



**NORTHAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL  
Grants Sub-Committee**

**Minutes of the meeting held at 15.00 hours on 06<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
Held in Room 5, Northampton Town Council Offices, Northampton Guildhall**

**Present:** Cllrs Birch (Chair), Holland-Delamere and Hibbert

**Officers:** Mr S Carter (Town Clerk), Mrs J Thorneycroft (Assistant Town Clerk) and Miss F Barford (Democratic Services Officer)

**15. APOLOGIES**

No apologies had been submitted.

**16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Birch declared a non-pecuniary interest in grant applications CCF60, CF59, CF66 since she was involved in these organisations.

Cllr Holland-Delamere declared a non-pecuniary interest in grant applications CCF67, CF69 since he was involved in these organisations.

**17. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the last meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 be agreed and the Chair be authorised to sign them as a true record.

**18. GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE COUNCILLORS COMMUNITY FUND**

The members of the Sub-Committee considered each application and the supporting information included in the agenda. It was noted that as with the General Grants the awards could be made in accordance with the General Power of Competence which the Council held. It was noted that the budget heading for the Councillors Community Fund was £75,000 (£3,000 per councillor) in the present financial year increasing to £4,200 per councillor for those who had opted not to take their allowance.

**RECOMMENDED:** that the decisions as detailed in the table below are taken to the next meeting of the Community Services Committee for adoption.

Name of Organisation & brief description of project	App No.	Total grant requested (£)	Recommendation of Sub-Committee	Comments
a) <u>Aliston Gardens Youth and Community Centre</u> - Queen's Platinum Jubilee Party to be held on the Sunday of Jubilee weekend at the community centre.	CCF59	£500	Agreed	
b) <u>Community Spaces Northampton</u> - Briar Hill Community Centre Enhancements to provide a welcoming, enjoyable environment for our centre users.	CCF60	£2000	Agreed	
c) <u>Northampton Kingsley's Women's Institute</u> - Jubilee Tree Planting to work with IdVerde and plant a tree as part of the Queen's Green Canopy at the Racecourse	CCF61	£474	Agreed	
d) <u>Deafconnect</u> - TFJ's Kitchen Project a community table is run by volunteers using food that would have been thrown away by supermarkets to offer a financially deprived area of Northampton	CCF62	£2,112	Agreed	Deafconnect is well established in the community. The commercial cooker would be expensive for the organisation for Deafconnect to self-fund and would be great asset for Deafconnect.
e) <u>Northampton Polish School</u> – Polish Culture: Resourcing the School so that we can continue our work in these difficult times.	CCF63	£2,006	Agreed	It was noted that in the future applications like those may be directed to the General Grants Fund.
f) <u>Northampton Polish School</u> – Purchase of two printers to help resource the Northampton Polish School	CCF64	£492	Agreed	

g) <u>Church of God of Prophecy</u> - Queen's Jubilee Celebration a community Event to celebrate the Jubilee	CCF65	£300	Agreed	
h) <u>Mother's Union</u> – Support for meetings that provide a forum for discussion, invited speakers and practical support projects.	CCF66	£300	Agreed	
i) <u>Rectory Farm Residents Association</u> – Residents Queen's Jubilee Event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee	CCF67	£630	Agreed	
j) <u>Albanian Cultural Association</u> – Summer Event. To organise our very first event for the Albanian community and invite people from across the town to come together to celebrate their culture and heritage.	CCF68	£1,750	Agreed	The event will enable further social integration. Would like the Mayor to attend if available. Commented that in the future given the cross ward nature of the project that similar applications may be more applicable to the General Grants Scheme
k) <u>Rectory Farm Pocket Park – Pocket Park Activities 2022.</u>	CCF69	£500	Agreed	Councillors acknowledge the great benefit of having events throughout the year for the Rectory Farm community in addition to the local biodiversity.

## 15. GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY GENERAL FUND FOR THIS FINANCIAL YEAR

The members of the Sub-Committee considered each application and the supporting information included in the agenda. It was noted that the grant awards could be made in accordance with the General Power of Competence which the Council held.

**RECOMMENDED:** that the decisions as detailed in the table below are taken to the next meeting of the Community Services Committee for adoption.

Name of Organisation & brief description of project	App No.	Total grant requested (£)	Recommendation of Sub-Committee	Comments
<p><a href="#">Cherwell Theatre Company</a> - Song for Summer youth theatre project integrating music and drama workshops in schools/colleges/community settings/Northampton University.</p>	CGF24	£4,446	Declined	<p>The Song for Summer, Youth Theatre project is a great initiative however, the funding is mainly for assistance with temporary staffing, which in line with the grants policy could not be funded. It was acknowledged the effort put into the application however, it does not meet the conditions for NTC Community General Fund. It was advised that the sub-committee would consider a further application from the applicant for this project for other costs if they fell within the funding criteria set out in the Grants Policy.</p>
<p><a href="#">Music 365 Northampton Music Festival</a> – Support for Northampton Music Festival with six stages representing diverse genres of music and the rich cultural and musical diversity of Northampton.</p>	CGF25	£5,000	Agreed	<p>The Music365 is a great local event and showcases Northampton’s diverse culture of music and is a great attribute to Northampton town.</p>

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 15.30 PM**

Signed.....Chair