

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 6th OCTOBER 2016**, at 7pm.

AGENDA

8. **APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

9. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

10. **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.

11. **MINUTES**


To approve the minutes of the meeting held of the Grants Sub Committee on Thursday 31st March 2016 (M1) attached.

12. **APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

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

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

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**PHILIP PEACOCK
TOWN CLERK**

28th September 2016
Town Hall
Market Hill
Huntingdon
PE29 3PJ

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.

HUNTINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**GRANTS SUB COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Grants Sub Committee was held in the Town Hall, Market Hill, Huntingdon on Thursday 31st March 2016.

Present: Councillors A Beevor; D Brown (Ex-Officio); J Dyne; J Jacobs; B Manning and T Sanderson

Absent: None

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors A Dovans; T Forster; S McAdam and R Valatka, and from Councillor W Henley as ex-officio.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor A Beevor declared an interest in Item 5: Commemoration Hall Charity as a Town Council appointed trustee, and the Unity in the Community application as a member of the organisation. Councillor D Brown declared an interest in Item 5: Commemoration Hall Charity as a Town Council appointed trustee.

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

There was none.

4. **MINUTES**

Copies of the minutes of the meeting of the Grants Sub Committee held on 8th October 2015 (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.

5. **COMMEMORATION HALL CHARITY**

Members had before them an application for financial assistance received from the Commemoration Hall Charity. The Town Clerk explained that the Commemoration Hall's business case would be completed in time for the April Finance Committee meeting, and that money had been allocated in the Town Council budget to provide this funding.

A Member reported that the Commemoration Hall aimed to raise £1 million to refurbish and rebrand the hall as a performing arts centre, and noted that the business case was looking very good. It was then proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED to recommend that the Finance Committee approve the application for financial assistance.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Copies of applications for a total of £18,321.93 from ten Organisations had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. Members were reminded that it had been agreed that grant awards would be capped at £500 per organisation at the Finance Committee meeting held on 18th February 2016.

The Town Clerk noted that the Unity in the Community application should be £200 + free use of the Medway Centre from 8am to 5pm – totalling £583, not £383 as stated on the application.

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. Unity in the Community	£500
2. Friends of Stukeley Meadows School	£500
3. Medway Christian Fellowship	£500
4. Huntingdon and District Cricket Club	£500
5. Relate Cambridge	£500
6. Disability Information Service Huntingdonshire (DISH)	£500
7. Cornerstone Care in Confidence	£500

The amount awarded at the meeting totalled £3,500. Members noted that the Huntingdonshire Society for the Blind had already been allocated £5000 of CIL money so no grant funding would be awarded.

Members also questioned the applications from Huntingdon Alliance for Indians as 2 applications had come from the same organisation. It was

RESOLVED to defer awarding any funding until the applications were clarified.

7. DATE & AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was noted as 6th October 2016.

CHAIRMAN

To: The Grants Sub Committee

Date: 6th October 2016

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

(Report by the Administration Assistant)

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 1.1 As a local council, Huntingdon Town Council may make donations, subject to the Council’s agreed conditions and under the provisions of Sections 137, 142, 144 and 145 of the Local Government Act 1972. (see appendix A)
- 1.2 During consideration, Members should be mindful that such grants are made in the interests of the area of Huntingdon or its inhabitants and that levels of grant are commensurate with levels of benefit derived therefrom.

2. DETAILED CONSIDERATION

- 2.1 Budgetary provision for 2016/17 was £14,000.
- 2.2 The Council historically schedules two meetings annually at which the annual approved expenditure may be awarded.
- 2.3 Members approved 7 applications totalling £3,500 at M1 Grants Subcommittee 31st March 2016.
- 2.3 At the Finance Committee meeting held on 18th February 2016 resolved that grant awards would be capped at £500 per organisation.
- 2.4. Members have before them 5 applications:

Organisation	Amount requested	Reason
Hartford Conservation Group	£500	Christmas Lights event at Hartford Village Hall
Huntingdonshire Volunteer Centre	£500	Publicity Materials (see application for breakdown)
OCAG	£500	Community firework display – see application for expenditure)
International Prayer Palace Church	£6500	One-year lease of office space to continue working with ‘prisons rehabilitation programme’
Snack Shack	£500	Purchase of cooking appliances

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That Members consider the applications and amounts proposed, for recommendations of awards to the Finance Committee on Thursday 27th October 2016.

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Appendix A

To : Grants Sub Committee

For Members information and guidance when awarding grants, detailed below are examples of actual uses to which the power is known to have been put by local councils.

Local Government Act 1972, s 137(1) – Actual Uses

- (a) Class 1: *small public properties*
 - (i) seat outside the parish
 - (ii) memorial plaques
 - (iii) film projector
 - (iv) repair of a bier-house
 - (v) kerbing, resurfacing road or market
 - (vi) set of parish china
 - (vii) invalid wheelchair
 - (viii) public telephone
 - (ix) doctor's car radio
 - (x) culvert
 - (xi) bus turning-bay
 - (xii) village surgery
 - (xiii) duckhouse for village pond
 - (xiv) repair of sheepwash
 - (xv) repair of shipway

- (b) Class 2: *preservation or restoration of old objects or buildings*
 - (i) churches and chapels
 - (ii) stocks, firehooks, pinfolds
 - (iii) windmill
 - (iv) biers
 - (v) market and village cross
 - (vi) contribution to local preservation society
 - (vii) pounds
 - (viii) jubilee arch

- (c) Class 3: *improvement of appearance of villages*
 - (i) civic trust type 'face lift' scheme
 - (ii) removal of slaughterhouse
 - (iii) planning competition

- (iv) landscaping
 - (v) garden competition prizes
 - (vi) local garden centre
 - (vii) best-kept village competition
 - (viii) litter competitions
 - (ix) village sweeper
 - (x) beach cleansing
 - (xi) junk disposal or bottle bank
 - (xii) clearance of commons
 - (xiii) tidying land of unknown ownership
 - (xiv) planting trees, shrubs and flowers
- (d) Class 4: *influence*
- (i) propaganda for civic centre
 - (ii) contribution to Anti-Third London Airport Campaign
 - (iii) support of organisations such as River Thames Society, Railway Protection Association
- (e) Class 5: *ceremonial and entertainment*
- (i) Christmas trees
 - (ii) chains or badges or office
 - (iii) sports prizes
 - (iv) beating bounds
 - (v) civic entertainments and services
 - (vi) flower shows, festivals and fairs
 - (vii) flags
 - (viii) exhibitions
- (f) Class 6: *safety*
- (i) fencing dangerous places
 - (ii) first-aid post
 - (iii) road warden
 - (iv) inshore rescue service
 - (v) old people's distress cards and lights
 - (vi) safety competitions
 - (vii) road markings
 - (viii) lectures on artificial respiration
 - (ix) safety posts and bollards
 - (x) ambulance competition entries
 - (xi) accident committees
 - (xii) life-belts and lifeguards
 - (xiii) flood prevention
- (g) Class 7: *public information*
- (i) parish fixture lists and bulletins
 - (ii) local publicity association
 - (iii) letters of welcome to newcomers
- (h) Class 8: *contributions to voluntary bodies without premises*
- (i) play groups and youth clubs

- (i) Class 9: *social welfare*
 - (i) flood relief
 - (ii) mobile physiotherapy unit
 - (iii) new ambulance
 - (iv) assistance for the handicapped
 - (v) meals on wheels
 - (vi) welfare organisations
 - (vii) marriage guidance and family planning
 - (viii) sickness fund
 - (ix) collection of medicines from distant dispensaries
 - (x) village librarian
 - (xi) day nursery
 - (xii) Samaritans

- (j) Class 10: *recognition of exceptional or outstanding public service*
 - (i) non-pecuniary testimonials on retirement
 - (ii) gratuity to youths making historical discoveries

- (k) Class 11: *communication*
 - (i) repair of ford
 - (ii) temporary roads, private streets
 - (iii) 'no parking' signs

- (l) Class 12: *educational*
 - (i) history and local government lectures
 - (ii) further education grant
 - (iii) Duke of Edinburgh's scheme
 - (iv) compilation of village history
 - (v) Prince of Wales's Trust
 - (vi) essay competitions

- (m) Class 13: *miscellaneous*
 - (i) co-operative Christmas crib
 - (ii) restocking of river with trout
 - (iii) flower and vegetable show
 - (iv) village handyman
 - (v) purchase of South-East study