

**Northampton Town Council  
Grants Sub-Committee**

*This is a record of decisions taken by the Town Clerk in accordance with the authority delegated to him by the Council at its meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021. All decisions were taken having consulted remotely by Zoom the members of the Grants Sub-Committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021 and were in accordance with the views of those members.*

**Minutes of the meeting held at 11.00 am on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
Using the Zoom Video Conferencing Platform**

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

Also present: Cllr Soan

**Officers:** Mr S Carter (Interim Town Clerk) and Mrs J Thorneycroft (Administration Officer)

**6. APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been submitted by Cllr Lane.

**7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Holland-Delamere declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Councillor Grant applications (a) and (b) Community Spaces Northampton and Emmanuel Group of Churches as he had endorsed them and they were to come from his councillor grant funding and (c) Emmanuel Group of Churches (second application) as he was a Trustee of the organisation. Cllr Holland-Delamere took no part in the deliberations of the applications (a) and (b).

Cllr Birch declared a non-pecuniary interest in application (d) to the Councillors Grant Scheme, little Fishes Pre-School since they were based in Lodge Farm Community Centre, and she was a Trustee of the organisation which managed the Community Centres.

**8. 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. It was noted that the budget heading for Community Grants had £50,000 in the present financial year of which £7,325 had been allocated at the previous meeting leaving £42,675.

**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	Total grant requested (£)	Outcome of Sub-Committee	Comments
Northampton & District Indoor Bowling Association – Purchase of tow powered bowls wheelchairs	£5,000	Agreed	Subject to confirmation of the price of the wheelchairs from the applicant
Pearls of Peace – Coffee mornings, yoga provision, support for women	£2,500	Agreed	
Sport4Fitness CIC – Installation of enhanced toilets at Fernie Sports and Social Club	£3,685	Agreed	
St Edmunds Residents Association – Installation of 2 planters to be sited at fly tipping hotspots at Cranstoun Street and Hood Street	£2,382	*Agreed	*Commented that this was below £2,500 and for one ward and would be better suited coming from the Councillors Grant Scheme. Agreed to fund if the Castle ward councillors agreed that the funding be allocated from their grant allocation

*\*Clerk's note: The Castle Ward councillors have agreed to fund the St Edmunds Residents Association application from their Cllr community grants allocation.*

## 9. 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 and brief description of project	Nominating Councillor	Councillor Ward	Total grant requested (£)	Outcome of Sub-Committee	Comments
Community Space Northampton – Family Fun Day	Cllr Holland-Delamere	Rectory Farm	£650	Agreed	
Emmanuel Group of Churches – Rzone youth project	Cllr Holland-Delamere	Rectory Farm	£511	Agreed	
Emmanuel Group of Churches - Fun and Food in School	Cllr Meredith	Talavera	£300	Agreed	It was noted that they run the lunch club at half term and other school holidays, not just summer

Holidays (FISH) Lunch Club					
Little Fishes Pre School – Replacement toys following arson of shed	Cllr Choudary	Brookside	£500	Agreed	It was noted that the pre-school were working with WNC to enhance security
Radio Nene Valley - New equipment for the hospital radio station	Cllr Soan	Rushmills	£320	Agreed	Cllr Soan explained that the station is entirely volunteer led and that this would funding would buy a new CD player to enable DJs to play songs that were not in their digital catalogue
Emma Rice and WEJ Knight Almshouses – Contribution of Quinquennial inspection of Almshouses	Cllr Stevens	Phippsville	£1335	Clarity sought before formal approval	Clarity was sought on whether the applicant had a contract with NPH that would mean they were obliged to use their contractors regardless, therefore rendering the inspection pointless. If the contract permitted the applicant to choose the contractors, then the committee were minded to approve the request.
Eastfields Residents Association –Repair of community noticeboard	Cllr Joyce	Eastfield	£150	Agreed	
Aliston Gardens Youth and Community Centre – Relaunch event following the pandemic	Cllr Marriott	Semilong	£550	Agreed	

## 10. FURTHER INFORMATION ON DEFERRED APPLICATION FOR FAAWN

Circulated with the agenda was the response from FAAWN following the different of a decision on their application to the general grant fund for £7,500.

The committee considered the responses and were of the opinion that funding for the logistics of this project were not necessarily within the remit of the Town Council's grant fund policy. However, they recognised that they did important work in supporting food banks in the area.

**RECOMMENDED:** That an award of £2,500 be made to FAAWN for this project as a gesture and in recognition of the work they do in Northampton.