

Community Grant Assessment April 2025

Applicant: Little Owls Baby & Toddler Group
Amount applied for: £190
ASSESSMENT
Overview & what benefits to the community (Section B1.1 and B1.2)
<p>'Menheniot Little Owls Baby and Toddler group meet every Tuesday at 13.00-14.30. We offer a warm, safe and friendly space for babies, toddlers, carers and grand-parents. The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly with plenty to engage curiosity and enjoy. There are a wide variety of resources laid out to discover during the session including books, puzzles and always a craft table. A healthy snack, milk or water is provided along with tea and coffees for the grown ups.' (from online listing)</p> <p>The group asks for long term support with renting costs to keep the cost affordable for families.</p>
Other funding from their own resources and alternative sources. (Section C1.1-1.3)
Applicants ask for 38 weeks rental at £5 per week. 'Average weekly costs are £15, so the grant would cover 33% of their costs. Families using the service pay £2 per session unless they have been referred or are unable to pay.'
Numbers benefitting (Section B1.7)
5-15 families per week.
Other resources (eg volunteering) (Section C1.4)
'Group runs with 2 volunteers who give up 5 hours per week to run the group, in addition the Playgroup committee oversee the running.'
Priorities as identified by the applicant, and those of the council (Section C1.1)
No priorities identified.
Notes
<p>Latest accounts show that income has reduced from £467 to £420 because 'Less attendance and we had a few families we weren't charging during the time' (having been referred by health worker). In 2022/23, the group had a surplus of £237 that reduced to £40 in 2024/24.</p> <p>Councillors are reminded that under the terms of the Community Grants scheme, 'The council will not usually fund more than 10% of a project (£2,000 maximum), but will expect the applicant to have raised other substantial funding from their own efforts within the local community'. Budget for 2025/26 is £2,500.</p>
Recommend £190