

## Northampton Town Council

### Grants Sub-Committee

#### Minutes of the meeting held at 11.00 am on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Held in Room 5, Town Council Offices, Northampton Guildhall

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

**Officers:** Mr S Carter (Town Clerk) and Mrs J Thorneycroft (Assistant Town Clerk)

#### 11. APOLOGIES

No apologies had been submitted.

#### 12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Birch declared a non-pecuniary interest in applications CCF46, CCF47, CCF52 of the Councillors Grant Scheme, as they had been supported by her and would be allocated for her fund.

Cllr Hibbert declared a non-pecuniary interest in application CCF52 of the Councillors Grant Scheme as it was supported by him and would be allocated from his fund.

#### 13. 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 to date from the General Community Grants Fund, the Town Council had allocated/awarded funding of £47,838 of the £50,000 budget in the current year. This left £2,162. It was likely that any grant award would come from the 2022/23 allocation which had been increased to £150,000.

**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 (£)	Recommendation of Sub-Committee	Comments
Northampton Hope Centre – CGF21 – Crisis intervention and ongoing support	£2,500	Declined	Funding is for core costs for the organisation rather than for a specific project
Delapre Abbey Preservation Trust – CGF22 – In memorium (covid reflections project)	£5,000	Agreed	Noted that the Town Council was involved in this project by supplying some of the images and also with

			the Poetry project. Excellent project, keen to foster relationship with Delapre Abbey
Sport4Fitness CIC – CGF23 – Upgrading of car park	£10,000	Declined	Noted that Town Council have already awarded a grant to Sport4Fitness. Belief that work to car park which is owned by a third party is not within the remit of the grants scheme and should be funded by the landowner

**14. 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 appendix A are taken to the next meeting of the Community Services Committee for adoption.

It was noted that some councillors had not spent their full allocation. Given that this was the first year it was **RECOMMENDED** that any unspent grant awards be rolled over and earmarked in addition to the 2022/23 allocation, but that this be the arrangement for this year only.

The meeting closed at 12.30 pm

Signed.....Chair

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App No	Organisation	Project Name & Synopsis & Amount requested (£)	Ward	Councillor	Amount recommended and any comments
CCF27	Friends of Dallington Park	<p>Additional plants in the secret sensory garden plus two additional benches and more trees in the Queen's jubilee year. £2,100</p> <p>We are going to use this grant to add more plants to the secret sensory garden, two additional benches, more trees in the Queen's jubilee year. To provide more facilities in the park for the current users and future users. We are trying to bring the community together to help us plant the trees and tidy the park.</p>	Spencer	Cllr G Eales	£2,100.00
CCF28	Friends of Eastfield Park (Northampton)	<p>The provision and installation of a wildlife interpretive board £950</p> <p>The project involves 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.</p>	Eastfield and Headlands	Cllr Paul Joyce, £600 Cllr Turon Miah £350	£950.00
CCF29	Cats Protection, Northampton Branch	<p>Provision of neutering for cats in areas of deprivation £1,000</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>	Talavera Ward	Jackie Fuchshuber	£1,000.00
CCF30	Bradlaugh Fields and Barn	<p>Provision of a dishwasher £500</p> <p>We would like to get a dishwasher for the kitchen so that we can use the mugs for the tea/coffee rather than paper cups. Reasons; * Infection and health and safety for our volunteers - a dishwasher would remove the necessity for volunteers to handle mugs and utensils which may have germs/virus on them - (Covid 19 plus other viruses)</p>	Kingsley Ward	Cathrine Russell	£500.00

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		<p>* Infection and health and safety for public - mugs and utensils would be cleaner.</p> <p>* Stop using paper cups which are damaging for the environment if not recyclable, but also involve disposal of which takes time/energy and resources. They are also expensive.</p>			
CCF31	Northampton communities alliance	<p>Wellbeing events to support communities coming out of covid £500</p> <p>The fund will be used to organise events to support communities coming out of covid. The events will be wellbeing and social interaction based, such as sports, fitness, and interaction sessions such as afternoon tea where all ages can interact and share experiences.</p>	Castle	Cllr Jamal Alwahabi	£500.00
CCF32	NBA Gateway Centre (Northampton Bangladeshi Association)	<p>Workshops for young people (PS5) £500</p> <p>The project aims to provide and promote young people’s education and achievement through provision of a range of informal workshops such as grooming, drug awareness and knife crime. The NBA would like to purchase a PS5 on which young people can play when attending</p>	Headlands ward	Councillor Turon Miah	£500.00
CCF33	Lings Primary School	<p>Playground Development– Early Years/Pre- School £1,500</p> <p>We currently have a large pond area situated near the lower playground area of Early Years. This area is severely overgrown and out of control. The area has not been used for several years. We feel that it is dangerous and not a safe area for our pupils to play. The fencing is broken. If this area is refurbished we would fill the pond in and arrange for the area to be developed into a wet play area for our Early Years pupils. We are a two form entry Primary so we have 60 children in Reception Classes and we also have opened a Pre-School which has approximately 30 children on roll. This area would be developed with suitable play equipment for this age group – therefore at least 90 children would benefit from this project.</p>	Talavera	Dennis Meredith	£1,500.00

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CCF34	Kingsley and Links View Residents Association	<p>Support for resident's association £500</p> <p>Providing continuous support to the residents of the Kingsley ward, ensure the area is as safe and clean as possible and that all residents through the residents committee have ease of access to any services they need</p>	Kingsley Ward	Cathrine Russell	£500.00
CCF35	Parklands Community Association	<p>Memorial Bench £1,422</p> <p>To install a memorial bench in the area known as Parklands open space in the memory of long standing committee member and treasurer to the association</p>	Parklands	Mike Hallam	£1,422.00
CCF36	Friends of Northampton Racecourse	<p>Contribution to new notice boards and signage £500</p> <p>The notice boards around The Racecourse are old and need replacing. These will give information about events , sports teams, booking information and community activities. There has been a request to have new signage showing the distances form one landmark to another. This helps encourage walking and running and gives participants a measure of their progress.</p>	Trinity Ward	Jane Birch	£500.00
CCF37	Hope Enterprises Food Club	<p>Funding for food club at Blackthorn £1,000</p> <p>We are seeking help with the funding of the Food Club. This works through a series of pop up shops across the most deprived areas of Northampton.</p> <p>We are asking specifically for help with the funding of our Blackthorn pop up shop, which take place on Friday mornings at Blackthorn Community Centre.</p> <p>This is the very busiest of all our food clubs, feeding about 50 households involving about 200 people, each week with a balanced range of food including fresh vegetables. It's an essential service to local people, as they can attend 52 weeks a year: the people we see are amongst the most vulnerable. Other foodbanks, who can't feed people for more than a few weeks refer people to us for ongoing support.</p>	Talavera Ward	Jackie Fuchshuber	<p>£1,000</p> <p>Assurance requested from Hope Enterprises that funding would be specifically earmarked for Blackthorn</p>

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CCF38	Learn2Live	<p>Purchase of equipment for movies nights £658</p> <p>Improving the Life Chances of Asylum Seekers, Refugees and those with No Resource. The project will also help with isolation caused by the pandemic and to encourage people to interact with their community. We are the only voluntary group in Northampton supporting people who are refugees.</p>	St James	Rufia Ashraf	£658.00
CCF39	Park Avenue Network (PAN) of Friends	<p>PAN of Friends lunch &amp; exercise session for older adults £1,000</p> <p>The project is a form of outreach of the Park Avenue Methodist Church aimed at providing activities and social events for the ever-increasing number of lonely people and isolated elderly people living in the area who may be unable to get out and about as they used to. We help these to regain lost confidence and become part of the local life again. Currently there are 26 benefactors attending the Lunch Club and 12 the Gentle Keep Fit Group.</p>	Phippsville	Andrew Stevens	£1,000.00
CCF40	Pearls of Peace	<p>Cooking project to encourage integration £2,000</p> <p>We will give volunteers a small amount of cash -(£15/week) to buy ingredients and to cook a traditional dish from their cultural heritage. We want this to be away for the women to connect to each other and to understand more about each other's cultural heritage. The times during lock down have given women a feeling of detachment and isolation, we want to bring back these severed connections and strengthen the community</p>	St James Ward Castle Ward Abington Mounts Ward Castle Ward Abington Headlands	<p>Cllr Rufia Ashraf £400 Cllr Enam Haque £250 Cllr Walter Tarasiewicz £250 Cllr Fartun Ismail £250 Cllr Jamal Alwahabi £250 Cllr Bob Purser £350 Cllr Turon</p>	<p>Noted that the allocated amount from cllrs equals £2,000 not £2,500. Recommended £2,000. Subsequently confirmed that the amount requested was £2,000</p>

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CCF41	St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) Weston Favell parish group	<p>Outing for 25 vulnerable children and their parents/carers to Wicksteed Park £1,000</p> <p>The Family Outing Project aims to provide a Summer day's outing at Wicksteed Park, Kettering for up to 25 vulnerable children and their parent/carers, who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- unlikely to have a holiday in 2022</li> <li>- facing food and/or fuel poverty</li> <li>- reliant on benefits or low income</li> </ul> <p>The objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to provide the families with a fun day out and a day to look forward to</li> <li>- to improve the mental health of participants</li> <li>- to provide an enrichment activity to vulnerable children which enhances self-esteem and broadens horizons</li> </ul>	Talavera Ward	Jackie Fuchshuber	£1,000.00
CCF42	St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) Weston Favell parish group	<p>To provide an evening of food, fun and companionship for the over 60s £1,000</p> <p>The Evening for the over 60s project aims to provide a warm, safe meeting place with a meal, fun and music for a maximum of 50 people who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- are over 60 years of age</li> <li>- may feel isolated</li> <li>- live alone</li> </ul>	Talavera Ward	Dennis Meredith	£1,000.00

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CCF43	Abington Youth Group	<p style="text-align: center;">Support for Youth Club Primary/Secondary £250</p> <p>The aims are to improve the young people socialising skills and allow them to mix freely with one another. This will help improve their mental wellbeing especially after being unable mix during lockdown. We have been in touch with the Local primary schools and many of the local children have started to come and we have posted on Facebook and sent notices to all the homes locally informing them of the youth group and we have found this has increased over time through word of mouth, more and more families joining us.</p>	Headlands Ward	Cllr Turon Miah	£250.00
CCF44	Friends of Dallington village	<p style="text-align: center;">Landscaping and planting in neglected area for Queen's Jubilee £2,100</p> <p>We have two areas that have been neglected over the years. We would like to sympathetically landscape them in line with the conservation area and include planting four new cherry blossom tree to celebrate the Queens jubilee. The work will enhance the beauty/nature of the village for residents, alongside bringing the community together, improving mental health to complete the project and take pride in maintaining the area.</p>	Spencer	Cllr G Eales	£2,100.00
CCF45	United African Association	<p style="text-align: center;">African Food Bank £600</p> <p>We supply food parcels to primarily African households in Northampton suffering with food parcels. The food parcels mainly cater to the African diet and include food items such as maizemeal, fufu, garri and fresh meat and vegetables. We supply to those facing food poverty and includes those on universal credit with large families, those with young babies who are struggling with the high cost of nappies and formula milk, those with no recourse to public funds and those with health issues struggling to get by.</p> <p>We currently have 50 households we are providing food parcels on a regular basis to. We get self-referrals, those from other charities and foodbanks that are not able to provide the African food items and we also get referrals from Northamptonshire Childrens Trust as well as adult social services and also</p>	Castle	Cllr Fartun Ismail	£600.00

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		from NHS staff.			
CCF46	Holy Trinity Sewing Bee	<p>Project Linus, making quilts for sick and traumatised children £350</p> <p>Project Linus is about making quilts for sick and traumatised babies, children and teenagers. These provide a comfort for children and babies in hospital, in care, being fostered and going through difficult times. The name comes from the Peanuts and Snoopy cartoons where a small boy , Linus, carries a comfort blanket. This group have been given the task of co-ordinating a local project to make quilts.</p>	Trinity	Jane Birch	£350.00
CCF47	U3A ( University of the Third Age)	<p>Music and choir, support for choir £250</p> <p>This choir meet once a month with 30 -60- participants to sing as a group. They make friends, participate in a group activity and enjoy singing.</p>	Trinity	Jane Birch	£250.00
CCF48	Indian Hindu Welfare Assoc	<p>Westone Defibrillator £899</p> <p>There is no local defibrillator within the Westone Town Council Ward, nor one in the wider Headlands Unitary Ward, so by having this vital life saving device located at the Weston Favell Parish Hall ensures we are centrally located to support a catchment of more than 8,000 people. With the device maintained and insured by the company providing the defibrillator, AED Donate, we can ensure that the device will provide assurance and peace of mind, while having the scope to save lives within an area currently deprived of this piece of life saving equipment.</p>	Westone	Michael Brown	£898.99
CCF49	Indian Hindu Welfare Assoc	<p>Support for Gardening Project £700</p> <p>IHWO started this gardening project 4 years ago to make the outside area more attractive and enter Northampton in Blooms competition. First year we entered the competition we invited Girls Guide group to join and we were</p>	Westone	Michael Brown	£700.00

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		also supported financially by Cllr Brian Markham. First year we won Silver Gilt and best New comer award and following 2 years we won Gold. This has been a huge confidence booster for all our volunteers who support the gardening. We also involve children who are given Sunflower seeds to grow at home and some volunteers bring their grandchildren to water the plants in school holidays. We also have men group "Chai pe Charcha" group support the gardening project. This project has been crucial in promoting community spirit and boosting the confidence and self-esteem of our willing volunteers who started this great gardening project and continue. We have also installed boxes to encourage disabled participation. Girls guide also put up bird boxes on all the trees for birds.			
CCF50	Umbrella Fair Organisation	<p>Support for bike recycling project and shop £250</p> <p>We launched our bicycle recycling project in 2015, taking donated bikes bringing them back to a usable condition. We also carry out repairs. A supervisor checks all work for safety. The work is carried out by volunteers, mostly people in supported living or with mental health issues. Such volunteers are amongst the beneficiaries of the bike shop as are local people who can but a low cost and very serviceable bike to get to their employment or for family outings.</p>	Eastfield	Paul Joyce	£250.00
CCF51	Abington Community Assoc	<p>Removal of folding doors for better use of space £1,000</p> <p>Sorting issue of broken doors to aid the community centre's use by various groups</p>	Eastfields and Headlands	Paul Joyce & Turon Miah	£1,000.00
CCF52	Frank Bruno Foundation	<p>Boxing for All – Purchase of tracksuits, protective wear and gym equipment £2,500</p> <p>Our aims are to help people of all ages to feel healthy and confident, but also to help keep the young people of the streets and give them something to do. Our classes are for the eastern side of Northampton as they really don't have a lot to do. This will help around 85 people a week, it will also give young people the chance to take their boxing career further if they so wish, we will</p>	Riverside	Cllr S Hibbert	£2,500.00

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		be able to fund them to travel and provide the kit need			
CCF53	Northampton Bangladeshi Association	<p>Procurement of a photocopier £750</p> <p>NBA Gateway Resource Centre provides and facilitates opportunities for members of the BME and wider communities in the social and economically deprived Wards of Semilong, St James, Spencer and Castle Wards of Northampton to develop individual and communities ck here to enter text. NBA Plan to buy a photocopy with the Company Ricoh. Currently the photocopy machine is broken and is unrepairable. People of all ages, ethnicity, religion and gender use the services in NBA, from April 2015 to April 2020 there have been 7,721 people that have used the NBA Centre and have benefited from our services. We have classes held at NBA that require to photocopy important paper and documents</p>	Caste	Cllr Haque	£750
CCF54	Eastfields Residents Association	<p>New Planter for residential area £1,000</p> <p>We would like to purchase a planter box and locate it on the shopping parade in Broadmead Avenue in Eastfield, this will greatly benefit our local community and brighten the shopping parade up</p>	Eastfield	Cllr Joyce	£1,000