

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

To: All Members of the Grants Sub Committee

A meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee will be held at the **TOWN HALL, MARKET HILL, HUNTINGDON** on **THURSDAY 8th OCTOBER 2015 AT APPROXIMATELY 8PM.**

**AGENDA**

1. **APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda (see notes).

3. **TERMS OF COMMITTEE**

To agree the terms of this Sub Committee, in particular:

- (i) Whether the Grants Sub Committee is open to members of the public to attend
- (ii) Whether the Grants Sub Committee should appoint any co-opted members for specific Grant issues
- (iii) All agendas and minutes should be kept / marked 'Private and Confidential'

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

To hear any address to the Sub Committee from members of the public and other members of the Town Council on matters within the responsibility of this Sub Committee.

5. **MINUTES**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held of the Grants Sub Committee on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015 (M2) and extra ordinary meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015 (M3) attached.

6. **APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

To consider applications for financial award summarised in a schedule (attached P&C) and to make recommendations to the Finance Committee. Full copies of the applications, accounts & reports of the applicant organisations are provided for Members' information.

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

31<sup>st</sup> March 2015, Town Hall, Market Hill, Huntingdon.

24<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
Town Hall  
Market Hill  
Huntingdon  
PE29 3PJ



**PHILIP PEACOCK  
TOWN CLERK**

This meeting will be serviced by the Deputy Town Clerk – 01480 410386

Copies for information to:

The Members of Huntingdon Town Council, Town Clerk & Deputy Town Clerk.

**Notes**

**A. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

(1) Members are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests and unless you have obtained dispensation, cannot discuss or vote on the matter at the meeting and must also leave the room whilst the matter is being debated or voted on.

(2) A Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest if it

(a) relates to you, or

(b) is an interest of -

(i) your spouse or civil partner; or (ii) a person with whom you are living as husband and wife; or (iii) a person with whom you are living as if you were civil partners and you are aware that the other person has the interest.

(3) Disclosable pecuniary interests includes -

(a) any employment or profession carried out for profit or gain;

(b) any financial benefit received by the Member in respect of expenses incurred carrying out his or her duties as a Member (except from the Council);

(c) any current contracts with the Council;

(d) any beneficial interest in land/property within the Council's area;

(e) any licence for a month or longer to occupy land in the Council's area;

(f) any tenancy where the Council is landlord and the Member (or person in (2)(b) above) has a beneficial interest; or

(g) a beneficial interest (above the specified level) in the shares of any body which has a place of business or land in the Council's area.

**B. Other Interests**

(4) If a Member has a non-disclosable pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary interest then you are required to declare that interest, but may remain to discuss and vote.

(5) A Member has a non-disclosable pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary interest where -

(a) a decision in relation to the business being considered might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial standing of you or a member of your family or a person with whom you have a close association to a greater extent than it would affect the majority of the council tax payers, rate payers or inhabitants of the ward or electoral area for which you have been elected or otherwise of the Council's administrative area, or

(b) it relates to or is likely to affect any of the descriptions referred to above, but in respect of a member of your family (other than specified in (2)(b) above) or a person with whom you have a close association and that interest is not a disclosable pecuniary interest.

<b>HUNTINGDON TOWN COUNCIL</b>
<b>GRANTS SUB COMMITTEE</b>

A meeting of the Grants Sub Committee was held in the Town Hall, Market Hill, Huntingdon on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

Present: Councillors: C Hyams (Chairman); A Beevor; T Forster; W Hensley; T Sanderson; and J Sarabia.

In attendance: Doug McIlwain, member of the public.

10. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor S Hassell.

11. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors A Beevor Declared an interest in Unity in the Community as she served as the treasurer and had submitted the application. Cllr Beevor did not vote on the Unity in the Community application.

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

There was none.

13. **MINUTES**

Copies of the minutes of the meeting of the Grants Sub Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014 (M1) 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.

14. **APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Copies of applications for a total of £7,118 from 9 Organisations had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Members were informed that the budget allocation for Grants for Financial year 2015/16 was £10,000. It was proposed that members aimed to split this money £6,000 spend at this meeting and £4,000 to be spent at the grants meeting in October. It was also proposed that members allocate the money accordingly, rather than be restricted by a £500 limit, providing that the monies allocated do not exceed either £6,000 (March) or £4,000 (October).

The chairman wished to raise attention to two applications, Jules Spencer and Huntingdon In Bloom. Members discussed both applications and it was agreed that the applications were incomplete and therefore should be deferred. It was noted that the application for Jules Spencer, was based on the outcome of a meeting to be held after the Grants meeting, therefore Members could not make

an accurate judgement on the application. Members also commented that the application was made by an individual which did comply with the guidelines, which specified applications were to be made by a voluntary organisation. A Member commented that the application was submitted on the advice of the Town Clerk.

*N.B. Town Clerk's Note: The advice given was to form a Residents Association, which could make an application.*

A member raised concern over the Huntingdon In Bloom application, as it did not include the required material and was considered incomplete. It was also noted that an Officer had compiled the application which was inappropriate as In Bloom should be a voluntary community project. It was noted by an officer that in the previous year The Council had employed a member of staff, on salary, to organise and manage the In Bloom entry 2014. It was proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED** to defer both applications, until more information is received regarding the applications.

*N.B. Town Clerks Note: The In Bloom application can be submitted by an Office, as confirmed by Anglia In Bloom, as does not have to be 100% voluntary. As there was no entry last year, this is a new committee, therefore there are no previous accounts.*

Members discussed the application received by Huntingdon Alliance for Indians. It was argued that whilst it may be of benefit to some, it would not offer a benefit to the wider community of Huntingdon, and it was noted that the application did not support the teaching and speaking of English. It was proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED** to offer nil award.

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:

1. DISH	£500
2. Relate	£200
3. Young carers	£1,000
4. Huntingdon Alliance for Indians	Nil award
5. Magpas	£500
6. Spotlight Productions	£1,000
7. Unity in the Community	£618

The amount awarded at the meeting totalled £3,818, leaving £6,182 available for awards at the next meeting of the Grants Sub Committee.

## 15. **DATE & AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was noted as Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015, Town Hall, Market Hill, Huntingdon.

**CHAIRMAN**

<b>HUNTINGDON TOWN COUNCIL</b>
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<b>GRANTS SUB COMMITTEE</b>
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An extra ordinary meeting of the Grants Sub Committee was held in the Town Hall, Market Hill, Huntingdon on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

Present: Councillors: C Hyams (Chairman); A Beevor; T Forster; W Hensley; T Sanderson; and J Sarabia.

16. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor S Hassell.

17. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors A Beevor Declared an interest in Unity in the Community as she served as the treasurer and had submitted the application. Cllr Beevor did not vote on the Unity in the Community application.

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

There was none.

19. **MINUTES**

Copies of the minutes of the meeting of the Grants Sub Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015(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.

20. **APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Copies of applications for a total of £1,612 from 3 Organisations had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Members had before them two applications which had been deferred by the Grants Sub Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015. An Application was received by Huntingdon Library, which was not included at the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015 due to clerical error.

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:

1. Huntingdon Library	£500
2. Snowdonia Way/Exmoor Close Residents Association	£350
3. Huntingdon In Bloom	£612

The amount awarded at the meeting totalled £1,462, leaving £4,720 available for awards at the next meeting of the Grants Sub Committee.

*Town Clerks Note; Councillor Hensley arrived at 6:36pm and Councillor Sarabia arrived at 6:40pm*

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

The date of the next meeting was noted as Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015, Town Hall, Market Hill, Huntingdon.

**CHAIRMAN**