

**BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Community Development Committee**  
**Thursday 15 June 2023**

**Decision Report 2**

**Recommendation**

Members to consider holding a reception for 2022/23 grant recipients and **RESOLVE** to agree a date.

**Ward**

Not ward specific.

**Risk Management**

To form part of the internal grant audit process. There is budget provision to hold a reception.

**Objective**

To provide an opportunity for Members to meet those who have received a grant and for recipients to make a short presentation should they wish. This will also provide a photo opportunity to promote the support given by the Town Council.

**Report**

Officers are currently carrying out an audit of grants allocated in 2022/23 and are contacting recipients to either arrange a visit or request a report on the use of their grant (depending on the nature of the grant).

Following suggestions from Members at a previous meeting, we would look to arrange a reception and invite those who received a grant last financial year. This would be an opportunity for Members to speak to those who received a grant. In September 2013 and March 2014 the Town Council held presentations for those awarded a grant and we would envisage a reception to be along those lines, with those invited being given the opportunity to make a short presentation should they wish, as part of the audit. Refreshments would be provided.

If this is agreed, then we would ask Members to agree a date and time. Officers would suggest that this is not held on the same day as a Committee or Council meeting and would suggest **Tuesday 4 July in the late afternoon (5.30 pm?)**.

As in previous years, this would also provide a photo opportunity for media use, in particular the next Newsletter, to promote the financial support given by the Town Council to groups in the community.

**Alison McCabe**  
**Office Manager**