



Northampton TOWN COUNCIL

To Members of the Grants Sub Committee:

Cllrs Birch (Chair), T Eales, Hibbert, Holland-Delamere
Named substitute: Cllr Lane

You are hereby summoned to attend an extraordinary meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee to be held in the Town Council Committee Room, Northampton Guildhall, on Thursday 10th November 2022 at 11:30am 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
03rd November 2022

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GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE COUNCILLOR'S COMMUNITY FUND				
App No	Organisation	Project Name, Amount Requested & Synopsis	Ward	Councillor
CCF96	Northampton Carnival	<p align="center">Support for Northampton Carnival £1,500</p> <p>The Northampton Carnival has been running for 17 years and engages the local community of Northampton. The funds would support the design development and cost of printing posters and flyers to promote Northampton Carnival 2023. In addition, to the purchase of a mobile sound system. Furthermore, the funds would contribute to three workshops in the lead up to the Carnival that will engage people of all ages, ethnicities and backgrounds. The workshops centres around Northampton Carnival 2023's theme of 'Celebrating People Who Came', this is not just inclusive of Windrush and the Afro-Caribbean community but other ethnic groups and people who have migrated countries or moved areas and contributed to their local community.</p>	Brookside	Councillor Choudary
CCF97	St Albans Church Foodbank	<p align="center">Support for Food Bank £1,000</p> <p>The project intends to provide emergency food and support to those in need and sign posting information where appropriate to local agencies dealing with specific issues.</p>	Westone	Councillor Joyce
CCF98	Friends of Eastfield Park	<p align="center">Improving Access to Wildlife and Wildlife Information in Eastfield Park £1,000</p> <p>The project comprises two parts:</p>	Headlands & Westone	Councillors Miah & Joyce

		<p>The first part allows completion of a project, partly funded by the Town Council last year, but for which the funding proved inadequate for completion because of inflation and changes to ordering procedures. This involved the provision and installation of a wildlife interpretive board, mounted in a secure frame on a lectern-style base. The board will illustrate the most common waterfowl found on and around the lake in Eastfield Park and will be installed close to the lake. Most, if not all, of the illustrations used will be photographs taken within the park. The board will also present information about the birds and will request visitors to not to overfeed them and not to feed bread to them at all. Feeding the ducks and other birds on the lake is a very common activity, yet many people are unaware of the damage that can be done by overfeeding. Feeding bread is commonplace and some people even leave piles of bread behind, increasing the population of rats by the lake and damaging water quality. Some people are unaware of the names of even common species of waterfowl. We hope that provision of the wildlife board will help to reduce these problems while also providing an educational aid, especially for younger people. A file showing the design of the new board is provided with this application.</p> <p>The second part of the project is to provide signage for a new meadow being created in Eastfield Park called 'The Platinum Jubilee Meadow'. Part of the grant will also be used to provide additional planting in this meadow. Work on the meadow has already started but additional funding is requested for completion.</p> <p>Both parts of the project will potentially benefit all park visitors. These mainly come from Eastfield, Headlands, Parklands, Boothville and Westone Wards but we also have visitors from a wider area. It is difficult to estimate how many people visit Eastfield Park. The Friends of Eastfield Park has about 70 signed-up</p>		
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		members, but we have 907 followers on Facebook which, we believe, is an indication of interest in Eastfield Park. Some of our posts have reached several thou		
CCF99	Brookside Residents Club	<p style="text-align: center;">Celebration for Lings and Lumbertubs £400</p> <p>We had planned to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the building of the Lumbertubs estate, but Covid prevented that from happening. As we have recently relaunched our group, we would like to hold a Celebration to mark the success of the past 22 years & encourage more people to join us, "For Together We Do Make a Difference"</p> <p>We will publicise this Celebration throughout the two estates, to attract all ages, and people groups to come along.</p> <p>As the Brookside Hall has a seating capacity of 80, we will issue free tickets on a first come basis, & our existing members will be asked to invite a guest.</p>	Talavera	Councillors Fuchshuber & Meredith
CCF100	Billing United Youth FC	<p style="text-align: center;">Supporting the 2022-23 Under 14's Team £400</p> <p>We currently train at Lings wood and play matches at Rectory farm open space. The children who attend our teams are all from the local area and the Talavera ward and we are passionate about giving these children opportunities to be part of the club which is why we decided to start another team moving forward. There are currently about 28 children who play for the team and we are always getting requests for more people to join.</p>	Talavera	Councillors Fuchshuber & Meredith

CCF101	<p>St Vincent de Paul Society (England & Wales)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas 2022 £800</p> <p>Christmas can be a source of great stress and pressure for people on low income. The £800 we have applied for will be used to support our Christmas operation supporting families, individuals and elderly in need as above mostly across the Eastern District and some in neighbouring areas.</p> <p>At Christmas for those on our list we will be providing a voucher, tin of chocolates and age and gender appropriate toys for each child.</p> <p>Family Support Workers at Ecton Brook School will also be providing a list of nominated families who will receive the same.</p> <p>For the elderly people on our list normally living alone and with health issues such as dementia we will offer a small gift such as a plant or box of biscuits</p> <p>We expect to reach approx. 60 households</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Talavera</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Councillors Fuchshuber & Meredith</p>
CCF102	<p style="text-align: center;">Cat Protection, Northampton Branch</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Provision of Vouchers for Neutering Pet Cats £800</p> <p>To provide a means of increasing the numbers of pet cats that are neutered in a timely and safe fashion in those areas of Northampton where deprivation is high, to prevent the birth of further unwanted kittens and to reduce the number of feral colonies.</p> <p>1 to provide easy access for local pet owners, some of whom may otherwise be hesitant to approach a veterinary surgery, to a</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Talavera</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Councillors Fuchshuber & Meredith</p>

		<p>voucher redeemable at a local veterinary practice against the cost of getting a cat neutered</p> <p>2 to encourage responsible pet ownership by ensuring that cost does not deter a pet owner from getting their cat or kitten neutered where it is known that owners may otherwise struggle to meet high veterinary costs</p> <p>3 to help to provide loving and gentle cats that will stay at home to give companionship and alleviate loneliness particularly among older and more vulnerable members of the community</p> <p>Method: The scheme will be widely advertised online and via social media. Local veterinary practices willing to be involved have already been recruited; their fees will be met through the project funding. Local vets provide their services at a discount to the charity.</p> <p>Intended Outcomes:</p> <p>1 The provision of financial assistance to pet owners, many of whom are on low incomes, to encourage responsible pet ownership and increase familiarity with the support from local veterinary practices</p> <p>2 The neutering of around 250 local pet cats who might otherwise have gone on to breed in homes where further cats are unwanted and not able to be supported financially</p> <p>3 The development of a wider awareness among the public of the effects on the local community of allowing unneutered cats to proliferate in public areas</p>		
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CCF103	Community Spaces Northampton	<p style="text-align: center;">Rectory Farm Community Garden £2,500</p> <p>In 2019, Rectory Farm Community Centre was renovated and an additional hall was built for wider community use – following a community campaign against the sale of the local pub. However, due to safeguarding issues, groups cannot use this space during the day due to our resident Pre-school sharing the space.</p> <p>Our garden is in stark contrast to our new hall, being desolate and unloved. The funding will be used towards the garden development, creating a usable, enjoyable, private space for the Pre-school who use the space daily, and the wider community who will benefit from having access to an inspiring garden space. The garden will form an ongoing volunteer project to create a sense of ownership. This grant will be used to purchase mainly capital items for the garden works and volunteer project.</p> <p>This grant will make a huge difference to the everyday lives of our centre users. It will enable us to start garden renovations, providing an enjoyable space for all to use, to enjoy nature and to have an outdoors space to enhance their wellbeing.</p> <p>Most significantly, the space will be used on a daily basis by our resident preschool – a charitable preschool who are used primarily by local families living within Rectory Farm ward. This grant will</p>	Rectory Farm	Councillor Holland-Delamere

		<p>enable us to provide the preschool with a much needed private garden space away from other centre users, with a gate to access the wider garden when not in use by other community groups. The children will have their own planters to up keep using their own pre-school suitable tools and equipment. They will be introduced to nature and caring for a garden while attending. The children will also have an inspiring reading area under the trees with their very own tree stump seats.</p> <p>Other centre users will also benefit .</p>		
CCF104	Northampton Child Contact Centre	<p style="text-align: center;">Support for Child Contact Centre 2022-23 £2,500</p> <p>We operate as a “supported” Child Contact Centre from the nursery premises of the United Reformed Church in Abington Avenue and offer a neutral, safe, friendly venue where children can meet estranged members of their family, especially the parent that is not resident in the family home. We open on the first four Saturdays of each month: 10am – 3.00pm on the 1st and 3rd Saturday, and 10am – 1.00pm on the 2nd and 4th. Each quarter we will welcome up to 20 families at our Centre for parents and children to re-establish relationships through craft activities, playing board games, reading stories or just chatting; the older children will maybe play table tennis or table football in the conference room. We also provide a base for family ‘handovers’ when contact is able to take place in the local community e.g. meeting up at Abington Park.</p> <p>Referrals are made to us by solicitors, family courts and social workers, but the majority of families now come as self-referrals, necessitating careful safeguarding assessment before they can be given a place. We do not charge for our service, but do</p>	Abington	Councillor Purser

		<p>occasionally receive small donations from some of our users as a token of their appreciation. Many of the families that we work with are disadvantaged and have complex issues in their lives in addition to the consequences of family separation. The Centre at Abington Avenue has been operating for over 20 years, and increasingly there are circumstances of domestic abuse, homelessness & unemployment, mental health issues, alcohol and drug dependency.</p> <p>A recent testimonial said "I would like to show my gratitude to yourself for all your help on organising my visits with my son. Although it was a short amount of visits, you made what would be a daunting process, easier and enjoyable. Thanks for ALL your hard work behind the scenes."</p>		
CCF105	<p>43rd Northampton Brownies and Guides</p>	<p>Youth Group Christmas Activity £250</p> <p>We, the unit leaders, would like to take the 43rd Northampton (Weston Favell) Brownies (20) and Guides (15) to a Girlguiding Northamptonshire event at Vue Cinema on Sunday 11th December to see the film Matilda's Mighty Movie. This is an event that we had not planned to take part in but it will be an exciting opportunity for the girls especially as it is just before we finish for the Christmas holiday. The girls will see/meet girls from their own and other sections of the Girlguiding organisation giving them the opportunity to realize there are many Guide, Brownie and Rainbows units outside of their local area.</p> <p>If money allowed we could offer the girls an edible treat.</p>	Park	Councillor Kilbride
CCF106	<p>65th Northampton</p>	<p>Light Trail £200</p>	Park	Councillor Kilbride

	Brownies and Guides	<p>Our intended project is to provide our Rainbows, Brownies, Guides & Ranger sections (ages 4-18) with a trip historic venue of Delapre Abbey, Northampton to experience the winter light trail. We will be taking the girls in two groups.</p> <p>As well as being a Christmas treat for members, we also hope to encourage the girls to enjoy visiting venues locally and spark an interest in the town's history and finding out what makes Northampton unique. This trip will, for Brownies, enable them to complete a clause from the 'Local History' interest badge. And, for members in the Guide and Ranger sections it will help them to understand how tourism and tourist venues help the local economy and will enable those working towards the Girlguiding Commonwealth Award the opportunity to partially complete a clause.</p> <p>This project will be accessible to all guiding sections which consists of approximately 120 girls from Weston Favell, Boothville, Headlands, Rectory Farm, Abington Vale and the Abington area. We are a diverse unit with girls coming from a variety of ethnic backgrounds, additional support needs, families living within post-codes considered deprived within the English Indices of Deprivation Map 2019 and those disadvantaged and eligible for the Governments' Pupil Premium Grant Funding during school time.</p>		
CCF108	5 Streets Community	<p style="text-align: center;">Coronation Party £350</p> <p>The project is to bring the 5 streets into a community, our aim is to be more united, all participating residents will benefit. The Streets are:</p>	Parklands	Councillor Hallam

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CCF107	The Spring Charity	<p style="text-align: center;">Garden Project: From Seed to Soup £200</p> <p>Trustees and leadership from The Spring Charity have been working on a community project to encourage local residents and families to engage in activities aimed at developing the participants concept of healthy living and creating a human connection through exploring the natural world. This work has been facilitated by partnership with a range of partner organisations including, Castle Hill United Reform Church, Spring Lane Primary School, Northamptonshire Partnership Homes (NPH), the local community gardeners, Our Little Land, The Wild Tribe and the Henry Project. We estimate that 10 families have actively participated in the project to date and we have had interested expressed by another 12 families who would like to participate. In addition pupils at Spring Lane Primary School who participate in extended services provision are keen to be involved and this would be a minimum of 20 children per session.</p> <p>The project work has been, and will continue to be, based in the heart of Castle Ward. A range of face to face activities will continue to be held at the Annexe Community Centre and in the local community garden. In addition, an online healthy families’ course, the Henry Project, will be offered to families on a rolling programme throughout the academic year that will underpin the work of the gardening project.</p> <p>We have ordered a further three community planters which will be based at the Castle Hill URC, and one at our charity building, which will be tended by volunteers from the groups that meet at the charity and/or Castle Hill URC.</p>	Castle	Councillor Alwahabi
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