



Northampton TOWN COUNCIL

To Members of the Grants Sub Committee:

Cllrs Birch (Chair), Holland-Delamere, Hibbert, Russell and Stevens

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee to be held in the Town Council Committee Room, Northampton Guildhall, on Wednesday 15th November 2023 at 11:00 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
10th September 2023

Guildhall
Northampton
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GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE – 21ST SEPTEMBER 2023

MINUTES OF THE GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21ST SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 11AM IN THE TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM LOCATED IN THE GUILDHALL, NORTHAMPTON

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

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

8. APOLOGIES

No apologies were submitted.

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Birch declared a non-pecuniary interest in Councillor Community Fund (CCF) applications CCF201 as the funds would be deducted from her CCF in addition to, CGF75 as she was a trustee at Community Spaces where the Briar Hill Wellbeing Café was held.

Councillor Holland-Delamere declared a non-pecuniary interest in General Community Fund application CGF74.

10. TO AUTHORISE THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD:

A. GRANT SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 15TH JUNE 2023

RESOLVED: The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2023 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

B. EXTRAORDINARY GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 31ST JULY 2023

RESOLVED: The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 31st July 2023 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

11. GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE COUNCILLOR'S COMMUNITY FUND

- a) Northampton Association of Youth Clubs – CCF197 – Youth Development Project - £600 – Cllr Hallam – Parklands

RESOLVED: That Councillor Community Fund application CCF197 be **APPROVED** to the sum of £600.

- b) Spring Family Centre – CCF198 – Basketball for All - £1,011.96 – Cllrs Alwahabi, Haque and Ismail – Castle (£377.32 each)

RESOLVED: That Councillor Community Fund application CCF198 be **APPROVED** to the sum of £1,012.

- c) Spring Borough's Voice – CCF200 - £750 – Keep Women Fit – Cllrs Alwahabi, Haque and Ismail – Castle (£250 each)

RESOLVED: That Councillor Community Fund application CCF200 be **APPROVED** to the sum of £750.

- d) Friends of Northampton Racecourse – CCF201 – £200 - Daffodil Planting – Cllr Birch – Trinity
RESOLVED: That Councillor Community Fund application CCF201 be **APPROVED** to the sum of £200.
- e) Alliston Gardens Youth and Community Centre – CCF202 – £200 - Lacemakers Support – Cllr Marriott – Semilong
RESOLVED: That Councillor Community Fund application CCF202 be approved to the sum of £200.

12. GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

- f) [Lord Taverners](#) – CGF70 – Northampton Super 1s - £4,836
RECOMMENDED: That General Community Grant application CGF70 be **DEFERRED** for further information on the location and facilities Lord Taverners intend to use.
- g) [The Wild Tribe](#) – CGF71 – Autumn Box Series - £4,875
RECOMMENDED: That General Community Grant application CGF71 be **DEFERRED** for further information from an organisation that has benefitted from their box initiatives.
- h) [The United African Association](#) – CGF72 - Trip to Seaside - £1,982
RECOMMENDED: That General Community Grant application CGF72 be **APPROVED** to the sum of £1,902 rather than the £1,982 requested within the application.
- i) Albanian Cultural Association – CGF73 - Albanian Independence Day Flag Raising - £2,850
RECOMMENDED: That General Community Grant application CGF73 be **DECLINED** and applicant referred to West Northamptonshire Council.
- j) [Life Music Northants](#) – CGF74 – Open Spaces Music - £10,000
RECOMMENDED: That General Community Grant application CGF74 be **DECLINED**.
- k) [Northampton Assoc. of Youth Clubs](#) – CGF75 - Briar Hill & Parklands Wellbeing Café - £10,000
RECOMMENDED: That General Community Grant application CGF75 be **APPROVED** to the sum of £4,200 rather than the £10,000 requested within the application.
- l) [Northampton Film Festival](#) – CGF76 – Northampton Film Festival 2024 - £4,000
RECOMMENDED: That General Community Grant application CGF76 be **APPROVED** to the sum of £4,000.
- m) CHANGE – CGF77 - Unspoken Heroes - £2,427
RECOMMENDED: That General Community Grant application CGF77 be **DEFERRED** for further information.

MEETING CONCLUDED: 12:20PM

13. REVIEW OF GENERAL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEM APPLICATIONS DEFERRED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER'S REPORT

PURPOSE: To provide the Grant Sub-Committee an update on General Community Grant Scheme applications that were deferred for further information at the previous meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: That Members review the following information and utilise this in their decisioning.

f) **LORD TAVERNERS** – CGF70 – NORTHAMPTON SUPER 1S - £4,836

As requested by the Committee I contacted the applicant requesting further information on:

- Where they intend to facilitate their Northampton Hubs?
- Would the funds requested be supporting the Towcester, Corby and Rushden Hubs in addition to Northampton?
- A more detailed breakdown of the £408 costings per session.

Despite hearing back from the applicant after my initial enquiry however, despite chasing the applicant no further information was received.

g) **THE WILD TRIBE** – CGF71 – AUTUMN BOX SERIES - £4,875

I contacted the applicant requesting contact details from any organisations who they had collaborated with previously for some feedback on the Wild Tribes Activity boxes. In total I contacted four organisations and one recipient with only two responses.

The Spring Charity who had worked with the Wild Tribe previously stated:

“Our families were thrilled to receive the activity boxes (each family received three in total) and they were particularly impressed with the boxes that contained play dough and other components suitable for early years children. One of our parents commented, “The boxes made me think more about how much water I used and I try and remember to turn off the tap when we are brushing our teeth.”

In total 20 families took part from our Charity and all of them enjoyed the three boxes and sharing the activities with their children.

Personally, I felt the only change I would make to the boxes in future would be to simplify the feedback questionnaire for the families as some people struggled to complete them.”

Anglian Water also responded with a slide pack to be circulated.

m) CHANGE – CGF77 - UNSPOKEN HEROES - £2,427

I requested from the applicant a copy of Change's governing document, copy of their most recent bank statement that was received. Upon receiving these it demonstrates the new organisation has been active and functioning.

5. GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE COUNCILLOR'S COMMUNITY FUND

- a) **NORTHAMPTON ASSOCIATION OF YOUTH CLUBS** – CCF204 - £750 – Briar Hill Youth Café – Cllr Connolly – Briar Hill Ward
- b) **65TH NORTHAMPTON BROWNIES, GIRL GUIDES & RANGERS** – CCF205 – £200 - Christmas Panto – Cllr Kilbride – Park Ward
- c) **SHINE CIC** – CCF206 – £800 - Community Food Poverty Support – Cllr Holland-Delamere – Rectory Farm Ward
- d) **COMMUNITY SPACES ST CRISPINS** – CCF207 – £350 - Park Bench – Cllr Fuchshuber & Meredith (£175 each) – Talavera Ward
- e) **COMMUNITY SPACES** – CCF208 – £500 - Semilong Community Hub – Cllr Marriott – Semilong Ward
- f) **CEDAR ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL** – CCF209 - £1,400 – Playground Improvements – Cllr Stevens – Phippsville Ward
- g) **BRIAR HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE** – CCF210 – £750 – Foodbank Support – Cllr Connolly – Briar Hill Ward
- h) **SPORTS 4 FITNESS CIC** – CCF211 - £900 – Halloween Event – Cllr Hallam & Lane (£450 each) – Parklands Ward & Boothville Ward
- i) **THE METHODIST HOMESTEAD** – CCF212 - £200 – Residents Christmas Fund – Cllr Birch – Trinity Ward
- j) **FRIENDS OF BETHANY HOMESTEAD** – CCF213 – £300 - Sensory Garden – Cllr Birch - Trinity Ward
- k) **PARKLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** – CCF215 - £800 – Memorial Tree Planting - Cllr Hallam – Parklands Ward
- l) **ALLISTON GARDENS YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE** – CCF216 - £525 – Toilets & Kitchen Upgrade – Cllr Marriott – Semilong Ward

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6. GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE GENERAL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

m) NORTHAMPTON YOUNGERS – CGF78 – Unity in the Community - £5,000

This project started prior to COVID-19 however, ceased due to the lockdown and social distancing regulations. Northants Youngers are attempting to re-build and address the mental health and isolation issues due to home schooling and the disruption from the pandemic. We want to provide a warm space, stability and support for young people in Northampton Town Centre and the local community.

Item	Cost
Computer for gaming	£500
1x TV	£190
Table Tennis Table	£420
1x Projector	£549
Xbox	£300
Art & Craft Materials	£600
Advertising & Publicity	£500
Pool Table	£200

n) LIFE MUSIC NORTHANTS – CGF79 - £10,000

Our Project Discover and Explore Music takes place in Open Music Spaces. These are for people to explore music and musical instruments under the optional guidance of able musicians. Events, going under different names have operated through out Life Music Northants 11 years and have proved positive and beneficial. Many clients have said that they have opened up for them many possibilities. These events are very popular, especially when they take place in a welcoming and accessible public space with through traffic, such as the Gatherings Rooms in the Grosvenor Centre. Musical instruments need to be brought to the centre and 4 people are on hand to guide/deliver to the benefitting public through using them. On request more structured sessions are lead by one or other persons. The amount of public access to the sessions that we plan here is 2 hours. The core delivery cost is set at £70 for each person delivering.

COSTS:

16 Life Music Open Spaces each cost as follows: Set up and arrangement of room with instruments £50. Project delivery to 50 clients £280. Transport £30. Refreshments/volunteers etc. £40. Venue hire where applicable variable so will come out of our residual funds. Therefore £400 each 16 of these £6400

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3 targeted venue events used by groups (Spectrum, Cube etc) with three staff. Project delivery £210, Set up £40. Otherwise all else same (40+210+30+40 = 320)3 of these £960.	£960
3 as above with two staff and less volunteers. Delivery £140. Set up £40. Transport £30. Sundries £10(140=40=30=10=220)4 of these £880	£880
100 community music lessons subsidised by £15 each is £1500	£1500
Meeting costs for room use, refreshments and other during the 9 months £264	£264
9 months of website at £24 per month £216. Flyers £220	£436
Equipment and Instruments as itemised £305. Storage of instruments &c £70 per month for 9 months £630	£935

o) WESTON FAVELL CENTRE FOODBANK – CGF80 - £9,200

We need your support to pay for our rent for our two sites. We use a warehouse space at Goodwill Solutions to receive, sort, weigh, store and pack our food donations; we pay £700 a month for rent there. Our hub and distribution centre is at Emmanuel Church, Weston Favell Centre, and we have to pay £500 a month rent there. This will enable us to continue to provide food parcels to around 1000+ a month. It will enable the multiple services to continue to support hundreds of deprived people, and get people into employment and secure housing.

COSTS:

Item Description 1: :

Rent at Good Will Solutions at £700 per month x 7 months = £4,200

Cost: :

4200

Item Description 2: :

Rent at Emmanuel Church at £500 per month x 10 months = £5,000

Cost: :

5000

7. GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE GRANT SCHEME

p) C2C SOCIAL ACTION – CCGS3 - £5,000

C2C Grows is a social and therapeutic gardening initiative run by the Northamptonshire-based charity C2C Social Action. We offer allotment-based, wellbeing gardening sessions for women, giving them the opportunity to access a safe green space. C2C Grows supports women who: may have been involved in the criminal justice system; are experiencing mental ill health; need support with substance and alcohol recovery; and may have experienced domestic violence and trauma. Funding is sought to offer a series of wildlife gardening workshops in 2024 to improve the biodiversity in our allotment and offer vulnerable members of the local community an opportunity to learn about nature and the importance of preserving and encouraging wildlife. The funding will be spent on running weekly seasonal wildlife-focused workshops which will include participants learning how to: plant an edible hedgerow; sow and maintain a wildflower patch for pollinators; introduce bird and bat boxes; and plant several heritage varieties of fruit tree, including medlar, apple and pear, which will all help to enhance the green space we offer. The sessions will enable the women we support to learn a range of green skills, providing valuable education about climate change and how to care for the local environment, and the chance to access a peaceful green space. This is vital for wellbeing, as many of the women who attend the allotment live in housing without access to green space.

COSTS:

Item Description 1 :

Materials:

4 metres of hedgerow to plant:

5 x £20 thornless blackberry = £100.

5 x £20 cob nut tree = £100

Tree planting:

2 x medlar trees

2 x pear trees

2 x cherry trees

£30 each x 8 trees = £240

Wildflower seed mix = £60

Cost :

500

Item Description 2 :

Equipment for each wildlife session: 8 x gloves, 5 x hand tools, 5 x pruning tools, 3x spades, 3x forks, 2 x rakes, 4 x watering cans, 2 x wheelbarrows, 10 x bags of compost, 3 x bird boxes and 2 x bat boxes. Binoculars for bird watching.

Cost :

500

Item Description 3 :

Instructor fees: costs to plan, set up, run, support client group, promote and advertise sessions and work with partnership organisations to take referrals for 24 x wildlife gardening workshops - 4 hours per workshop @ £40 per hour, Total: £3,840.00

Cost :

3840

Item Description 4 :

Supervision

Cost :

160