



Northampton TOWN COUNCIL

GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE – 22ND FEBRUARY 2023

MINUTES OF THE GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22ND FEBRUARY 2023 AT 10AM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S OFFICES, THE GUILDHALL NORTHAMPTON

PRESENT: Councillors Birch (Chair) and Holland-Delamere

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mr S Carter (Town Clerk) and Miss F Barford (Democratic Services Officer)

36. APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted by Councillor Hibbert.

37. TO AUTHORISE THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 28TH NOVEMBER 2022.

AGREED: The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28th November 2022 as a true and accurate record.

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Birch declared a non-pecuniary interest as a trustee of Community Spaces Northampton and applications CCF140, CCF143 and CCF160 as the funds would be deducted from her Councillor Community Fund.

Councillor Holland-Delamere declared a non-pecuniary interest in applications CCF128, CCF141 and CCF164 as the funds would be deducted from his Councillor Community Fund.

39. GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE COUNCILLOR'S COMMUNITY FUND

A Councillor raised that there were many great projects that Councillors have submitted applications to support and highlighted it would be great to monitor these projects and the work these organisations do. In response to a question, Miss F Barford explained overall £20,000 was remaining within the Councillor Community Fund (CCF) budget for this Financial Year (2022-23). A Councillor posed that any unspent CCF funds could be reallocated to the General Community Grants Scheme rather than reallocated into General Reserves. A Councillor added that the Grants Policy requires a review and that any unspent funds could be considered within this discussion.

The Grants Sub-Committee made the following recommendations on the Councillor Community Fund applications:

| Application Reference | Organisation | Project | Ward | Councillor(s) | Amount | Recommendation |
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| CCF119 | Thorplands Primary School | Playground Equipment | Abington & Phippsville | Cllr Stevens (£3165) & Tarasiewicz (£1500) | £4,665.00* | That this application be approved |
| CCF120 | Kingsley Primary School | Wellbeing Zone | Kingsley Ward | Cllr Russell | £1,000.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF121 | 65th Northampton Brownies and Guides | Theatre Trip | Park Ward | Cllr Kilbride | £1,000.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF122 | Abington Community Centre | Christmas Party | Abington | Cllr Purser | £500.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF123 | Abington Community Library | Warm Spaces | Headlands ward | Cllr Miah | £500.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF124 | Cedar Road Primary School | Play Ground Improvements | Headlands ward | Cllr Miah | £800.00 | That this application be approved |

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| CCF125 | Friends of Dallington Park | Play Area Fence | Spencer | Cllr Gareth Eales | £850.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF126 | Doddridge Centre Limited | IT for Community | Spencer | Cllr Gareth Eales | £2,500.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF127 | Northampton Hope Centre | Hope Food Hub | Talavera | Cllr Fuchshuber (£200) and Meredith (£450) | £650.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF128 | 99th Northampton Brownies | Pack Holiday | Rectory Farm | Cllr Holland-Delamere | £535.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF129 | Northampton Town of Sanctuary | Residential for Refugees | St James | Cllr Ashraf | £1,000.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF130 | Caring & Sharing Trust | You've Got a Friend In Me | Semilong | Cllr Marriott | £500.00 (Increased to £750 at cllrs request) | That this application be approved |
| CCF132 | Kingsley Park Methodist Church | Community Support | Kingsley | Cllr Russell | £650.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF133 | Friends of Dallington Village | Resting Place | Spencer | Cllr Gareth Eales | £850.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF134 | 27th Northampton Scouts | All Sections Bowling Trip | Parklands | Cllr M Hallam | £450.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF135 | Sports 4 Fitness | A 6-Week Trial for a New Youth Club in the Area | Boothville/Parklands | Cllr M Hallam (£425) & Cllr J Lane (£425) | £850.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF136 | Semilong Preschool - St Paul's Play Group | Outdoor Equipment and Garden Resources | Semilong | Cllr Marriott | £500.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF137 | Northampton Greek School | Enrichment Activities | Phippsville | Cllr Tarasiewicz | £500.00 | That this application be approved |

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| CCF138 | Bridgewater Drive Residents Association | Information Exchange | Park Ward | Cllr Kilbride | £1,550.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF139 | Girl Guiding Eastfield District | Bi-Annual District Show | Parklands | Cllr Hallam (£450) Cllr J Lane (£450) | £900.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF140 | Trinity and Semilong Neighbourhood Forum | Outdoor Furniture | Trinity | Cllr Birch | £500.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF141 | Northampton Town FC Community Trust | Premier League Kicks | Rectory Farm | Cllr Holland-Delamere | £600.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF142 | Northamptonshire Health Charity | Gosset Ward Parents Room Appeal | Rushmills | Cllr Soan | £2,000.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF143 | Queens Park Residents Association | Clarence Avenue Tree Replacement | Semilong | Cllr Birch | £500.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF144 | Abington Community Library | Community Event | Headlands ward | Cllr Joyce | £300.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF145 | Girl Guides Association, Abington Church | Group Day Out | Abington | Cllr Purser | £800.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF146 | Indian Hindu Welfare Organisation (IHWO) | IHWO's Westone Community Enhancement | Westone | Cllr Brown | £2,600.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF147 | Park Avenue Network (PAN) of Friends | PAN of Friends lunch & exercise session for older adults | Phippsville | Cllr Stevens | £750.00 | That this application be approved |

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| CCF148 | Q Space | Day Trip and Tea Dance | Abington | Cllr Purser | £500.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF149 | Abington Community Centre | New Audio System | | Cllr Miah (£450), Stevens (£450), Purser (£150) and Tarasiewicz (£150) | £1,200.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF150 | Weston Favell Village Residents Association | Community Coronation Celebration | Park Ward | Cllr Andrew Kilbride (£500) Cllr Stephen Hibbert (£262) | £762.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF151 | Bridgewater Residents Association | Community Defibrillator | Park ward | Cllr Kilbride | £1,550.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF152 | Community Space - Vernon Terrace | Vernon Terrace Community Centre Improvements | | Cllr Purser (£750) Cllr Tarasiewicz (£750) | £1,500.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF153 | Community Spaces - Lodge Farm Community Centre | Lodge Farm Community Centre Improvements | Brookside | Cllr Choudary | £2,500.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF154 | Family Support Link | Young Peoples Fun Day | Rushmills | Cllr Soan | £480.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF155 | Northampton Transport Heritage | Eastfield/Headlands Community Festival | Eastfield | Cllr Joyce | £250.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF156 | Umbrella Fair Organisation | Umbrella Women's Resource Group | Kingsley | Cllr Russell | £776.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF157 | Association of Northamptonshire Supplementary Schools | Annual School Concert | Abington | Cllr Tarasiewicz (£800) Cllr Alwahabi (£200) | £1,000.00 | That this application be approved |

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| CCF158 | Community Spaces Northampton | Semilong Community Hub | Semilong | Cllr Marriott | £500.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF159 | Food Kind CIC | Food Kind CIC Shop | Headlands ward | Cllr Miah | £300.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF160 | Trinity Quilters | Quilts for Project Linus | Trinity | Cllr Birch | £350.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF161 | Friends of Parklands Primary School | Parklands Playground Equipment | Parklands and Boothville | Cllr M Hallam (£475) Cllr J Lane (£1,225) | £1,700.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF162 | St Albans Food Bank | Food Bank | Parklands | Cllr Joyce | £500.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF163 | United African Association | Nappies Support | Castle | Cllr Ismail | £800.00* | That this application be approved |
| CCF164 | Daisy Chain Pre-School | Garden Improvement | Rectory Farm | Cllr Holland-Delamere | £1,000.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF165 | Broadmead Community Church | Volunteer Awards and Appreciation Evening | Eastfield | Cllr Joyce | £600.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF166 | The McCarthy-Dixon Foundation | The McCarthy-Dixon Food Bank | Castle | Cllr Tarasiewicz (£980), Alwahabi (£687.41), Ismail (£434.67) and Haque (£200) | £2,067.41* | That this application be approved |
| CCF167 | Headlands Veteran Association | Day Trip | Eastfield | Cllr Joyce | £600.00 | That this application be approved |
| CCF168 | Holy Trinity and St Pauls Church | Lincat Hot Water Dispenser | Trinity | Cllr J Birch | £500 | That this application be approved |

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| CCF169 | Pearls of Peace | Cooking Demonstration Classes | Castle | Cllr Ismail | £700 | That this application be approved |
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Clerks Note: Amounts with '' differ to the agenda as the supporting Councillor requested that the funds be increased*

40. GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

In response to a question posed by a Councillor, the Town Clerk explained that there was £35,325 remaining within the Community Grant Scheme budget for this financial year 2022-2023.

The Grants Sub-Committee made the following recommendations on the Community Grant Scheme:

| APPLICATION REFERENCE | ORGANISATION | PROJECT NAME | AMOUNT REQUESTED | RECOMENDATION |
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| CGF48 | Northampton Film Festival | Film Festival | £5,220 | Recommended that this application be APPROVED . |
| CGF49 | Northampton Town of Sanctuary | Northampton Town of Sanctuary Advice Centre | £10,000 | Recommended that this application be APPROVED however, the funds would be held and earmarked by the Town Council once all the funding has been secured and Town of Sanctuary are ready to proceed. |
| CGF50 | The Youth Summit | Youth Summit Annual Conference | £5,000 | Recommended that this application be APPROVED however, to be paid from the 2023-2024 Financial Year Community Grants Scheme's budget and that no more funding be provided to the Youth Summit for the remainder of 2023-2024 Financial Year. |
| CGF51 | Rockin' Roadrunner | Rockin' Roadrunner Mini Festival | £11,500 | It was commented by a Councillor that we would not fund the staffing cost for a Festival Manager (costed £3,500) in accordance to the Grants Policy (Page 3, Line 3.4). Therefore, it was recommended that this application be APPROVED to the sum of £11,500 rather than the £15,000 initially requested. |

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| CGF52 | Central Vineyard | Anti-Graffiti Resin and Living Room Café Space | £5,020 | <p>It was highlighted by a Councillor that the cost breakdown within the application does not total £10,119 as stated and the true overall cost as itemized total £7,831.</p> <p>It was commented by a Councillor that we would not fund the salary of Lead Staff (costed £2,288) in accordance to the Grants Policy (Page 3, Line 3.4).</p> <p>Therefore, it was recommended that this application be APPROVED to the sum of £5,020 rather than the £8,304 initially requested.</p> |
| CGF53 | Restore Northampton | Food Bank and Hub Cafe | £12,638 (£4,724 from the General Grants, neighbouring ward cllrs asked to contribute from unspent councillor grants) | <p>It was raised by Miss F Barford that the applicant submitted a revised application without staffing costs.</p> <p>It was noted that the budget remaining was £4,724. Recommended that this application be APPROVED for £4724 with the neighbouring Ward Councillors asked to use their unspent councillor grants to bring the total up to £12,638.</p> |
| CGF54 | Hope for Families | Facilitator Training | £2,820 | <p>It was commented by a Councillor that the organisation was based within Rutland and only 10% of their 150 course attendees resided within Northampton therefore, it was recommended that this application be DECLINED.</p> |
| CGF55 | Northampton Music Festival | Northampton Music Festival 2023 | £5,000 | <p>In response to a question, the Town Clerk explained that the Northampton Music Festival were provided with £10,000 from the General Events Budget and this was seen as a top-up to their funds.</p> |

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| | | | | A Councillor stated that the organisations who received a grant via the General Events Budget had not been reviewed or increased and posed whether this should happen due to the increases in inflation therefore, it was RECOMMENDED that the Northampton Music Festival's application be funded through the General Events Budget. |
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41. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE NEXT MEETING

It was raised by a Councillor that a review of the Grants Policy takes place to amend or update any of the information outlined within the document.

As part of the review of the grants policy it was suggested that any unspent funds from the Councillor Grants Fund be transferred into the Community Grants Budget at the end of the financial year rather than falling into General Reserves, with any unspent General Grants funding earmarked for future use. It was noted that this would need to be formally discussed at an appropriate meeting.

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MEETING CONCLUDED 11:21AM