

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7TH OCTOBER 2024 AT 6PM IN THE TOWN COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ROOM, LOCATED IN THE GUILDHALL, NORTHAMPTON

PRESENT: Cllrs Birch (Chair), Holland-Delamere (Deputy Chair), Alwahabi, Ashraf, Evans, Hallam, Lane, Marriott, Miah.

OFFICERS PRESENT: S Carter (Town Clerk), J Thorneycroft (Assistant Town Clerk), J Haines (Events & Projects Officer) and C Osborn (Community Engagement Officer).

VISITOR PRESENT: Barry Percy-Smith

30. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were submitted by Cllrs Hibbert, Russell and Soan.

31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

32. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICERS REPORT ON PARTNERSHIP WORKING

As per the recommendation in the community Engagements Officers report circulated with the meeting agenda it was agreed Northampton Town Council (NTC) to support the partnership working arrangement between NTC and West Northamptonshire Council to co-deliver the Northampton Youth Forum.

It was agreed in principle to ear mark from April 2025, £1000 match funding from the Community Needs Analysis budget code 315 4221, the monies will be used to support the growth of the Youth Forum.

33. PARTNERSHIP WORKING PRESENTATION FROM HAIFI RAHMAN, WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL'S YOUTH & COMMUNITY CO-ORDINATOR

Haifi presented to the committee members outlining the benefits of the Youth Partnership work, the co-working and aims of the Youth Forum for Northampton.

34. TO AUTHORISE THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 29TH JULY 2024

It was noted a small amendment to item 18D (page 5) was required – in the resolution Councillor Community Fund CCF270 requires amending to CCF271.

RESOLVED: The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

35. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE GRANT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25TH SEPTEMBER 2024

The Chair referred to the various grant applications that were reviewed at the Grants Sub-Committee meeting and requested any questions or queries.

The following was noted:

Item 13t – CGF128 Family Support Link £3150.00 – **ACTION:** CO to advise the organisation they need to ensure it is clear on their literature/website they have offices/services in the Northampton area.

Item 13uu – CGF130 - Moulton Leys Residents Association - £2,590.80 – **ACTION:** Clerk or Cllr Lane to liaise with the applicant regarding the works.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Grant Sub-Committee meeting held on 25th September 2024 were received and adopted.

It was **RESOLVED to accept and approve a late grant application, CCF289** – IHWO Chai and Chat Group for the sum of £450.

36. EVENTS AND PROJECTS UPDATE

The Chair referred to the Events and Projects report circulated with the agenda pack, the report was approved and noted by the Committee members:

It was RESOLVED to approve an additional cost of £226.00 for First Aid requirements from budget code 315 4512 (NMF24), the cost will be drawn from the General Reserves.

It was RESOLVED to approve an additional cost of £4385.81 to maintain the same level of high-quality entertainment, content and event infrastructure from budget code 315 4502 (Fireworks). The additional cost will be drawn from the General Reserves.

37. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING UPDATE

As per the full Christmas Lighting report circulated at the meeting JO (Events and Projects Officer) updated the committee on the Christmas Lights proposal for 2024.

It was RESOLVED to implement the scope of works for the Christmas Lights programme as per the scheme outlined in the detailed Christmas Lights 2024 report provided.

38. WESTON FAVELL 50TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

Cllr Holland-Delamere spoke about the anniversary celebrations taking place at Weston Favell and reminded all that the exhibition will be situ at Weston Favell Centre until 30th November.

39. HEART OF COMMUNITY AWARDS PROPOSAL – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

In principle the proposal was agreed it was noted the timescales are tight. The proposal will need to be presented at the next Civic Working Party and at the next following Policy & Finance meeting for budget and scheme approval.

40. UNSPENT COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY FUND UPDATE

The report submitted with the agenda was noted.

Action: CO was invited to visit Cllr Alwahabi in his ward
CO to work with new Cllrs to allow an opportunity for monies to be spent in individual wards.

41. MURAL GIFT TO NORTHAMPTON

The report submitted with the agenda was noted, the proposal to have the mural was agreed in principle by the committee.

Action: NTC Communications Officer to put out a call for possible locations for the mural on the website.

MEETING CONCLUDED 7:29PM