

GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE – 15TH NOVEMBER 2023

MINUTES OF THE GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15TH NOVEMBER 2023 AT 11AM IN THE TOWN COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ROOM LOCATED IN THE GUILDHALL, NORTHAMPTON

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

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

17. APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted by Councillor Stevens.

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were submitted by Councillors Birch, Hibbert and Holland-Delamere.

Councillor Birch declared a non-pecuniary interest in Councillor Community Fund (CCF) applications CCF212, CCF213 and CCF217 as the funds would be deducted from her CCF balance. A further non-pecuniary interest was declared by Councillor Birch in CCF applications CCF207 and CCF208 as she was a trustee of Community Spaces.

Councillor Holland-Delamere declared a non-pecuniary interest in CCF applications CCF206 & CCF219 as the funds would be deducted from his CCF balance. A further non-pecuniary interest was declared in General Community Grant Fund application CGF80 as he was a trustee of Emmanuel Church.

Councillor Hibbert declared a non-pecuniary interest in CCF application CCF214 as it would be deducted from his CCF balance and further declared a non-pecuniary interest in General Community Grant Fund application CGF85 as he was a trustee of the Community Law Service.

19. TO AUTHORISE THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD 21ST SEPTEMBER 2023

RESOLVED: The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st September 2023 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

20. REVIEW OF GENERAL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME APPLICATIONS DEFERRED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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

RECOMMENDED: That this application be deferred to the next meeting to allow the applicant to provide further information.

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

RECOMMENDED: That this application be declined.

21. 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

RECOMMENDED: That this application be approved to the sum of £750 as outlined within the application.

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

RECOMMENDED: That this application be approved to the sum of £600 as outlined within the application, if the supporting has enough remaining funds or a Councillor wishes to contribute the difference.

22. GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE GENERAL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

- m) **NORTHAMPTON YOUNGERS** – CGF78 – Unity in the Community - £3,259

DSO's Note: The applicant had requested £3,259 from Northampton Town Council. An error was made with the total project cost of £5,000 being included in the agenda.

RECOMMENDED: That this application be approved to the sum of £3,260.

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

RECOMMENDED: That this application be approved to the sum of £2,500 rather than the amount of £10,000 requested within the application.

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

RECOMMENDED: That this application be approved to the sum of £5,000 rather than the amount of £9,200 requested in the application.

23. GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE GRANT SCHEME

- p) **C2C SOCIAL ACTION** – CCGS3 - £5,000

A Councillor commented that C2C Social Action complete great work at the Good Loaf assisting women who require support with re-entering society, experienced mental health issues and domestic violence. A Councillor stated the project will assist with participants overall well-being, learning new skill and enhancing the local bio-diversity.

RECOMMENDED: That this application be approved by the Environmental Service Committee to the sum of £5,000.

ITEMS AS PER THE ADDENDUM TO THE GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDA

24. BUDGETARY REVIEW

The Democratic Services Officer (DSO) displayed the detailed income and expenditure by budget heading report dated 6th November 2023. The DSO stated that there was £59,032 remaining within the £100,000 General Community Grant Scheme budget. A Councillor commented that if General Community Grant Fund applications included on the agenda and addendum were approved it would leave no remaining funds within the budget.

25. LATE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED TO THE COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY FUND

- q) **BRIDGEWATER RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION** – CCF214 – £1,500 - Information Exchange – Cllr Hibbert – Riverside Ward

- r) **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH** – CCF217 – Autumn Fair – Cllr Birch - £300 – Cllr Birch – Trinity Ward

RECOMMENDED: That this application be approved to the sum of £300 as outlined within the application.

- s) **NORTHAMPTON ABINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** – CCF218 - £2,000 – Community Event Support - Cllrs Purser, Miah, Stevens and Tarasiewicz (£500 each) – Abington and Phippsville Wards

RECOMMENDED: That this application be approved to the sum of £2,000 as outlined within the application.

- t) **NORTHAMPTON OVERSTONE 46TH SCOUTS** – CCF219 - £500 – Scout Pantomime Trip - Cllr Holland-Delamere – Rectory Farm

RECOMMENDED: That this application be approved to the sum of £500 as outlined within the application.

- u) **NORTHAMPTON INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY** – CCF219 - £2,000 – Middle England to Middle America – Cllr Alwahabi, Ashraf, Haque and Tarasiewicz (£500 each)

DSO's Note: The applicant had requested £3,000 within their application form as per the Grants Policy page 3, line 2.1 CCF applications "generally be for amounts not exceeding £2,000" therefore, the requested amount has been amended.

RECOMMENDED: That this application be approved to the sum of £2,000 however, the funds would be held and earmarked until confirmation of all funds required for the trip to proceed had been raised.

26. LATE APPLICATION TO THE GENERAL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

- v) **DAYTOP MULTICULTURAL CENTRE CIC** – CGF81 – £2,420 Community Food Support

It was commented by a Councillor that the proposed project would be duplicating work already being done in the community.

RECOMMENDED: That this application be declined.

- n) **NORTHAMPTON BANGLADESHI ASSOCIATION** – CGF82 – £2,500 Information and Guidance Surgery

It was commented by a Councillor that the Town Council had already funded for an Information and Guidance advisor and services via the Community Law Service.

RECOMMENDED: That this application be declined.

- o) **NIGER DELTA YOUTH ASSOCIATION** – CGF83 - £2,500 - Anti-Knife Crime and Youth Violence Concert

RECOMMENDED: That this application be deferred for further information.

- p) **NORTHAMPTON HOPE CENTRE** – CGF84 - £10,000 – Service Delivery Support

RECOMMENDED: That this application be declined.

q) **COMMUNITY LAW SERVICE** – CGF85 - £9,016 – Bangladeshi Outreach Project

DSO's Note: As per the minutes of 12th April 2023, it was recommended and subsequently approved that 50% of the £9,016 be awarded and the remaining funds released upon providing a secondary application and grant evaluation form.

RECOMMENDED: That this application be approved to the sum of £4,800

27. LATE APPLICATIONS TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE GRANT SCHEME

r) **ROWEN & CLARENCE AVENUE RESIDENTS** – CCGS4 – Tree Replacement Project - £5,000

A Councillor welcomed the initiative of local residents for collaborating and replacing the street trees on Rowen and Clarence avenue. Another Councillor commented the trees would contribute to bio-diversity and improving the street scene.

RECOMMENDED: That this application be approved by the Environmental Service Committee to the sum of £5,000.

MEETING CONCLUDED: 1:03 PM