

HUNTINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**GRANTS SUB COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Grants Sub Committee was held in the Town Hall, Market Hill, Huntingdon on Thursday 13th April 2023.

Present: Councillors: A Blackwell; K Brockett (Chairman); D Landon Cole (ex-officio); S Gifford; P Kennington; B Luckham; A McAdam; S McAdam (ex-officio); P Pearce and K Webb.

10. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor J Cole.

11. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor K Webb declared an interest in item 14 as an employee at RAF Wyton. Councillor P Pearce declared an interest in item 14 as a trustee of the Friends of Stukeley Meadows. Councillor D Cole declared an interest in item 14 as his wife was an employee at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital.

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 27th October 2022 (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 £5,480 from 10 organisations were available to Members at the meeting. The Chairman went through each application, one by one.

1. Armed Forces Day – Members felt this was a worthwhile project and noted the town's strong relationship with the local armed forces.
2. Friends of Stukeley Meadows – It was noted the group were currently borrowing a gazebo from HTC and were applying for funding to purchase their own. A Member questioned if £500 was a reasonable cost for a gazebo. It was noted that a large heavy-duty gazebo was required, which would cost around this amount. It was suggested that HTC purchase the gazebo to donate to the group, as the Friends of Stukeley Meadows were not registered for VAT. The group would be asked to identify a suitable gazebo for HTC to purchase.
3. Huntingdon Girls' Football Club – Members supported the provision of opportunities for young people.

4. Hinchingsbrooke Hospital Garden Volunteers – Members felt this was a worth cause.
5. Huntingdon Library – Members felt this was a great project that helped encourage children to read, but noted it should be properly funded by CCC.
6. MAGPAS – It was noted that £500 would only buy one dose of required drugs, but that dose could still make a difference to someone who needed it.
7. Shakespeare at the George – Members supported the project.
8. Huntingdon Riverside Gala – It was noted that £1000 had been requested, but grants were limited to £500. Members questioned if the organisers had approached any other groups for funding, and it was noted they had applied to Huntingdon Freeman’s Trust and HDC.
9. Hartford Village Hall – It was explained that this application was submitted in December 2022, and additional information had been requested but was not received. It was **RESOLVED** to defer this application until the required information was received.
10. Spotlight Productions – Members supported the project.

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. Armed Forces Day – awarded £500.00
2. Friends of Stukeley Meadows School – awarded gazebo up to the value of £500, to be purchased by HTC.
3. Huntingdon Girls’ Football Club – awarded £500
4. Hinchingsbrooke Hospital Garden Volunteers – awarded £500
5. Huntingdon Library – awarded £500
6. MAGPAS – awarded £500
7. Shakespeare at the George – awarded £500
8. Huntingdon Riverside Gala – awarded £500
9. Spotlight Productions – awarded £500

The amount awarded at the meeting totalled £4500 under Section 137(1) of the Local Government Act 1972: Class 5 – Ceremonial and Entertainment and Class 9 – Social Welfare.

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

The next meeting was to be confirmed.

CHAIRMAN