**Shop Front Improvement Grants Panel - Minutes**

**Wednesday 29 January 2025 5pm**

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

Becky Evans, Rachel Stephens, Jennifer Leadbetter

Apologies: Cllr Wright

| **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 27 November 2024**  The following changes have been made to projects, determined by the panel at the meeting in November:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Flowers By Chris | Withdrawn | |  |  | |  |
| **Applications**  The following value of applications have been fully submitted and were determined by the panel:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | Number of finalised applications | Total value of applications | | Polesworth / Dordon | 0 | 0 | | Coleshill | 1 | £1,477 | | Other | 3 | £9,950 | |  |
| **Applications Received and Decisions**  *Coleshill*   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Sweetie Box UK, Chamberlain Walk | Approved in principle |   *Other*   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Orchard Nurseries, Water Orton | Approved in principle | | Gun Hill Stores, New Arley | Further information required | |  |
| **Any Other Business**  The scheme is closed for applications from Atherstone. |  |
| **Future Meeting Dates**  Thursday 27 January 2025 |  |