

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