

EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 8TH JANUARY 2024

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8TH JANUARY 2024 AT 6PM IN THE TOWN COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ROOM LOCATED IN THE GUILDHALL, NORTHAMPTON

PRESENT: Councillors Birch (Chair), Holland-Delamere (Deputy Chair), Ashraf, Hibbert, Lane and Marriott

OTHER COUNCILLORS: Councillor Alwahabi, Russell and Stevens

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mr S Carter (Town Clerk), Miss F Barford (Democratic Services Officer) and Mr Connor Osborn (Community Engagement Officer)

44. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were submitted by Councillors Hallam, Ismail, Miah and Soan

45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Birch declared a non-pecuniary interest in

46. TO REVIEW BUDGETARY REPORT THE GENERAL COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

47. TO REVIEW TIME SENSITIVE GENERAL COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION – CGF86 OUTSIDE IN THEATRE

A Councillor explained the applicants addressed the previous Community Services Committee meeting on the project 'Willow's Winter Hug' as outlined within the application.

The Community Engagement Officer (C.E) had a meeting with the applicants and had requested where they wished to hold the sessions and these were in the Town Council area. In response to a question, the C.E Officer explained it was estimated that 50 children would attend per centre. The C.E Officer highlighted the Outside In Theatre had a proven track record with other projects that had been funded via Northamptonshire Community Foundation and the Arts Council.

In response to a question, the C.E explained that Outside In Theatre were registered as a Community Interest Company and had started just prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic. A Councillor posed if the C.E Officer would attend any these sessions to monitor and provide feedback to the Committee. The C.E Officer explained he would happily attend and provide a report.

A Councillor commented that the project would be beneficial to children with their social and development of skills especially during the half-term when this project would take place. A Councillor commented that the application had included staffing costs. In response a Councillor stated the amendment to the policy meant that salaries were not funded via the scheme however, one-off operational staffing costs could be considered and would be at the discretion of the Committee to approve.

RESOLVED: That General Community Fund application CGF86 be approved to the sum of £5,000 as outlined within the application.

The following Councillor Community Fund Applications were reviewed:

- a) CCF224 – Isaac's Litter Picking Group - £220 – Trinity – Councillor Birch

RESOLVED: That Councillor Community Fund CCF224 be approved to the sum of £220.

- b) CCF225 – United African Association - £400 - Castle – Councillor Alwahabi

RESOLVED: That Councillor Community Fund CCF225 be approved to the sum of £400 as outlined in the application.

48. TO REVIEW DEFERRED COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION – CGF83 – NIGER DELTA YOUTH ASSOCIATION

The C.E Officer explained the applicant intended to host an Anti-Knife Crime Concert on 22nd March 2024 at the Roadmender and the targeted audience was young people within Northampton. A Councillor stated it would be beneficial to review a full breakdown of the full project costings. The C.E Officer explained he would reach out to the applicant to request a copy of the full project costings, event management plan and safeguarding policy.

RESOLVED: That General Community Grant Application CGF83 be approved in principle and the final decision be delegated to the Community Engagement Officer once the requested documentation had been received.

DSO's Note: The Community Engagement Officer received copies of the Event Management Plan, Safeguarding Plan and full breakdown of the project costs and provide approval.

MEETING CONCLUDED 5:38PM