



**Northampton
TOWN COUNCIL**

GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE –6th DECEMBER 2024 – 11:00 HOURS

To Members of the Grants Sub Committee:

Cllrs Birch (Chair), Alwahabi, 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 Friday 6th December 2024 at 11:00 hours 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
2nd December 2024**

**Guildhall
Northampton
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A G E N D A

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- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- 3. TO AUTHORISE THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
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To follow

GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE – 13th NOVEMBER 2024

MINUTES OF THE GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13th NOVEMBER 2024 AT 11:00 HOURS IN THE TOWN COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ROOM, LOCATED IN THE GUILDHALL, NORTHAMPTON

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

OFFICERS PRESENT: S Carter (Town Clerk) and C Osborn (Community Engagement Officer)

5. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies submitted, all councillors were present.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors declared a non-pecuniary interest in grants that they had supported as part of the Councillors Community Grants Scheme.

7. TO AUTHORISE THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD 25TH SEPTEMBER 2024

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

8. GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE COUNCILLOR'S COMMUNITY FUND

It was noted that the subcommittee have delegation to approve grant applications from the Councillor Community Grant fund.

Application Reference	Organisation	Project	Agreed Amount	Councillor	Ward	Decision
CCF290	57 th Mencap Scout Group	Kandersteg international camp Switzerland August 2025	£1300	Joyce	Eastfield	Approve
CCF291	The Methodist Homestead	Resident's Christmas Fund	£200	Birch	Trinity	Approve
CCF292	Northants United	Northants United Uniform for children	£500	Haque	Castle	Approve
CCF293	Northampton Cats Protection League	Support for people on means tested benefits to facilitate their ability to keep	£1000	Fuchshuber/ Meredith	Talavera	Approve

		their pet cat(s) for the mental and emotional well-being of the owner.				
CCF294	The 3 Pillars Feeding the Homeless	Funding of foodbank	£300	Ashraf	St James	Approve
CCF295	Shine Development CIC	Community Christmas Support	£700	Holland Delamere	Rectory Farm	Approve
CCF296	65 th Northampton Brownies	Nene Wetlands Wildlife Experience	£270	Kilbride	Abington	Approve
CCF297	65 th Northampton Brownies	Brownies and Guides Christmas Pantomime	£350	Kilbride	Abington	Approve
CCF298	46 th Northampton Scout Group	Scout trip to Pantomime	£500	Holland Delamere	Rectory Farm	Approve
CCF299	Eastfield District Guides	Bi-annual district show	£750	Hallam / Lane	Parklands / Boothville	Approve
CCF300	WAGONIK INTEGRACYJNY Northampton - Autism Support Group	Family Christmas event	£1900	Tarasiewicz	Abington	Approve
CCF301	Deafconnect	Connecting Communities 2gether project	£900	Ashraf	St James	*Approve (see note below)

It was noted that this project was not based in Cllr Ashraf's ward and that she may want to speak to Cllr Evans whose ward it is based in. The Community Engagement Officer spoke to Cllr Ashraf and Cllr Evans and it was agreed that this grant would come from Cllr Evans' unspent councillor funding. **RESOLVED that this funding come from the unspent councillor funding earmarked reserve for Dallington Spencer Ward.*

Councillor Grant Fund Applications tabled:

Application Reference	Organisation	Project	Requested Amount	Councillor	Ward	Decision
CCF302	Bradlaugh Barns and Fields	New Fridge Freezer	£500	Russell	Kingsley	Approve
CCF303	Space to talk	Community Peer Support	£2,000	Soan	Rushmills	Approve
CCF304	Northampton Town of Sanctuary	L2L Christmas gift vouchers	£600	Alwahabi	Castle	Approve
CCF305	PCC of St Alban the Martyr	St Albans Church foodbank	£850 (requested £950 but would have overspent by £100)	Joyce	Headlands	Approve
USCF001	Free2Talk	Kingsheath 8-11s Youth Group	£500	McNicholas	Kingsheath	Approve
USCF002	Free2Talk	Kingsheath 12+ youth group	£400	McNicholas	Kingsheath	Approve

9. GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE GENERAL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

The Community Engagement Officer circulated a draft criteria scoring sheet for members to test against each application. He explained that it was an early draft and would be amended further and presented to a future meeting once the university had finished their piece of work with regards to the grants.

It was noted that the subcommittee make recommendations to the Community Services Committee for grant applications to the General Grants Fund.

Grant Reference	Organisation	Comments	Committee Recommendation	Amount
CGF131	NN Contemporary Art - NNCA (legal name Northampton Arts Collective)	<p>NN Nights was an initiative held across Northampton on August 16, 2024. Northampton Town Council funded the event's first instalment, supporting the development of an interactive website and establishing a micro-grant scheme for local artists to exhibit their work.</p> <p>The event received positive feedback, but this new application requests support for a second event of the same format. The organisation hopes to hold these events quarterly; however, if they become dependent on NTC's funding to continue, the initiative may risk becoming unsustainable.</p> <p>NN Nights aligns with the council's commitment to fostering a vibrant, creative town. It may be worthwhile to meet with the organisation to discuss ways to ensure more sustainable support moving forward.</p>	<p>Recommended approval, but that the funds be earmarked in the current year pending them securing the rest of the funding required</p>	£5,000
CGF132	Northamptonshire Black History Association	<p>This project aims to preserve Northamptonshire's Black history archives by establishing a permanent, accessible home on Guildhall Road. Alongside this, it includes the creation of a digital platform and a local volunteer program focused on recruitment and upskilling. These efforts align with NTC's commitment to supporting local heritage.</p> <p>As part of a larger funding bid with the Heritage Lottery Fund, the project has been conditionally awarded £42,437, contingent on securing local match funding. Without the council's support, this grant—and the project itself—would be at risk.</p> <p>Please note: The application specifies that NN Contemporary Art will serve as the designated account holder. The applicant explained that their organisation is currently transitioning bank accounts due to trustee changes. While they work to establish a new account, NN Contemporary Art has agreed in writing to hold the funds responsibly on their behalf.</p>	<p>Recommended approval</p>	£5,000

CGF133	Dance mind	<p>Dance Mind is an organisation specialising in work with adults facing mental or physical health challenges, particularly older adults. This project aims to continue their Dance Elders sessions at Delapré Abbey in 2025 and is part of a broader fundraising effort.</p> <p>While the sessions take place outside NTC's boundary, residents of Northampton attend and benefit from them. I discussed the application with the applicant beforehand and clarified that NTC policy prohibits funding core costs. The costs in the application cover dance instructors, evaluation, travel expenses, and room hire—all of which may be considered core costs for the organisation. If NTC were to support this application, it could potentially cover room hire at £660.</p> <p>Without the full funding requested for the Dance Elders programme, the project will only be able to run for eight weeks in 2025, due to a smaller contribution from West Northamptonshire Council.</p>	<p>Recommended approval but for £3,500 (£10,000 requested) to match fund the WNC contribution</p>	£3,500
CGF134	Gingerbread, the charity for single parent families	<p>This is a national charity that provide support for single parent families. They have recently began delivering a monthly support group at Delapre Abbey. This is outside of NTC's boundary and the application doesn't state where people are travelling from to attend the sessions. The application also refers to the area as 'Nottingham'. This suggests the application isn't being made by a member of the Northampton Community. The costs on the application are for staff costs, volunteer expenses.</p>	<p>Recommended that this application be declined. Noted that this is a national charity.</p>	£3,000
CGF135	Restore Northampton	<p>Restore are responsible for various food aid initiatives throughout the town and this is continue running their charity allotment. It's run by a team of volunteers and people are referred into this service from other organisations. The organisation has been awarded part funding from Northampton Community Foundation and the requested amount to continue delivering the allotment. The costs in the application are unclear as it mentions team costs. The money requested</p>	<p>Recommended that this be deferred for further detail and information on the costings</p>	£9,982

		will enable them to keep the project going for the next financial year.		
*CGF126 (previously differed for further information)	Trilogy Active	Sport employability course for NEET young people in Northampton	Recommended that this grant be approved (£4148 though with the option of taking off the hire cost *£1500 as they own the building and the *£750 admin charge as this is possibly core staff costs)	£4148 (*reduced to £1,880 if hire charge and admin charge are core costs)

MEETING CONCLUDED: 12:35 HOURS