

## Grundisburgh Village Hall Community Fund Protocol

The trustees voted in July 2022 to adopt and publish the following protocol and agreed to review the document annually but noted there is nothing to stop them making adjustments anytime.

The GVH Community Fund exists to support and encourage the widest possible use of Grundisburgh village hall. The objectives of the fund are

- To pay all or part of the hall hire fees for hires with altruistic objectives which may benefit the community and/or which are in aid of charity.
- To provide 'seed funding' to help new regular hires become self sufficient, where the activity is for the benefit of the community.
- To contribute to or pay for equipment needed to support activities in the hall which benefit the community.

Administration of the fund.

- The fund is held nominally within the village hall accounts
- Any person or group in the community may request financial assistance according to the fund's objectives.
- A group of at least two village hall trustees and not more than three community representatives will consider requests for assistance and make recommendations to the trustees.
- The trustees will decide which requests to support.
- The trustees will not make commitments to grant monies from the fund which exceed the cash in hand of the fund.

Monies given to the fund in the form of donations, standing orders or grants will be greatly appreciated. The Trustees can provide marketing/publicity assistance through their website and contacts if desired.

Definitions/Examples

- An altruistic hire would be where an individual, or group sought no financial benefit from offering an activity which had the aim of benefitting the community.
- An activity set up to benefit charity may be supported by the fund, but the proportion of hire fees paid by the fund would be reduced if the hirer/organiser sought some financial gain.
- Where a new activity for the benefit of the community, and not for financial gain of the organiser may take a period of time to reach financial stability (ie gain sufficient support for the income generated to pay for the hire fees and its running costs) the fund may contribute in the way of seed funding, subject to reasonable evidence that the activity will become a success.
- Where an activity requires equipment replacement or enhancement the fund may contribute subject to consideration of the level of benefit to the community.

Benefit to the community is subjective, but for the purposes of the community fund the more the benefit the more strongly the fund can consider providing support. Considerations would be: the most needy sections of the community who might attend, the proportion of the community potentially attending, the desire expressed locally for a hall based activity.