**Shop Front Improvement Grants Panel - Minutes**

**Wednesday 27 November 2024 5pm**

Present: Cllr. Wright (Chairperson), Cllr. Jarvis, Cllr. Ridley, Cllr. Barnett, Cllr. Jenns

Becky Evans, Rachel Stephens, Jennifer Leadbetter

| **Notes** | **Action** |
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| **Introduction**  £100,000 has been made available for grants to support any customer-facing business operating in North Warwickshire that would like to improve the appearance of their shop front.  The grants can cover the cost of basic exterior improvements, which can include painting, cleaning, minor repairs, and signage.  Businesses are able to apply for a grant of up to £2,000 to cover the total cost of the work. Grants over £2,000 can be applied for, with the applicant contributing 50% of the total costs.  Businesses submit an online Expression of Interest, with officers then requesting more information if appropriate. |  |
| **Matters Arising from the Panel Meeting held on the 17September 2024**  The following changes have been made to projects, determined by the panel at the meeting in September:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | M & J Meats, Coleshill | Approved | | Polesworth Pharmacy | Withdrawn | | Onyx Joinery | Withdrawn | | Flawless Tanning | Withdrawn |   The following applications, deferred for more information, have been determined by the panel:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Short, Bark and Sides, Atherstone | Approved | | Whitmores Ltd, Polesworth | Approved | | Hawthorne’s Hardware, Coleshill | Approved | |  |
| **Applications**  The following value of applications have been fully submitted and were determined by the panel:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | Number of finalised applications | Total value of applications | | Atherstone | 10 | £15,311 | | Polesworth / Dordon | 3 | £5,502 | | Coleshill | 7 | £12,642 | | Other | 1 | £2,000 | |  |
| **Applications Received and Decisions**  *Atherstone*   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Flower House, Market Street | Approved | | Raj Mahal, Long Street | Approved in Principle | | Maginnis Optician, Long Street | Approved | | W C Masters & Son, Long Street | Approved | | Computer Solutions, Long Street | Approved | | Flowers by Chris, Long Street | Approved in part | | Warwick Pharmacy, Long Street | Approved | | Perfection Tanning, Long Street | Approved | | Wags & Co, Long Street | Approved | | Make & Mend, The Arcade | Approved |   *Polesworth / Dordon*   |  |  | | --- | --- | | B5000 Barbers, Tamworth Road | Approved | | Hambrys Fishing Tackle | Approved | | Active Life | Approved |   *Coleshill*   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Blades, High Street | Approved | | The Barber Shop, Chamberlain Walk | Approved | | Liliann, High Street | Approved | | Nice Thoughts, Chamberlain Walk | Approved | | Shabby Attic, High Street | Approved | | Heads of Coleshill, High Street | Approved | | Partridges, High Street | Approved |   *Other*   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Hartshill Convenience Store, Oldbury Road, Hartshill | Approved | |  |
| **Any Other Business**  The scheme is now closed for any new applications from Atherstone. |  |
| **Future Meeting Dates**  Wednesday 29 January 2025 |  |