



Northampton TOWN COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE – 8TH AUGUST 2022

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT NOON ON 8TH AUGUST 2022 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF NORTHAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, THE GUILDHALL

PRESENT: Councillor Birch (Chair), Hibbert and Holland-Delamere

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mr S Carter (Town Clerk) and Miss F Barford (Democratic Services Officer)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted by Councillors Lane and T Eales.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interests were made.

3. GRANTS BUDGET UPDATE

The Town Clerk explained that the Community Grant Fund had issued £45,000 worth of grants this financial year (2022-23), this included the earmarked amount of £10,000 for Wall Games therefore a total of £92,000 remains unspent within the Community Grant Fund budget. The Town Clerk added that the Northampton Music Festival, the Lowdown, the Youth Summit and NAYC have been some of the beneficiaries of the Community Grant Scheme so far. A Councillor highlighted that the majority of the beneficiaries of the Community Grant Scheme have been Youth projects.

A Councillor raised that the amount of application submitted by the same organisation should be monitored as it is hoped organisations could utilise their own income or other streams of funding therefore, the Grants Policy could be review to implement an upper limit and potentially limit the amount of applications in one-year. It was suggested in a discussion between Councillors whether an upper limit of £10,000 be introduced with the addition of one application a year through the Community Grants Scheme however, if a higher amount were to be requested then it could be topped-up by supporting Councillors' via the Councillor Community Fund. Furthermore, it was posed as an alternative that a representative of the organisation presents a business case to Committee if their application requests higher than £10,000 and/or an additional application within a financial year. The Town Clerk added that funding could be committed via the Community Grants Scheme during budget setting for one or more financial year and those funds would remain earmarked.

It was suggested by a Councillor whether we could work to highlight other forms of funding available within Northampton that could be utilised by Community Groups. Furthermore, it was posed by a Councillor whether a meeting could be arranged between Northampton Town Council and other organisation that provide funding to promote discussion and cohesive working. It was added by another Councillor, that a meeting of that nature may already occur between these organisations however, Northampton Town Council are not aware of it.



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The Town Clerk explained that the Finance Officer had created a remarkable spreadsheet that monitors each Councillors' spending through the Councillor Community Fund and this had demonstrated that the majority of Councillors have spent funds.

AGREED: That an upper limit of £10,000 be implemented for applications to the Community Grants Scheme and an amendment to the Community Grants Policy that limits applications to one a year unless a business case was presented to the Committee be considered.

4. GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE COUNCILLOR'S COMMUNITY FUND

- a) **Northampton Casuals Rugby Football Club** – CCF77 – Centenary Legacy - £2,000 – Cllr Soan - Rushmills
- b) **Northampton Bangladeshi Association** – CCF78 - Annual Summer Fair - £500 – Cllr Marriott – Semilong
- c) **The Youth Summit** – CCF79 - Team Building Weekend - £900 – Cllrs Alwahabi, Haque & Ismail – Castle
- d) **Spring Boroughs Voice** – CCF80 - Spring Borough Festival - £1,000 - Cllrs Alwahabi, Haque & Fartun – Castle
- e) **Northampton Town of Sanctuary** – CCF81 - L2L Youth Music Workshop - £1,600 – Cllrs Alwahabi, Haque, Ismail, Purser and Tarasiewicz – Castle
- f) **United African Association** – CCF82 – Trip to Seaside for Families - £1,250 – Cllrs Ismail, Alwahabi, Stevens, Ashraf and Birch - Semilong
- g) **Indian Hindu Welfare Organisation (IHWO)** – CCF83 - Bharatnatyam Classical Dance Class - £350 – Cllr Miah – Headlands
- h) **Spring Boroughs Voice** – CCF84 - Spring Boroughs Women's Project: Safari Park Outing - £1,200 - Cllrs Ismail, Haque, Alwahabi and Ashraf – Castle

5. APPLICATIONS TO THE GENERAL GRANTS FUND

- a) [Shop Zero](#) – CGF32 – Community Larder - £3,225



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GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE COUNCILLOR'S COMMUNITY FUND				
App No	Organisation	Project Name, Amount Requested & Synopsis	Ward	Decision
CCF77	Northampton Casuals Rugby Football Club	<p>Centenary Legacy £2000</p> <p>The legacy project is intended to further improve our facilities for the benefit of all who are engaged with us and our club. The project proposes to deliver a new outdoor kitchen, barbeque, cellar and bar area which will replace an existing outdoor barbeque facility. The kitchen and bar area will be connected to all main services and be capable as a standalone facility protected from the elements, and offering a clean and hygienic service to all users.</p> <p>The outside kitchen area will be used to provide hot nutritious food for children and their families after training/matches each Sunday during rugby season. It will also be available for use from community groups or charity functions held within our grounds. The outside bar area will only be used if we have a large function where the bar inside the club house is unable to cope with expected numbers due to space.</p> <p>The aim of the project is not only to provide hot nutritious food to players, but to raise money so that the club remains self-funding to continue with its programme of training coaches via RFU approved training programmes and continues professional development, to provide trained first aid assistance and equipment, to provide</p>	Rushmills	<p>RECOMMENDED and APPROVED FOR PAYMENT</p> <p>It was noted that Northampton Casuals just falls out of the NTC boundary however, a Councillor Soan was happy to support them as many of their members are from NTC wards. Councillors applauded their initiative to provide children with food and providing development to young people of the Town.</p> <p>It was commented by a Councillor that the funding of bar facilities may require an additional.</p>



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		training equipment and balls to allow people to train and play rugby.		
CCF78	Northampton Bangladeshi Association	<p style="text-align: center;">Annual Summer Fair £500</p> <p>The project will benefit people from all over Northampton as it will be open to people of all backgrounds and be promoted via radio, FB, Instagram and other forms of Social Media. Last couple of years the Covid Pandemic has hit hard the BME Community and that has effected the community in the sense of social interaction and coming together.</p> <p>NBA will be holding their annual summer fair at the Gateway Centre this year and hoping to have plenty of children activities such as sumo, bouncy castles, stalls and live music. NBA Gateway Centre will need at least £1200 for the whole event but would like to request at is requesting for £900 to fund the activities. The traditional Asian singers will entertain the audience and this will make the community get together to help with their mental health and wellbeing.</p>	Semilong	RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED FOR PAYMENT.
CCF79	The Youth Summit	<p style="text-align: center;">Team Building Weekend £900</p> <p>We are working with eight youth providers who are developing the leadership skills in the groups. We want to bring these youths together for a weekend in order to build the team that will plan and deliver the fourth annual youth</p>	Castle	<p>RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED FOR PAYMENT.</p> <p>It was noted that some attendees fall outside of the Castle Ward boundary of the supporting councillors</p>



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		<p>led youth conference. The youth come from Kings Heath, Talavera, Bellinge, Castle, and Kingsthorpe.</p> <p>There will be 30 youth and four youth leaders on the programme. We have looked at costs of residential trips previously used. Costs have escalated and so we are looking nearer home and will use the Scouts Centre at Overstone.</p>		<p>however Councillor commended the project.</p>
CCF80	Spring Boroughs Voice	<p style="text-align: center;">Spring Boroughs Festival £1,000</p> <p>Spring Boroughs is a mainly flat estate with a very diverse population where over 38% of children live in poverty. There is serious social overcrowding on the estate.</p> <p>The festival came about through consultation with local people when we were developing the neighbourhood plan. They said they wanted events that bring the whole estate together and puts Spring Boroughs on the map in a positive way. The festival takes place across the estate and gives the residents the reason why they visit all the different parts of the estates like the pocket park, communal garden, the school, churches etc.</p>	Castle	<p>RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED FOR PAYMENT</p> <p>It was highlighted by Councillors the event provided by Spring Boroughs Voice provided a variety of activities and stalls for the residents and therefore happy to recommend and approve for payment.</p>
CCF81	Northampton Town of Sanctuary	<p style="text-align: center;">L2L Youth Music Workshop £1,600</p> <p>We run a youth club for refugee and asylum seeking youth. The trauma of their past experiences and of the journey they have made impacts their mental health. We run therapeutic activities to support these young people. We use art, music and physical</p>	Castle	<p>RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED FOR PAYMENT</p>



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		fitness. This grant application is for music sessions with well-known local musicians who will come in and deliver 4 workshops for us. It is also to cover the cost of coach for a day trip to the seaside. This takes place of our annual residential which because of escalating costs, we will not do this year.		
CCF82	United African Association	<p style="text-align: center;">Trip to Seaside for Families £1,250</p> <p>The aim is to take families and children to the seaside for a day visit. Many families supported by the UAA through the food bank and other activities cannot afford to have and to take their children for a day out, many have not visited the seaside before. The local coach firm has been contacted and they have provided a quote for the transport. The plan is to also order fish and chips for the participants.</p> <p>This is an opportunity to provide much a needed break and the opportunity to be with others and enjoy a different activity in a new environment.</p>	Trinity	RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED FOR PAYMENT
CCF83	Indian Hindu Welfare Organisation (IHWO)	<p style="text-align: center;">Bharatnatyam Classical Dance Class £350</p> <p>Bharatnatyam dance class is for children to learn classical form of Indian dancing. The class was supported with some funding by Cllr Brian Markham about 4 years ago and has been doing well and managing its budget very well. Due to Covid situation and drop in the number of participants the class is facing some financial challenges and this grant will help the group to get their head</p>	Headlands	RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED FOR PAYMENT It was commented that the Bharatnatyam Classical Dance Classes had great uptake previously and wished project success after



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		above water for few months. This will be a crucial support for the volunteers who work hard to support this activity and manage the finances.		its hiatus due to the pandemic.
CCF84	Spring Boroughs Voice	<p>Spring Boroughs Women's Project: Safari Park Outing £1,200</p> <p>This project will benefit women and children in Spring Boroughs who want to organise a family summer outing to West Midlands Safari Park in Bewdley DY12 1LF. The grant will help towards hiring of two coaches for the trip. The ladies have been organising themselves every year but because of the cost of living crisis and the impact of the Covid Pandemic, this year the trip is especially important. It will cheer-up especially the young children. Having a fun day, the kids will develop valuable skills and obtain priceless knowledge. It will encourage a healthy lifestyle while bring family and friends together.</p>	Castle	RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED FOR PAYMENT



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CGF32	Shop Zero	<p>Community Larder £3,225</p> <p>Our community 'larder' or 'social supermarket' currently provides 15 items for £5 - providing low cost food for anyone who wishes to visit us. This includes fresh fruit and vegetables and free bread. It is very popular with long queues at opening times. These at present are for two hours at a time, three times a week. We would like to scale up and open Shop Zero for additional days to provide for those squeezed by the cost of living crisis.</p>	<p>DEFERRED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION</p> <p>Councillors appreciated the initiative of preventing food waste and their desire to prolong stock through the purchase of the freezer. A question was raised about the funding of their Fareshare subscription. It was suggested that Councillors visit or invite representatives from Shop Zero to gain further information.</p>