

Report – Crowdfunder fundraiser

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OVERVIEW

The Leaffield Playground Committee has submitted a proposal to set up a crowdfunding page.

CLlr Caunt has advised that the intention is to use the Parish Council entity and bank account.

CONSIDERATIONS

1. If the Committee sets up a crowdfunding page using its entity and bank account, the Council would have no responsibility for the fundraising and management, and would be able to accept donations from the group.
2. If the Council's entity and bank account is to be used, the Parish Council would have to be responsible for setting up the account, its activity and the fundraising.

If the Council agrees to set up a "crowdfunder" account, this will need to be agreed at a meeting. The Council will control and be responsible for the account – this could be via a Council Committee or by giving delegated authority to the Clerk.

If a Council account is set up the Clerk will be required to provide their personal documentation as part of the verification process.

All fundraising activities/suggestions will need to go through Council or a Council Committee for approval, and again any administration will be the Council's or a Committee's responsibility.

Monies received and costs will need to be accounted for carefully in the Council's accounting system, and documented separately.

The following resolutions would be required to set up and use crowdfunding:

- Approval to set up the crowdfunder account
- Approval of the responsibility to manage the crowdfunder account
- Approval every project/campaign
- Approval of the responsibility to run every project/campaign

COUNCIL DECISIONS

- To consider whether to set up a Council crowdfunder account
- To approve whether a Council Committee or the Clerk will be responsible for managing the crowdfunder account

Future approvals required:

- Every project or campaign
- Who will be responsible for running every project or campaign