



Community Services Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held at 18:00 on 13th June 2022 in the Committee Room at the Town Council's offices at the Northampton Guildhall

PRESENT: Cllrs Birch (Chair), Holland-Delamere (Deputy Chair), Fuchshuber, Hallam, Marriott,

OFFICERS PRESENT: S Carter (Town Clerk), J Thorneycroft (Asst. Town Clerk) and L Hannam-Jones (Events and Projects Officer)

ALSO PRESENT: J Thompson (Wall Games) and M Mullen (Northampton BiD)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been submitted by Cllrs Ashraf, Hibbert, Soan, G Eales and T Eales.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr J Birch declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute x, grant application x, as she is on the Management Committee.

3. To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the last meeting held 11th April 2022 and ask questions as to the progress of any items

RESOLVED: That the Chair be authorised to sign the minute as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

4. To receive the minutes from the last Grants Sub-Committee meeting held 8th June 2022 for consideration of their recommendations – minutes to follow

Tabled were the notes of the last Grants Sub- Committee. It was noted that the Grants Sub-Committee had made recommendations therefore the Chair went through each application.

RESOLVED: That the recommendations as set out below for the Councillor Grants Scheme be approved.

NAME OF ORGANISATION & BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT	APP NO.	TOTAL GRANT REQUESTED (£)	RECOMMENDATION OF SUB-COMMITTEE	COMMENTS
<p><u>65th Northampton Guides Paddle Sports</u></p> <p>Our intended project is to provide our Guide (ages 10-14) and Ranger (aged 14-18) sections with an instructor led paddle session at Northampton Active, Bedford Road, Northampton. The 1.5hr long session will provide each girl with an opportunity to try a paddle sport from a choice of kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding and canoeing on the River Nene.</p>	CCF70	£500	It was RECOMMENDED by the Grants Sub-Committee this application be APPROVED .	It was commented that this project would provide a great activity for the 65 th Northampton Guides.
<p><u>Queen's Park Working Men's Club</u></p> <p>The grant would help to fund a Party for the children and the remainder would go towards the proposed celebrations over the Jubilee weekend in June.</p>	CCF71	£500	It was RECOMMENDED by the Grants Sub-Committee this application be APPROVED .	It was highlighted by Councillors how the funds would enable more community events to take place at the longstanding establishment of Trinity.
<p><u>Community Spaces Northampton</u></p> <p>The project is a joint project between The Princes Trust and Community Spaces Northampton. The aim is to totally redecorate the internal spaces of the Community Centre and to improve the external areas planting and, raised beds, of the external area and litter picking maintenance of facilities in the kitchen will</p>	CCF72	£1,000	It was RECOMMENDED by the Grants Sub-Committee this application be APPROVED .	It was stated by Councillors that the funds would enable Community Spaces to complete the redecoration of Vernon Terrace and will be a great benefit to the local residents of Abington.

also be improved with crockery and repairs to the units.				
<p><u>Earth's Lonely Angels</u></p> <p>We feed around 30+ service users every Monday night. We request donations from the people of Northampton to help give out clothing footwear toiletries hot drinks and food. We set up a static outreach every week on the market square at the moment which is great. We have an allocated volunteer who support service users with phone numbers, other support agencies what's available in way of food banks debt advice anything really we will go above and beyond to help.</p> <p>We also provide food parcels I personally support 4-5 families just in my estate with food and clothing to support people going into their new homes either with furniture or just advice on what's out there to help with things like white goods.</p>	CCF73	£1,000	It was RECOMMENDED by the Grants Sub-Committee this application be APPROVED .	It was commented that the work this group does is commendable, however, this project was primarily located in Castle Ward. The proposing Cllr had been advised of this and had stated that the organisation also carried out a lot of work in Talavera.
<p><u>Northampton Domestic Abuse Service (NDAS)</u></p> <p>When we have adults and children in refuge they often come to us with nothing at all other than the clothing they are wearing. We can support them whilst they are in refuge but once they are ready to move on and into</p>	CCF74	£2,284	It was RECOMMENDED by the Grants Sub-Committee this application be APPROVED .	Councillors applauded the great work NDAS complete for the residents of Northampton and how the moving out packs will greatly assist service users onto their next steps.

<p>their own house, they struggle with buying basics for it as they are starting from scratch. Money will be spent on "moving out packs" to consist of basics to help them set up their home. We would like to put together 30 of these packs to start with.</p>				
<p><u>Basketball Northants</u> The 3x3 event is to promote and launch the recently upgraded basketball facilities on The Racecourse. The is a facility which is available to all. The tarmac courts have been resurfaced and lighting installed. The new surfaces make the courts suitable for wheelchair users and the lighting extends the time the courts can be played on.</p> <p>The tournament takes place on 31st July with different competition levels and an opportunity to showcase the new facilities.</p>	<p>CCF75</p>	<p>£500</p>	<p>It was RECOMMENDED by the Grants Sub-Committee this application be APPROVED.</p>	<p>It was commented the event would enable the showcase of the recently refurbished basketball pitches and the Racecourse and Councillors wished participants the best of luck.</p>
<p><u>Doddridge Centre Limited</u> We would like to produce a newsletter which we would deliver to the local wards around the Doddridge Centre to include locations such as Dallington, Spencer, Spring Boroughs and Upton/Duston. We would alternate</p>	<p>CCF76</p>	<p>£1304</p>	<p>It was RECOMMENDED by the Grants Sub-Committee this application be APPROVED.</p>	<p>It was commented this project would better highlight events that occur at the Doddridge Centre and enable greater engagement with the local Residents of Dallington, Spencer, Spring Boroughs, Upton and Duston.</p>

<p>which wards we deliver to on a monthly basis, to ensure that we are able to reach a wide selection of the community. Within the newsletter we will update the local people of Northampton of what we have been running at the centre and what we have planned for the coming months, providing details of how they can get involved.</p>				
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RESOLVED: That the recommendations as set out below for the general grants scheme be approved.

NAME OF ORGANISATION & BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT	APP NO.	TOTAL GRANT REQUESTED (£)	RECOMMENDATION OF SUB-COMMITTEE	COMMENTS
<p><u>Cherwell Theatre Company</u> Song of the Summer' is a youth 'gig theatre' project integrating music and drama workshops in schools/colleges/community settings/Northampton University, bringing together young musicians and actors from all backgroundsto create a performance which celebrates the town's musical heritage.</p>	CGF26	£4,215	<p>It was RECOMMENDED by the Grants Sub-Committee this application be APPROVED.</p>	<p>It was commented the event will be a testament to the history of Northampton and enable those involved to display their talents.</p>
<p><u>Northampton Association of Youth Clubs</u> NAYC will provide Wellbeing Training and Mental Health First Aid Training to youth group leaders in Northampton. The training is the first stage of an innovative project to open new Wellbeing Youth Cafes in designated areas forlocal young people. The</p>	CCF27	£11,770	<p>It was RECOMMENDED by the Grants Sub-Committee that subject to clarification on the hire costs that this application be APPROVED.</p> <p><i>Clerk's note: The applicant has confirmed the £50</i></p>	<p>It was raised that NAYC project will be a great benefit to the young people of Northampton, however, it was raised by a Councillor the organization may be able to</p>

designated areas would be based on local needs and deprivation. The Wellbeing Youth Cafe is a new type of youth provision based on a universal, open access youth club model, with 1:1 professional support accessible to young people who are experiencing life challenges affecting their wellbeing.			<i>hire costs but that it is for 3 hours per session rather than the two hours stated in the application</i>	receive a reduced cost for the hire of Community Space due to NAYC is a registered charity.
<u>Wall Games</u> The pain point and the problems we are setting out to solve Community mental health due to the pressures of covid and cost of living Cultural reputation/perception of the town centre is poor Reduced footfall in town centre / boost required for local businesses Existing artwork becomes tired and needs refreshing Local community sense of ownership over the spaces. Northampton Youth Workshop - 21st August (2 x 3hr sessions - 10 person each).	CGF29	£13,675	The committee supported this application, but it was noted that the applicant would be attending the Community Services Committee the following Monday when clarification could be sought on the Roadmender event element of the project.	Councillors were pleased to see another Wall Games event scheduled to take place in Northampton. Clarification was sought on the event taking place at the Roadmender and the Town Council's subsidy of this.

5. Wall Games Project

In attendance was James Thomson from the Wall Games Project. Wall Games were requesting a grant of £14,850. Mr Thompson was invited to present his project to the committee.

Mr Thompson explained that the Wall Games Project was a music and arts cultural project to refresh the existing street artworks in the town, add new locations and host free youth workshops in the town centre. It was noted that the Town Council had supported the project last year, but this year they were asking for significantly more.

Noting the mural last year of the late comedian Sean Lock it was queried whether it was possible to put forward suggestions for artworks, for example to have a prominent Northamptonian such as Alan Carr or Alan Moore, Mr Thompson said this could be possible.

The Chair highlighted last year's issue of people graffitiing in the town centre which was expensive to remove following the event when half-empty cans were taken from the bins. Mr Thompson advised the youth workshops would give an opportunity for young people to

develop good street art skills and to get permissions from the buildings. In addition, security had been increased and bins would be emptied and at the end of each day of the event to try and prevent this happening again.

In response to a question it was explained that further locations could be added as separate small projects following the Youth Workshops.

The major addition to this year's project was the music event to be held at the Roadmender. It was explained that the music event on the Saturday evening to be held at Roadmender was as a thank you to the 220 artists and charging £5 entry for the public. The profit would go back into the fund for next year.

In response to a question about other funding sources Mr Thompson said that he had approached WNC but that it was too late for funding. He is hoping to work with Hope Centre going forward to apply for Arts Council funding in future years now Wall Games was formally set up as a Non-Profit organisation.

The committee was in agreement that the Town Council should support the project with a grant.

RESOLVED: That a grant award of £14,850 be awarded to the Wall Games Project.

Mr Thompson thanked the committee and left the meeting.

6. Northampton Town Centre BID – Celebrating the Sixties Event in the Market Place – request for funding

Mr Mullen from Northampton Town Centre Business Improvement District (BiD) briefed members on a proposal to hold a 60's music event in the Market Square. He stated that due to the delay in the Market Square renovation, there was an available slot on 10th September. The BiD proposed to put on a 60's event to evoke the time when the Beatles came to Northampton in 1963. Businesses around the Bid area would also be encouraged to display photographs of their businesses in 1960s. The event will host entertainment in the day and the Merseyside Beatles act would play 6.30-8pm. The event aimed to be the last event on the Market Square to give it a 'send-off' before the works start and to encourage people into the town centre. The BiD were asking the Town Council for £5,000 which would pay for local bands and support the headliner.

In response to a question Mr Mullen confirmed that he had liaised with the Royal and Derngate but not with the Old Savoy. It was noted both had similar acts on and that it was important to keep partners informed of other events that may complement what they were doing. Mr Mullen confirmed he would be in contact with them.

It was noted that the Records Office and potentially Museum and Library may have photographs in the archives that businesses could use for the 60's window displays.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council give funding of £5,000 for this event to come from the Grants Budget.

7. Northampton Town Centre BID – Town Centre Hosts

Mr Mullen verbally updated the committee on Town Centre hosts and whether the Council in the future would consider supporting provision of further hosts.

Mr Mullen explained that as WNC wardens have been redistributed around the whole West Northants areas (formally they just covered the NBC area), the town centre did not have the same regular, familiar warden presence and intelligence was not getting sent to the police in the same way. Extra provision could help remedy this.

Cllr Hallam stated that whilst he thought the hosts did a great job, he was not in support of paying for staff for other agencies. Cllr Hallam also highlighted that the town centre was only one ward of the town council. Members agreed that there was a need to look after all town residents and not the town centre.

The Chair noted that all wards needed a regular neighbourhood warden and praised the previous Northampton Borough Council wardens in the work they did.

It was noted that there was similar scheme to sponsor PCSOs but that there were plenty of police officers connected to the town centre now. It was commented that what was missing was the intelligence previously provided by the neighbourhood wardens.

The Clerk highlighted that the Town Council were to embark on a strategy and what may come out of that may dictate future thinking on issues such as wardens, hosts, etc.

It was noted that fly tipping was a big issue all around the town, something which previously would have been monitored by the wardens. In addition, the general appearance of the town had declined in terms of cleanliness in the committee's opinion. It was agreed that Cllr Daniel Lister from WNC be invited to attend an Environmental Services committee meeting to speak to this.

Mr Mullen was thanked for his briefing but it was decided not to take this proposal any further at the current time.

Mr Mullen thanked the committee and left the meeting.

8. Grants Process – Consideration of delegating time sensitive grant applications to the Sub-Committee

The Chair verbally asked the committee to consider giving delegated authority to the Grants-Sub Committee to approve and award grants that were time sensitive. i.e. they needed to be approved before the next meeting. This was most likely to be for grants

related to the Councillors' Community Grants. It was also noted that substitutes for the Grants Sub-Committee would be needed.

RESOLVED: That the Grants Sub-Committee be given delegated authority to approve grants that are time sensitive at a meeting of the aforementioned sub-committee.

RESOLVED: That all members of the Community Services Committee are appointed as substitute members. The responsibility for asking a substitute to attend in place of the nominated committee member resides with the committee member.

9. Events Update

Circulated with the agenda was the most recent events report.

It was reported that Carnival went ahead 11th June. The parade had been a great success. There had been a complaint about the noise emanating from the park element which had been passed to the organising committee. The Assistant Town Clerk confirmed that a feedback meeting would be taking place imminently.

Northampton Music Festival - coming up on 19th June. The Town Council was a prominent sponsor of this event.

Armed Forces Day- 25th June- It was noted that because of the recent Jubilee Armed Forces parade, there would not be another for this event. There would be stalls and attractions on the Market Square.

Pride- 26th June, - It was noted that the Town Council was a silver sponsor and have supported the event with £2,000 from the events budget.

It was reported that at the Town Festival and Party in the Park, the Town Council planned to have a stall to promote its activities, grants, Northampton in Bloom etc.

Bloom- It was reported that Blackthorn and Brookside Hall were putting forward Grow Together project this year with the prospect of entering Britain in Bloom next year as a community group.

Twinfest- It was noted that this event was happening in the summer and that the town council would be sharing their social media posts and promoting it as much as possible. Cllr Hallam advised Poitiers had stepped away from twinning and suggested an event with Northampton Massachusetts on 4th July in future years.

NOTED

10. Covid Memorial Update

The Chair gave a brief update on this project advising that the designs were going to be on display at 78 Dergate. All feedback was welcome.

NOTED

11. Items for consideration for the next agenda

An update on the Bleed Kits project was requested for the next meeting.

NOTED

There being no more business to transact, the meeting ended at 19.55 hours.