reserves policy

Reviewed – Staff handbook, Financial Regulations, Standing Orders, Investment Policy

The Emergency Plan has been reviewed and a group will shortly be created to include residents of the Parish that would be part of the plan ensuring the community is led to safety in an emergency situation.

## **INCOME, BUDGET SETTING AND PRECEPT**

Price comparison exercises were carried out for all of the Council's income streams such as advertising, leisure garden rates, hire of premises and the community bus. The cost of the room hire was remarkably low and has been increased to cover the costs.

The Council set the precept and whilst there has been an increase the overall amount is still fairly low in comparison to other councils, the amount payable for 19/20 is £83.60.

Other: GDPR adopted and the Council has two DPO's