

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**MEETING WITH THE CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES****23 May 2019****Report of the Director of Legal Services****GRANT TO DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP****1 Purpose of the Report:**

To consider a grant application from the Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group in recognition of its work with Gypsies and Travellers in Derbyshire in the year 2018 -2019.

2 Information and Analysis:

An application for a grant for the financial year 2018-2019 has been received from the Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group, requesting £3,500.

The Liaison Group is asking for support for its work over the financial year with traditional Romany Gypsies and Irish Travellers. It plays an extremely important role in supporting the three Council owned Traveller sites in Derbyshire. Other activities include the production of a newsletter "The Traveller", assistance with private site planning applications and dealing with issues of education, health and welfare of Travellers. The group also co-ordinate and deliver public events which raise awareness of relevant and important issues, for example, Holocaust Commemoration. Over the years the Authority has held regular discussions with the Liaison Group on issues arising from unauthorised encampments, site management and on developing good practice in dealing with unauthorised encampments.

The Group relies on small annual grants to cover the baseline running costs.

In the year 2017/2018 the group was awarded a grant of £3,500.

It is recommended that a grant of £3,500 be awarded to Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group, in recognition of its work in the County over the current year.

3 Financial Considerations:

Budgetary provision of £3,500 has been made to support Traveller organisations in the current year.

4 Equal Opportunities Considerations:

Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group works to combat discrimination and promote the rights of Gypsies and Travellers in Derbyshire.

5 Other Considerations:

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered:

Social Value, prevention of crime and disorder, environmental, health, legal and human rights, personnel and property considerations.

6 Background Papers:

The annual report and accounts have been supplied by the Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group.

7 Key Decision:

No

8 Call-in:

Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No

9 Officer Recommendation:

That the Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group be awarded £3,500 for the year 2018-2019, subject to the County Council's standard conditions of grants.

Janie Berry
Director of Legal Services

Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group



Annual Review 2018

MOVING FORWARD



**DERBYSHIRE
GYPSY LIAISON
GROUP**

Chair's report

DGLG yet again has had another productive year. We have continued working with LINKS and the BME Forums. The forums have given us valuable information on how to help the most sick and vulnerable in our community. We continue to have the drop in at the office premises on Wednesdays and the phone line is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Our befriending project helped target those families that are not on a site and those that are isolated in housing.

Johanna Price

Coordinator's report

The office is secure again for a further three years and at the same price, so that is a great relief. The Derbyshire Foundation's the Manor fund funding has enabled us to continue to support roadside elder and disabled and those that are housebound and or carers. We also received our Derbyshire County Council grant which enables us to keep the office running. Funding from DDCVS (5 Ways to Wellbeing) enabled us to have the time to put in place personal plans for people and help train volunteers. Work within the Bolsover area was covered by our Healthy Bolsover grant. We have applied to the Big Lottery to enable us to keep the befriending project going.

We have tried over the last year and are still promoting the use of a computer in the office in relation to daily tasks, for example car insurance. A review of costs for many on our books saw that they were paying over a third more in insurance than other people. This is due to many families thinking that if they stick with the same insurance firm, they will have their premium reduced. It can be very stressful especially for older ones to keep their van insurance up to date and not fall into money difficulties. With support to the individual we have saved on average £400.00 per person, which is a lot of money. Many insurance companies refuse to insure Gypsy/Traveller families.

Derbyshire Gypsy and Traveller Needs Working Group: DGLG meets with the Derbyshire Gypsy and Traveller Needs Working Group four times a year. The group has worked on updating the Derbyshire wide Gypsy and Inter Agency Guidance. This is a working document and subject to review and change. The May meeting of the Working Group was held in May 2018 at Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group offices.



Befriending

We undertook a pilot befriending project with funding from South Derbyshire Voluntary Action. In July DGLG attended the “Turning the Tide” event in Chesterfield. DGLG applied and became members of the National Trusted Befriending Network, this is a very good network with a website that has very useful information on it that can be accessed if you are a member.

An important report came out in 2018; Befriending in Derbyshire: Its Value and Impact, the findings of independent research commissioned by the Derbyshire Trusted Befriending Network. We are hoping that after the successful pilot that we can develop the work further in the coming year.

Drop in for elder people Wednesdays at the office at the “café”. We undertook “food on the hoof sessions” where by Befrienders could pop in and see people with a sandwich and cake and have chat.



2014-2018 Great War

We made a commemoration in the window of the office which highlighted VC Jack Cunningham and the horse in war.

Friday phone line

We use Fridays specifically to catch up with community members who may be feeling lonely or isolated or depressed. The phone line is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am until 2pm. The phone has a code number attached to it now to help save on costs, so that the messages can be accessed without coming into the office. This is good if bad weather stops travel.

Proportion of work from calls:

Education	5%
Housing assistance	10%
Planning advice	20%
Health and welfare	40%
Benefits	5%
Sign posting to relevant agencies	15%
Harassment community relations	5%

We are members of the Derbyshire Health & Social Care Voluntary Sector Forum. Meetings are held at the Agricultural Centre in Bakewell and Siobhan usually attends these when she can.

We undertake much work in this area. GPs and hospitals have our address for roadside families otherwise they miss appointments as correspondence can go to old addresses. This situation has improved to a certain extent by families now being contacted by phone. However, many elder people do not read texts or can get messages from the phone. We continue to be host office to NFGLG. The phone line split above does not include the NFGLG proportion of calls.

BME Forums We attend the BME meetings (hosted by LINKS) every two months. We supported Derbyshire Carers access to the community with their review checks (part of BME Links project). We have been able to assist in getting respite care and carers grants. We also continued to hold a contract with Links in relation to the BME Mental Health Community Scheme. The service is to achieve the following aims:

- 1.1 Work with members of the targeted BME community to increase their understanding of the availability of mental health services.
- 1.2 Provide support for mental wellbeing of the targeted BME community.
- 1.3 Signpost and support service users from the targeted BME community to access mainstream mental health provisions.
- 1.4 Early referrals to mental health services for members of the targeted BME community to prevent deterioration of mental health.
- 1.5 Increase the understanding of commissioners on the needs of service users from the targeted BME community.



Johanna pictured here with Dot Inger, from Derbyshire carers. DGLG introduced Dot to community members, to ensure carers needs are met, through support and or carers grants.

Planning and accommodation

Over the last year we have been able to help families get disability facilities, given advice on applying for housing and advise on planning applications. We obtained a Certificate of Lawful use outside of Derbyshire. The NFGLG Planner has obtained planning permissions across Derbyshire (an extra pitch in Bolsover, one is south Derbyshire, North East Derbyshire and a renewal and Roger continues to feed into local and borough plans. It is a priority in the coming year to find land for a site in the Derbyshire Dales.

Partnership working

Working in partnership with Anglia Ruskin University we obtained SEED funding for “Life on and off the Hard Shoulder”, a comparable study of elders on the side of the road and in housing, report out shortly. Interviewers Muzelley McCready and Muzelley Roddam did an excellent job on obtaining interviews.



The 4Rs Research event Leeds. Little Zellie fifth back row. Muzelley sat in front first in row. We attended the 4Rs research event held by Leeds Gate.

It is important to recognise that Gypsy and Traveller community research be undertaken with and or by community members.

National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups

The administration of the national work of the National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups (NFGLG) is undertaken from the office and we host their workers, Adrian Jones and Roger Yarwood. Tracy Gregory also acts as bookkeeper and minutes taker for NFGLG as well as for DGLG. National Policy continues to be a worry as various statements have been announced throughout the year.

The planning work feeds in to a planning group that can share information and help one another if a planner cannot attend a committee meeting for example, someone else might be able to for another area.

NFGLG has been awarded a grant to coordinate the monitoring of the UK Government's (lack of a) Roma Integration Strategy and this will be a main part of the work in the coming year. NFGLG hope also to keep the Town and Country planning as ongoing important work.

November 2017

We attended the Cenotaph parade in London

We were not able to undertake an event for Heritage Open Days in September 2018, but we did update the website with the 2017 photographs.

January 27th, 2018

Holocaust Memorial Day was on January 25th in 2018. HMD is a national event in the United Kingdom, dedicated to the remembrance of the victims the Porrajmos [Holocaust] or Sumaripen (the killings). First held in January 2001, it has usually been on the same date every year since (27th January). The chosen date is the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp by the Soviet Union in 1945. This year the theme was: *The Power of Words*.



Derby Quad: Nemmy 2018

Thanks to all volunteers and befrienders over the last year and thanks to our Funders

Derbyshire County Council

Derbyshire Community foundation (The Manor Fund)

Derbyshire Voluntary Action

5 Ways to wellbeing Derbyshire Dales CVS

South Derbyshire CVS

Bolsover District Council: Healthy Bolsover grant scheme

Links

DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR

31 AUGUST 2018

DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

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DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

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Objects

The Group is established for the benefit of the Gypsy community in the County of Derbyshire, and surrounding area, and in particular to campaign for the human rights of Gypsies, to work to improve their education, health and living conditions, and to promote and organize co-operation in the achievement of these of purposes.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31st 2018

Independent Examiner's Report to the Committee of Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2018 which are set out on pages 3 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of the committee and examiner

The committee are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The committee consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act). It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act) and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records are kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met, or
- 2 to which, in my opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mark Newey ACMA
Derby Community Accountancy Service
Babington Lodge
128 Green Lane
Derby

Date

DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31st 2018

2017			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2018
£			£	£	£
48628	Opening Balances		20249	10609	30859
	Receipts				
17099	Grants	note 1	3500	15148	18648
0	Donations		146	0	146
17500	Site grants		17500	0	17500
3241	Training & consultancy		0	1234	1234
2190	Sundry	note 2	15860	0	15860
3	Interest		0	0	0
40033			37006	16382	53388
	Payments				
5192	Salaries and associated costs		5327	25	5352
2223	Travel expenses		0	3708	3708
766	Insurance		784	0	784
166	Education & Training.		0	24	24
14397	Consultancy		40	5019	5059
1349	Office costs		844	277	1120
2126	Telephone		0	1751	1751
1436	Postage, stationery & printing		81	232	313
364	Publishing costs		0	0	0
1585	Equipment		382	0	382
4900	Rent		5000	160	5160
16350	Site Fees		16000	0	16000
4057	Special Events		0	77	77
2891	Other fees	note 3	4753	404	5157
57802			33210	11677	44887
0	Transfer between funds		0	0	0
-17769	Net Movement of Funds for the year		3796	4705	8501
30859	Closing Balances		24045	15314	39359

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31st 2018

2017			2018
£			£
0	Fixed Assets	note 4	0
	Current Assets		
5814	Balance at bank	14268	
25008	Reserve account	25008	
37	Petty Cash	82	
<u>30859</u>			<u>39359</u>
919	Debtors	note 5	665
4	Less Creditors	note 6	0
<u>31774</u>	Total Current Asset Value		<u>40024</u>
<u>31774</u>	Total Net Assets		<u>40024</u>

Chair

Date

Treasurer

Date

DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNT

Note 1

Grants consisted of:-

	Unrestricted Grants	Restricted Grants	Total 2018	Total 2017
	£	£	£	£
Derbyshire County Council	3500	0	3500	3500
5 Ways to Wellbeing	0	2300	2300	0
The Big Lottery	0	0	0	6550
Bolsover District Council	0	0	0	2888
Ernest Bailey	0	0	0	85
Derbyshire Voluntary Action	0	360	360	600
SEED	0	3905	3905	0
Chesterfield Links	0	1953	1953	656
Manor 2056 Fund	0	4200	4200	0
South Derbyshire CVS	0	2430	2430	0
Outreach for Health	0	0	0	2730
Better Derbyshire Dales	0	0	0	90
	3500	15148	18648	17099

Note 2

Sundry income

	Total 2018	Total 2017
	£	£
National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups	8000	2040
Welfare income	4652	0
Refunds	60	150
Sundry	3147	0
	15860	2190

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNT (CONTINUED)

Note 3

Other fees consisted of :-

	Total 2018	Total 2017
	£	£
Welfare	3929	1744
Accountancy	380	360
Bank charges	101	25
Evaluation	45	0
Promotion	442	614
Membership	203	149
Quality assurance	57	0
	5157	2891

Note 4

Equipment

	£
Gross Value as at September 1st 2017	10154
Purchases with a value of more than £500 in the year	0
Gross Value as at August 31st 2018	10154
Depreciation as at September 1st 2017	10154
Depreciation charge for the year (at 25%)	0
Depreciation as at August 31st 2018	10154
Net Value as at August 31st 2018	0

Purchases of less than £500 have been written off in the year of purchase.

Note 5

Debtors

	Total 2018	Total 2017
	£	£
Chesterfield Links	0	919
National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups	405	0
Sundry	260	0
	665	919

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNT (CONTINUED)

Note 6

Creditors

	Total 2018	Total 2017
	£	£
HM Revenue and Customs	0	4
	0	4

Note 7

Restricted Funds consisted of :-

	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfer between funds	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Chesterfield Links	8427	3187	3346	0	8267
Bolsover District Council	2182	0	2182	0	0
5 Ways to Wellbeing	0	2300	1429	0	871
Derbyshire Voluntary Action	0	360	60	0	300
SEED	0	3905	2425	0	1480
Manor 2056 Fund	0	4200	180	0	4020
South Derbyshire CVS	0	2430	2055	0	375
	10609	16382	11677	0	15313