# Bradford Trident Community Council
# Request to Increase Grant from Bradford Trident to Bradford Trident Community Council for the Financial Year 2019-20

During the last financial year, we received £20,000.00 from Bradford Trident from which £10,000.00 is used towards the running costs for the Council and the remaining £10,000.00 is put towards the small grants for community groups within the Bradford Trident area. The community council carefully consider grant applications from registered groups working with residents from the Trident area.

Our expenditure over the last two years has been in excess of our income received from Bradford Trident. We have therefore, used funds in our reserve, which was recommended to the Community Council by the Bradford Trident Board when the financial contribution was decreased from £30,000.00 to £25,000.00 in April 2015 and to £20,000.00 in April 16. Bradford Trident stated that it will review its position if the financial position changes for the Community Council.

From 2015 we have also seen the regional cuts to services made by Bradford Council which has resulted in Bradford Council not cleaning gullies, reducing general waste collections, charging for bulky item collections. The overall effect has been that the Community Council has been burdened to provide further services. We have successfully organised community clean ups throughout the ward (all on a voluntary basis, with no financial costs to the Community Council). We have also allocated funds in the past to clean gullies which have been neglected by Bradford Council for up to a decade.

The Bradford Trident area has significant issues which the Community Council tackle on a daily basis, the main being; Drug Dealing, Littering, Unemployment, Anti-Social Behaviour. We have been restricted to the assistance that we can provide due to financial constraints.

Attached is our financial budget for 2019-20, which shows that we are facing a deficit of £19,309.40. We would therefore be requesting that the Bradford Trident Board reconsiders its current budget and increases its funding to the Community council to £40,000.00 per year.

The Admin Costs, and meeting cost, which is required to keep the Council operating is £16,009.40(Clerk Salary, Room Hire, Meeting Room for meeting, YLCA and SLCC Membership). The community councillors are due for a re-election in May 2019, and the cost to have a contested Election in all the Community Council Wards is £8,000.00. This is chargeable by Bradford Council to hold the election. Therefore, the minimum cost to keep the Council operating without any projects or funds for 2019/2020 is **£24,009.40**

The **£10,000.00** of small grants assist over 33 groups per year within the Bradford Trident area. The minimum amount of people who benefit from these small grants is

1,500. Many of these groups are dependant on the Community Council grant to operate. We would therefore like to maintain this project.

In addition to the above, the community council would like to run the following projects in the various wards for the benefit of the Community:

1) Provide Grit Bins filled with Grit at various different venues in the Community Council Wards as a one off and then leave them to the venues to maintain once the Grit has finished.

2) Maintain the flower Beds situated on various roads in the Trident area to ensure the area looks greener.

3) Encourage the local residents to set up Neighbourhood Watches and Neighbourhood groups in each Ward.

4) Continue with our Anti-Drugs Campaign over the next Financial Year.

We are estimating the total costs for these projects to come to **£6,000.00**.

The total for the next financial year would therefore be £24,009.40 (running costs) plus £10,000 (Small grants) plus £6,000 community initiatives **Total £40,009.40**

**Recommendation**
The Community Council board request that Bradford Trident increase our annual grant contribution from £20,000 to £40,000