



GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE GRANTS SUBG-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24TH MARCH 2023 AT 10AM HELD IN THE TOWN COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ROOM WITHIN THE GUILDHALL, NORTHAMPTON

PRESENT: Councillors Birch (Chair), Hibbert and Holland-Delamere

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

42. APOLOGIES

No apologies were submitted.

43. TO AUTHORISE THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 22ND FEBRUARY 2022.

AGREED: The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22nd February 2023 as a true and accurate record.

44. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Birch declared a non-pecuniary interest under Item 45 as she supported a Councillor Community Fund application that was discussed.

45. AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUS ROUND GRANT APPLICATIONS – ATTACHED AS APPENDIX A

The Democratic Services Officer tabled a document of Councillor Community Fund applications from the previous meeting held on 22nd February 2023 with the amendment amount as requested by the supporting Councillors.

AGREED: It was agreed that applications CCF130, CCF13, CFF139, CCF163, CCF166 and CCF170 be approved and paid to the amended amount as requested by the supporting Councillors.

46. GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE COUNCILLOR'S COMMUNITY FUND

- a) Vernon Terrace Nursery – **CCF171** – New Nursery Outdoor Development – £1,486 - Councillor Purser – Abington Ward

RESOLVED: That this application CCF171 be paid a sum of £1,486 from Councillor Purser's Councillor Community Fund allowance.

- b) Briar Hill Primary School – **CCF172** – Playground Project – £1,800 - Councillor Connolly – Briar Hill Ward

RESOLVED: That this application CCF172 be paid a sum of £1,800 from Councillor Connolly's Councillor Community Fund allowance.

- c) Dostivo Community Fridge – **CCF173** – Community Fridge Support - £387.42 – Councillor Haque – Castle Ward

The Democratic Services Officer explained the applicant requested £500 however, Councillor Haque did not have enough remaining within his Councillor Community Fund allowance to fund CCF173 and CCF174 therefore, Councillor Haque requested that £387.42 be provided to Dostivo Community Fridge.

RESOLVED: That this application be paid a sum of £387.42 from Councillor Haque's Councillor Community Fund allowance.

d) Northampton Bangladeshi Association – **CCF174** - £500 – Councillor Haque – Castle Ward

RESOLVED: That this application be paid a sum of £500 from Councillor Haque's Councillor Community Fund allowance.

g) **Headway Northampton CIO** – CCF175 – Outdoor and Garden Space - £2,000 – Councillor T Eales – Spencer

RESOLVED: That this application be paid a sum of £2,000 from Councillor T Eales' Councillor Community Fund allowance.

47. GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

a) The Lowdown Northampton – **CGF56** - £15,000

RESOLVED: It was agreed that this application be deferred to the next meeting scheduled for 12th April 2023.

e) NorFAMton – **CGF57** - £5,000

RESOLVED: It was agreed that this application be deferred to the next meeting scheduled for 12th April 2023.

48. TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE GRANTS POLICY

Councillors reviewed the Grants Policy document and highlighted any procedural errors that require amendment. It was raised by a Councillor that receipts for expenditure to be included within Grant Evaluation form should be amended to £500 rather than £200.

Councillors reviewed the Grants Policy and discussed whether a 3-year grant General Community Grant stream could be implemented to enable local community groups or organisations secured funding. A Councillor raised concerns how the budget for the General Community Grants Scheme budget would be affected and the ability to fund other organisations or groups.

A Councillor posed the Grants Policy be amended that Councillors via their Councillor Community Fund be limited to £2,000 to one organisation per financial year. A Councillor suggested that the General Community Grants Scheme minimum application amount be in excess of £2,000 rather than the current £2,500.

A Councillor raised that within the Grants Policy qualifying organisations include organisation that were limited by guarantee as they complete great work however, unable to access Town Council funding due to not being registered as a Community Interest Company despite no profits taken.

Councillors discussed whether salaries for specialist services could be funded. A Councillor posed that the Council would not fund core salaries of staff directly employed by the organisation or subsidiary of them.

RECOMENED: The Community Services Committee review the implementation of a £10,000 limit to the General Community Fund applications and to consider 3-year grants.

RECOMMENDED: The Community Services Committee review that Councillors via their Councillors' Community Fund could only provide £2,000 to one organisation per financial year.

RECOMMENDED: The Community Services Committee review the reduction of the General Community Grants threshold to be considered eligible from £2,500 to £2,000.

RECOMMENDED: The Community Services Committee consider whether organisations registered as limited by guarantee be deemed eligible for General Community Grants Scheme funding.

RECOMMENDED: The Community Services Committee consider receipts for all expenditure should be provided for items above £500 rather than £200.

Clerk's note: The Democratic Services Officer compiled the suggested amendments and would formulate an updated draft version to be circulated prior to recommendation to Community Services Committee.

49. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE NEXT MEETING

No discussion was held under this agenda item.

MEETING CONCLUDED: 12:49PM

APPENDIX A - AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUS ROUND GRANT APPLICATIONS

APPLICATION NUMBER	ORGANISATION	COUNCILLOR(S)	AMOUNT REQUESTED ON FORM	AMENDED AMOUNT AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLOR(S)	COMMENTS
CCF130	Caring & Sharing Trust	Marriott	£500	£750	Councillor Marriott requested an additional £250 be allocated to CCF130 as he had remaining funds at the time due o an applicant no submitting a form prior to the deadline.
CCF133	Friends of Dallington Village	G Eales	£800	£850	Councillor G Eales had £50 remaining and once advised of this he allocated the additional £50 to CC133.
CCF139	Girl Guiding Eastfield District	Hallam (£450) & Lane (£450)	£450	£900	Councillor Hallam in submission of CCF139 advised that £450 was to be deducted from both his and Councillor Lane’s CCF for this application.
CCF163	United African Association	Ismail	£600	£800	Councillor Ismail had remaining funds and requested an additional £200 be provided to CCF163.
CCF166	The McCarthy-Dixon Foundation	Tarasiewicz (£980) Alwahabi (£687.41) Ismail (£434.67)	£1,600	£2,067.41	Councillor Alwahabi, @Ismail and Haque agreed to provide additional funds towards CCF166 as they had funds remaining.
CCF170	Semilong and Trinity Neighbourhood Forum	Marriott (£520) Birch (£181)	£520	£701	Councillor Birch requested that £181 remaining be allocated to CCF170 as she had remaining funds.

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Councillor. J Birch
Chair of Grants Sub-Committee