



# Northampton TOWN COUNCIL

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## **To Members of the Grants Sub Committee:**

Cllrs Birch (Chair), T Eales, Hibbert, Holland-Delamere  
Named substitute: Cllr Lane

**You are hereby summoned to attend an extraordinary meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee to be held in the Town Council Committee Room, Northampton Guildhall, on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 11:30am when the business set out below will be transacted.**

This Sub-Committee meeting is open to the public and press to attend and those attending the meeting shall be informed that they may be recorded. Public participation is in accordance with the Town Council's public participation policy.

Cc'd electronically to all other councillors for information

**Stuart Carter**  
Town Clerk  
23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022

**Guildhall**  
Northampton  
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## **A G E N D A**

- 1. APOLOGIES**
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  - b) **Briar Hill Primary School** – CCF112 – Christmas Presents for All - £1,800 – Councillor Connolly – Briar Hill

- c) **Indian Hindu Welfare Organisation (IHWO)** – CCF113 – Westone Community Enhancements - £1,500 – Councillor Michael Brown – Westone

**5. GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE GENERAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME**

- d) **Northampton Town of Sanctuary** - CGF43 – Learn2Live Refugees Together Project - £4,830

- e) **Hope for Families** – CGF46 – Training Programmes - £2,820

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## GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE – 29 SEPTEMBER 2022

### MINUTES OF THE GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT NOON ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2022 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF NORTHAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, THE GUILDHALL

**PRESENT:** Councillor Birch (Chair), Ashraf, Holland-Delamere

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Mr S Carter (Town Clerk)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr M Steers from NLive Radio

#### 21. APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted by Councillors Hibbert and Lane.

#### 22. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022 were circulated with the agenda.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes be approved and that the Chair be authorised to sign them.

#### 23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Holland-Delamere declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute 27 grant application b as he was supporting it and it would be allocated from his grant fund.

Cllr Birch declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute 27 grants h and i as she was supporting them and they would be allocated from her grant fund.

Cllr Ashraf declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute 27 grant applications c and d as she was supporting them and they would be allocated from her grant fund.

#### 24. GRANTS BUDGET UPDATE

The Town Clerk explained that the Community Grant Fund had issued £53,000 worth of grants this financial year (2022-23), meaning that within the general grants budget there was approximately £47,000 remaining.

25. It was **RESOLVED** to alter the agenda order and deal with the application from NLive Radio as Mr Steers was present.

#### 26. APPLICATION TO GENERAL GRANTS FUND – NLIVE RADIO APPLICATION

CGF38 – NLive Radio Christmas – £3,000

Mr Steers introduced the application. He explained that the funding would be spent on obtaining a FM license for two weeks which would broadcast NLive both online (as it does usually) but also on FM. The BiD who had committed some funding would work with businesses to get them playing the station in their shops.

He went onto explain that the project would help showcase Northampton, and provide a platform to encourage people to shop local, this was even more vital as we continued to come out of the Covid Pandemic which still had an impact last Christmas. In addition to the Christmas music the station will have adverts and messages to promote local businesses and community organisations, this can include promos, thank you messages or well-wishing messages. Other stations will include adverts for shopping in other destinations, whereas this would be exclusively Northampton.

Mr Steers emphasised that this year with the Town Council's grant there would be great they could include more messages from Community Groups across the town to promote them and their events and activities. Councillors were keen to ensure that if funded this would be a crucial element. The ability for community groups to get their message out, advertise their events would be a big positive. In addition, the Town Council could advertise some of their Christmas programme.

**RECOMMENDED:** That a grant of £3,000 be awarded to NLive radio.

Mr Steers was thanked for attending and left the meeting.

## **27. APPLICATIONS TO THE COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY FUND**

- a) **Northampton BBOB RFC** – CCF86 – Season Ready - £1,500 – Councillor Marriott – Semilong

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be approved.

- b) **Shine Development CIC** – CCF87 – Food Bank - £500 – Councillor Holland-Delamere – Rectory Farm

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be approved.

- c) **Northampton Moldovan Association** - CCF88 – Moldovan Association Health and Wellbeing Event - £1,124 – Councillor Ashraf – St James

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be approved.

- d) **United African Association** – CCF89 - African Community Support - £1,000 – Councillor Ashraf – St James

It was noted that the United African Association had already been allocated 2 cllr grants in the past 18 months.

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be approved.

- e) **The County Toy Library** – CCF90 - Support for the Most in Need: Children and Young People with Additional Needs and Low Income Families - £1,440 – Councillor T Eales – Kings Heath

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be approved.

- f) **Martial Arts Academy** – CCF91 - Activities Programme - £600 – Councillor Meredith and Fuchshuber – Talavera

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be approved.

- g) **Southfields Allotments** – CCF92 - Sundries and Parking Area - £1000 - Councillor Meredith and Fuchshuber – Talavera

This application was withdrawn.

- h) **Ukrainian Welcome event** – CCF93 – Food for Ukrainian Independence Day - £500 – Councillor Birch and Marriott – Trinity and Semilong

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be approved.

- i) **Primrose Garden Group** – CCF94 – Primrose Garden - £370 – Councillor Birch – Trinity

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be approved.

- j) **Wallgames** – CCF95 – Royal Mural to be produced by Wallgames artists to commemorate HM Queen Elizabeth II and to be sited on the Derrnate hoardings - £1,720 – Cllr Choudary - Brookside

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be approved.

## 28. APPLICATIONS TO THE GENERAL GRANTS FUND

- a) **Northampton Town Centre (BiD)** – CGF34 – Easter Animal Paradise Brick Trail – £7,500

The Sub-Committee members gave this application a lot of consideration. It was noted that the £7,500 was a considerable amount of the remaining budget and that the BiD had already been awarded £5,000 for their 1960s event. In addition, it was commented that in the committee's opinion this application had more commercial benefits than community, and the grants were supposed to have a community benefit. It was noted that the Town Council are keen to work further with the BiD and that going forward it could be a collaborative effort. It was also commented that the Town Council receive no income from businesses via business rates.

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be declined

- b) Action for Asperger's – CGF35 – Asperger's and Autism Counselling - £4,000

It was commented that there was not much information on how many people in Northampton would be supported with this.

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be declined.

- c) **Kids Active Theatre Company** - CGF37- Room 46: The Musical - £2684

It was noted that this project seemed to be based in Wellingborough and that it was lacking detail on how it would benefit young people in Northampton.

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be declined.

- d) **NLive Radio** - CGF38 – NLive Radio Christmas - £3,000

See minute 25.

- e) **Practical Matters** – CGF39 – Cooking Classes - £4,900

Members commented that his project seemed to have many positives however it lacked detail on how they would get referrals. There was also confusion over the various elements, with some being online but others being in person.

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be deferred for clarity and further information.

- f) **TSRP Limited** – CGF40 – Town Takeover – £2,500

Noted that this was a limited company and therefore did not meet the criteria.

- g) **Mount Moriah** CIC – CGF41 - £5,000

The application was lacking information and there was concern that the CIC website did not give any information on other projects.

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be declined.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING ENDED AT 13.7 HOURS**

## EXTRAORDINARY GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE – 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 AT 11:30AM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE NORTHAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, THE GUILDHALL

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

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

### 29. APOLOGIES

No apologies were submitted.

### 30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Birch declared a non-pecuniary interest in application CCF103 (item h) as a trustee of Community Spaces Northampton.

Councillor Holland-Delamere declared a non-pecuniary interest in application CCF103 (item h) as he supported this application and the funds would be deducted from his Councillor Community Fund.

### 31. GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE COUNCILLOR'S COMMUNITY FUND

- a) **Northampton Carnival** – CCF96 – Support for Carnival - £1,500 – Councillor Choudary – Brookside

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be approved.

- b) **St Albans Church Food Bank** – CCF97 – Support for Food Bank - £1,000 – Councillor Joyce – Westone

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be approved.

- c) **Friends of Eastfield Park** – CCF98 - Improving Access to Wildlife and Wildlife Information - £1,000 – Councillors Miah & Joyce – Headlands and Westone

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be approved.

- d) **Brookside Residents Club** – CCF99 – Celebration for Lings and Lumbertubs - £400 – Councillors Fuchshuber and Meredith – Talavera

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be approved.

- e) **Billing United Youth Football Club** – CCF100 - Supporting the 2022/23 Under 14's Team - £400 – Councillors Fuchshuber and Meredith – Talavera

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be approved.

- f) **St Vincent De Paul Society (England and Wales)** – CCF101 – Christmas 2022 – Councillors Fuchshuber and Meredith – Talavera



**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be approved.

- g) **Cats Protection, Northampton Branch** – CCF102 – Provision of Vouchers for Neutering Pet Cats - £800 – Councillors Fuchshuber and Meredith – Talavera

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be approved.

- h) **Community Spaces Northampton** – CCF103 - Rectory Farm Community Garden - £2,500 – Councillor Holland-Delamere – Rectory Farm

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be approved.

- i) **Northampton Child Contact Centre** – Support for Child Contact Centre 2022-23 - £2,500 – Councillor Purser – Abington

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be approved.

- j) **43<sup>rd</sup> Northampton Brownies and Guides**- CCF105 – Youth Group Christmas Activity - £250 – Councillor Kilbride – Park

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be approved.

- k) **65<sup>th</sup> Northampton Brownies and Guides** – CCF106– Light Trail - £200 – Councillor Kilbride - Park

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be approved.

- l) **5 Streets Community** – CCF108 – Coronation Party – £350 - Councillor Hallam – Parklands

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be approved.

- n. **Eastfield Residents Association** – CCF109 – Broadmead Avenue Notice Board - £300 – Councillor Joyce – Eastfield

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be approved.

- o. **Bridgewater Residents Association** – CC110 – Information exchange - £950 – Councillor Hibbert – Riverside

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be approved.

### **32. NORTHAMPTON IN BLOOM GRANT APPLICATIONS**

- m) **The Spring Charity** – CCF107 - Garden Project: From Seed to Soup - £200 – Councillor Alwahabi – Castle

**RECOMMENDED:** That this application be approved.

**MEETING CONCLUDED: 12:42PM**

<b>GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE COUNCILLOR'S COMMUNITY FUND</b>				
<b>App No</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project Name, Amount Requested &amp; Synopsis</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
<b>CCF111</b>	Northamptonshire Health Charity	<p><b>Daisy Suite Appeal – Maternity Bereavement Suite at Northampton General Hospital</b> £1,000</p> <p>Northamptonshire health charity have been asked by Northampton General Hospital to raise funds to improve the facilities for the maternity bereavement suite and bereaved families. The aim is to create a dedicated space that offers privacy, within the maternity area but away from day unit and the wards. This new space will support the work of the Bereavement Midwives in follow up appointments with families, by providing an improved area to give the practical and emotional support needed in the weeks and months following the loss of a baby.</p> <p>We are working closely with the Northampton General Hospital Bereavement Midwives and they have advised that each year they care for over 100 families who suffer the heartbreak of losing their baby. They are able to provide a safe space that feels protected for delivery and care whilst in hospital but having a dedicated space to continue this protection for follow up care for families, will further enhance the support they provide, making a real difference to families, at what is a very distressing time.</p> <p>The Bereavement Midwives are being supported by the leadership team at Northampton General on their vision for these new facilities and with the help of donations and fundraising from the local community, they will be able to create</p>	<b>Talavera</b>	<b>Fuchshuber &amp; Meredith</b>

		<p>a compassionate, much-needed space for bereaved parents and their families.</p> <p>At present, bereaved parents often return to the maternity day unit and wards for follow up appointments and aftercare, a place where they were first supported following the distressing, heart-breaking news about their baby. You can perhaps imagine how upsetting this can be, adding to the overwhelming sense of sadness and loss families are feeling. With donations and fundraising to our Daisy Suite Appeal we can help us make these changes.</p> <p>This appeal was previously called Forget Me Not Appeal, but as this flower is synonymous with the elderly a decision was made to change the name to the Daisy Suite appeal. The bereavement midwifery team chose the daisy flower as the daisy symbolizes innocence and purity and according to an old Celtic legend, whenever an infant died, God sprinkled daisies over the earth as a symbol of remembrance of parents' babies. On a spiritual level, daisy and aster flowers represent spiritual faith and the eternal life of the soul.</p>		
<b>CCF112</b>	Briar Hill Primary School	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Christmas Presents for All</b> £1800</p> <p>Our aim is provide all 300 children with a gift that they can take home as well as for each class to receive a gift such as a board game for children to play with whilst at school. We are hoping for funding of £1800 to support this and help bring the magic of Christmas alive for all our families.</p>	<b>Briar Hill</b>	<b>Connolly</b>

		<p>This year we are hoping to provide all children with a gift at Christmas. There are many families living in poverty since covid and with the cost of living rising. We are supporting families more and more with basics such as food parcels, uniform, trip subsidies as well as supporting many parents with their mental health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Many of our families are struggling to make ends meet and their money needs to top up their electric/ gas or feed their children. We do not want any of the children to miss out this Christmas time and would love for them all to receive a present so that they have something to open and play with/ use over the Christmas holiday period.</p>		
<b>CCF113</b>	Indian Hindu Welfare Organisation (IHWO)	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>IHWO's Westone Community Enhancements</b> £1500</p> <p>The project aims to benefit various groups that currently and hopefully will utilise the facilities and activities provided by the Indian Hindu Welfare Organisation. The funding will be split 3 ways: £500 for the men's group, which has been dormant recently due to lack of funds, and needs the funding for various things like hall hire, an outing/guest speaker to provide physical and mental enrichment activities, £500 to the dance group as they have been struggling to pay hall hire charges due to drop in the numbers since Covid. Dance class provides consistent physical activity and performance opportunities for all genders across the community, £500 for a new group specifically for young people up to the age of 18, to launch a youth engagement programme, where guests will come in and engage the group on issues impacting them, providing support with any issues, and a club for them to regularly enrich their social lives, too.</p>	<b>Westone</b>	<b>Brown</b>

		<p>The overall objectives here are to provide all the groups listed with valuable skills, notwithstanding physical and mental health benefits through the activities associated with these projects, with beneficiaries from across Westone, Weston Favell, and the wider Northampton area.</p> <p>We expect that hundreds will ultimately benefit from this work.</p>		
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GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE COUNCILLOR'S COMMUNITY FUND		
App No	Organisation	Project Name, Amount Requested & Synopsis
CGF43	Northampton Town of Sanctuary	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Learn2Live Refugees Together Project</b> £4,830</p> <p>We run a youth group for refugee youth. As they get older the youth group no longer meets their needs. The young adults generally work and have very little free time. When they do have free time they have no-where safe to congregate. This project will provide a safe space where they can meet as adults, have coffeese and snacks and play board games.</p> <p>Please set out what outcomes you believe your project will achieve: : 20+ adult refugees a week finding a safe space to meet, relax, play board games. Employment for two refugees, who will run the project</p> <p>Item Description 1: : Paying for the venue £50 x 38 weeks (towards utility costs)</p> <p>Cost: : 1900</p> <p>Item Description 2: :</p>

		<p>Provision of tea, coffee, snacks</p> <p>Cost: : 2280</p> <p>Item Description 3: : Coffee Machine</p> <p>Cost: : 499</p> <p>Item Description 4: : Board games</p> <p>Cost: : 150</p>
<b>CGF46</b>	Hope for Families	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Training Programme</b> £2,820</p> <p>Prior to the pandemic, Hope for Families recognised the need for early intervention work amongst families in Corby who were struggling with the everyday challenges of parenting. The pandemic only amplified existing problems of social isolation, mental health and wellbeing and created new problems in the form of, for example, working from home whilst homeschooling. The increasing pressure on family life we fear will only get harder with the cost-of-living crisis. Unfortunately, many parents do not qualify for intervention work, help or support from school or other professionals because they fail to meet the threshold and therefore many are referred directly to us . These families may include children with additional needs or disabilities, single parents, carers or families that suffer from lack of support from family, friends or professionals. With well-established partnerships, Hope for Families works at a preventative and universal level to provide easily accessible parent support - helping parents, carers and couples with a range of common challenges. We focus on parents' existing strengths and look to build on these; reframing set ideas and patterns of behaviour, encouraging parents to believe in their abilities and empowering them to make positive and sustainable changes in their lives. Run in community venues or online, our experienced and licensed facilitators pride</p>

		<p>themselves in creating a relaxed and informal environment for courses and events which includes group discussions and provides practical tools and strategies for parents to try at home.</p> <p>We exist to help all parents become more confident and to build strong and lasting relationships with their child and each other. We empower parents and carers to engage with each other at a local level, share their experiences and build a support network of their own. Our training programmes include themes such as 'Children with Special Needs', 'Time out for Parents' and 'Handling Anger in the Family'. We aim to deliver 23 courses each year, which is 162 hours of facilitated sessions. Our courses are a series of two-hour sessions that run between 4-7 weeks and can include up to 12 participants per course (our one-off events such as 'Left to their Own Devices' accommodates 22 participants). We are proud to have delivered courses and events to 150 parents and carers in Northamptonshire this year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 80 have attended one of eight 'Handling Anger in the Family' courses</li> <li>• 35 have attended our 'Left to their Own Devices' events</li> <li>• 20 have attended our 'Time Out for Parents - the Teenage Years' courses</li> <li>• 15 have attended our 'Children with Special Needs' courses</li> </ul> <p>Parents attending the sessions complete questionnaires at the beginning and end, to help us measure impact and build a solid evidence base for our work. The results of these evaluations so far have shown us that parents can see that the knowledge, encouragement and practical techniques shared on the course are having a positive impact on their family life. We have also recently launched a parent forum where 10 parents have a highly-valued voice in the future of the charity and input into the courses and events we run.</p> <p>Parents and carers join us from all over the county of Northamptonshire. This year (since January 2022), approximately 150 parents and carers have joined our online and in-person courses and events, 10% of this group reside in Northampton itself. One of the reasons for applying for the community grant is to help increase our presence and reach in Northampton.</p> <p>Item 1: 'Who's in Charge?' – Facilitator Training x2 Cost: £1,920</p> <p>Item 2: 'When Dreams Change' – Facilitator Training x3 Cost: £900</p>
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