

**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 17th May 2021. All decisions were taken having consulted remotely by Zoom the members of the Grants Sub-Committee on 3rd August 2021 and were in accordance with the views of those members.

**Minutes of the meeting held at 11.00 am on 3rd August 2021
Using the Zoom Video Conferencing Platform**

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

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

Applicants attending the meeting included Graham Roberts (Northampton Music 365) and James Thompson (Wall Games).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been submitted by Cllr Lane.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Holland-Delamere declared an interest in the Grant applications to the Councillors Community Fund from Rectory Farm Pocket Park and Shine Development CIC as the applications fall under his ward area. Cllr Holland-Delamere took no part in the deliberations of these two applications.

3. 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.

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
Food Aid Alliance West Northants (FAAWN) – Storage and distribution of food for food banks	7,500	Deferred	More information requested

Music 365 – Support for Northampton Music Festival	5,000	Agreed	
Wall Games – Buildings Art Project	2,325	Agreed	Grant award to be made in kind with the funding held by the Town Council and paid on production of receipts/invoices up to the agreed amount
West Northants Social Enterprise Towns – Provision of support worker	10,000	Declined	Application was for the funding of salaries which is not in accordance with the grants policy.

4. 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	Nominating Councillor	Councillor Ward	Total grant requested (£)	Outcome of Sub-Committee	Comments
Northampton Town of Sanctuary – Holiday activity scheme for refugees	Cllrs Ismail and Haque	Castle	900	Agreed	To be apportioned equally from each cllr's allocation
Spring Boroughs Neighbourhood Forum – Play activities for children	Cllrs Alwahabi, Haque and Ismail	Castle	100	Agreed	To be apportioned equally from each cllr's allocation
Spring Boroughs Neighbourhood Forum – Annual Festival	Cllrs Alwahabi, Haque and Ismail	Castle	1000	Agreed	To be apportioned equally from each cllr's allocation
Rectory Farm Pocket Park – Nature activities	Cllr Holland-Delamere	Rectory Farm	200	Agreed	
Shine Development CIC – Food Parcels for families with children	Cllr Holland-Delamere	Rectory Farm	771.28	Agreed (subject to clarification on numbers benefitting from the scheme).	Requested information received 3 August

5. DATES FOR FUTURE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The following provisional dates were noted. Members agreed to hold further meetings throughout the year if required.

- 14th September (Community Services on 20th September) (*Clerk's note: now to be held 13th September*)
- 30th November (to inform Annual Budget prep meeting of Community Services Committee on 8th December)
- 14th February (Community Services on 21st February and last meeting of committee in the financial year)