

HUNTINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**GRANTS SUB COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Grants Sub Committee was held in the Town Hall, Market Hill, Huntingdon on Thursday 27th October 2022 following the Lettings Sub Committee.

Present: Councillors: A Blackwell; K Brockett (Chairman); J Cole; D Landon Cole; B Luckham; A McAdam; P Pearce and K Webb.

Clerks Note: The Mayor opened the meeting until the Chairman was elected.

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The Mayor asked for nominations for the election of Chairman.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED to appoint Cllr K Brockett as Chairman of the Grants Sub Committee for the local government year 2022/23.

2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from the following Councillors: S Gifford.

3. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman asked for nominations for the appointment of Vice Chairman.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED to appoint Cllr J Cole as Vice Chairman of the Grants Sub Committee for the local government year 2022/23

4. **TERMS OF COMMITTEE**

It was advised that the terms of committee were the same for all of the Council's committees and it was for Members to decide on the following:

- i. Whether the Grants Sub Committee was open to members of the public to attend. It was noted that there was a right to ask the public to withdraw if necessary. It was agreed that the meeting would be open to public.
- ii. Whether the Grants Sub Committee should appoint any co-opted members for specific items that fall under the responsibility of the committee. It was agreed to co-opt members when and if it was required.
- iii. Whether all agendas and minutes should be kept/marked as 'Private and Confidential'. It was agreed that minutes from the Grant Sub Committee would be open to the public.

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors K Webb and D Landon Cole declared an interest in item 8 as members of the Montagu Working Men's Club.

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

A Member advised they wished to speak, and it was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.

A Member commented that they would be recommending a 10% decrease on all of the grants awarded in aid of the budget. It was advised that there were no increases in the grants budget over recent years and it has been gradually diminished. The grants budget was never exceeded as when the budget was empty, no further grants could be awarded.

RESOLVED to reconvene.

7. **MINUTES**

Copies of the minutes of the meeting of the Grants Sub Committee held on 28th April 2022 (M2) 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.

8. **APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Copies of applications for a total of £4,900 from 9 Organisations were available to Members at the meeting. Members were reminded that it had been agreed that grant awards would be capped at £500 per organisation. The Chairman went through each application, one by one.

Members discussed the applications. The following applications were deferred to the next Finance Committee as they required further information.

- Sports Connections Foundation – Members deferred this application, as they requested more information on whether the Sports Connections Foundation were a profit-making business.
- Thrive Youth Work Huntingdon – Members deferred this application as they required evidence that the grant would be spent on non-religious activities.
- Kanazawa Judo – Members deferred this application as they required evidence that the grant would benefit students from Huntingdon. It was also noted that the limit of the grant was £500.00

The following applications were declined as they were not eligible.

- The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Huntingdon – Members declined this application as they were a religious organisation and did not meet the eligibility criteria.
- Huntingdon Community Radio – Members declined this application as it was a running cost and did not meet the eligibility criteria.

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:

1. Huntingdonshire Society for the Blind – awarded £400.00
2. Montagu Working Men's Club – awarded £500.00
3. Huntingdon Volunteer Centre – awarded £500.00
4. Huntingdonshire Beekeepers Association – awarded £500.00

The amount awarded at the meeting totalled £1,900 under Section 137(1) of the Local Government Act 1972: Class 5 – Ceremonial and Entertainment and Class 9 – Social Welfare.

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

The next meeting will be held on 13th April 2023, at the Town Hall, Huntingdon, PE29 3PJ.

CHAIRMAN