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PRESS RELEASE

GRANT FUNDING APPROVED FOR COMMUNITY CAFÉ

At its meeting held on 10 October, Leighton-Linslade Town agreed to allocate an additional £10,000 in grant funding in response to the current cost of living crisis. The aim was to make funding available to groups and organisations providing emergency support over the winter months which will directly benefit residents of the parish.

Earlier this month, the first application, from All Saints Church, was approved. The Church plans to open its doors all week between Monday 19th December and Saturday 24th December for an initiative they are calling "Warm Week". Every day they will be offering a warm space for people to take refuge and will also be offering free soup and hot drinks.

A second grant has now been approved for Freddie and Friends, who run a community hub with a variety of inclusive groups plus sessions for children with additional needs from Pages Park Pavilion, as well as running a Community Café on Thursdays. Freddie and Friends organisers Katie and Jo will be offering a free meal, for example a jacket potato, to families in need who quote the word "Sunshine" at the café. The scheme is intended to run for three months, from December 2022 until February 2023.

If you are involved with or know of a scheme or project being run in the parish which will help residents this winter given the cost of living and energy crisis, do have a look at the grant details on our website: <https://www.leightonlinslade-tc.gov.uk/grants-and-awards/> . The Council is already in discussions with a number of other organisations and hopes to approve further grants soon.

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