**Shop Front Improvement Grants Panel - Minutes**

**Thursday 27 February 2025 5pm**

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

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**  The following changes have been made to projects, determined by the panel at the meeting in September 2024:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | 27 Long Street, Atherstone | Withdrawn | | A & D Super Choice, Kingsbury | Part-return of grant |   The following applications, deferred for more information at the panel meeting in September 2024, have been determined by the panel:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Miracles, High Street, Coleshill | Approved | | Ultra Vape, High Street, Coleshill | Agreed in principle |     The following applications, deferred for more information at the panel meeting in January 2025, have been determined by the panel:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Gun Hill Stores, New Arley | 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 | | Polesworth / Dordon | 3 | £5,668 | | Other | 3 | £8,203 | |  |
| **Applications Received and Decisions**  *Polesworth*   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Clifford’s Café, Bridge Street | Approved | | Bridge Street Barbers, Bridge Street | Approved | | Tarrants | Approved |   *Other*   |  |  | | --- | --- | | The Coffee Hut, Hood Lane Farm, Ansley | Approved | | Ansley Post Office, Ansley | Approved | | Kirsty’s Cuts, Kingsbury | Approved | |  |
| **Any Other Business** |  |
| **Future Meeting Dates**  Dates to be confirmed |  |