

**HUNTINGDON TOWN COUNCIL****GRANTS SUB COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Grants Sub Committee was held in the Town Hall, Market Hill, Huntingdon on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

Present: Councillors: A Beevor; J Dyne; T Forster (Chairman) W Hensley (Ex-Officio); T Sanderson and R Valatka

In attendance: Councillors: A Blackwell; S Gifford; S Hassell; B Morrell.

Absent: Councillors A Dovans; J Jacobs and B Manning

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor S McAdam, and Councillor D Brown (Ex-Officio).

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor A Beevor declared an interest in the OCAG application as a member of the organisation. Councillor Hensley declared an interest in the HCRFM application as director of the company.

3. **TERMS OF COMMITTEE**

Members were asked to agree the following terms:

- i. Members agreed that Grants Sub Committee would be open to members of the public.
- ii. Members agreed that there would be no requirement for co-opted members.
- iii. Members agreed that Grants Sub Committee agendas and minutes would be available to the public.

It was proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED** to accept these terms.

4. **PUBLIC ADDRESS/ADDRESS BY TOWN COUNCILLORS TO SUB COMMITTEE**

A Member wished to speak It was proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED** to adjourn the meeting.

A Member wished to speak on behalf of OCAG and the application submitted. They wished to highlight that the recommendations within Agenda item 6, OCAG(NW) was recommended to receive £0, which seemed unfair. The Town Clerk explained that the OCAG NoW application was submitted too late for the March 2015 Grants Sub Committee and therefore was submitted along with other grants received for consideration in October 2015. With this being

the case, the majority of the content including activities and events were outdated and grant money could not be supplied retrospectively. Members noted that some activities within the application did not apply to North Ward(NW). The Town Clerk concluded that OCAG had not complied with the rules and conditions of grant aid, giving no evidence of how the previous grant was spent. Members noted that the firework display outlined in the application was due to be held on Godmanchester land. Members also noted that that the OCAG application featured a fireworks display which could be conflicting with another application for a fireworks display.

Councillor Hensley wished to speak on behalf of HCRFM and its application for financial assistance. He explained that as per OFCOM regulations, 50% of revenue must be generated through advertising and sponsorship, the other 50% must be created through grants and donations. Members were advised that HCRFM broadcasted to all of Huntingdon and has provided over 600 hours of free airtime to local charities and community groups in the town. The radio station was run by volunteers, with only one paid employee (not him) who had had to relinquish his day job to continue supporting and running the station.

It was proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED** to reconvene the meeting.

5. **MINUTES**

Copies of the minutes of the meeting of the Grants Sub Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2014 (M3) had been circulated following their informal approval by the Chairman. It was proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED** that these were a correct record and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

6. **APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Copies of applications for a total of £31,000 from six Organisations had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

Members discussed the OCAG application and it was decided that any residual grant funds would be made available to the group on the condition that OCAG provided evidence of where their April 2014 Town Council grant had been spent.

Careful consideration was then given to the applications presented and a history of awards in proceeding years, where applicable. It was

**RESOLVED** to recommend that the following applications be granted in the amounts shown, subject to the usual conditions and made under the provisions of Section 137, 142, 144 and 145 of the Local Government Act 1972, it being in this Council's opinion that such grants are made in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and that levels of grant are commensurate with levels of benefit derived therefrom:

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| 1. Huntingdon Town Football Club | £1000 |
| 2. Huntingdon Youth Theatre      | £1000 |

3. Citizens Advice Bureau	£1000
4. Huntingdon Community Radio	£1000
5. Medway Christian Fellowship	£200
6. OCAG(NW)	£

The amount awarded at the meeting totalled £4,200, leaving £520 available, of which £163 had been allocated to be used for Great Northern Street (as per Finance Committee agreed on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015). Members stipulated that any remaining balance (up to £357) could be made available to OCAG(NW) on the condition that evidence was provided of how the previous grant was spent. (Grant application April 2014) and that the grant conditions applied with.

7. **DATE & AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was to be confirmed.

**CHAIRMAN**