

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

A meeting of the Grants Sub Committee was held in the Town Hall, Market Hill, Huntingdon on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

Present: Councillors A Beevor; J Dyne; S Dyne; and S McAdam

Absent: Councillor J Jacobs

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Members voted unanimously to elect Councillor McAdam as the temporary Chairman of the meeting.

2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors T Forster (Chairman); T Sanderson and R Valatka

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor A Beevor declared an interest in the Huntingdonshire Volunteer Centre and OCAG applications as a member of the organisations.

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

There was none.

5. **MINUTES**

Copies of the minutes of the meeting of the Grants Sub Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016 (M2) had been circulated following their informal approval by the Chairman. The Town Clerk referred Members to the award for financial assistance given to the OCAG fireworks display, notifying the meeting that in light of the event not taking place, no award was made. The Chairman thanked the Town Clerk for the update and it was proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED** that these were a correct record and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

6. **APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Copies of applications for a total of £7,500 from fifteen 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 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

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. Hinchingsbrooke School Eco Warriors Student Group	£500
2. Huntingdon Indoor Bowls Club	£500
3. Huntingdon Community Radio	£500
4. Huntingdon Carnival	£500
5. Huntingdon Youth Theatre	£500
6. Huntingdon Library	£500
7. Huntingdon Conservation Group	£500
8. Huntingdon Community Action Projects	£500
9. Disability Huntingdonshire	£500
10. Huntingdonshire Children's Charity	£500
11. OCAG – Moor In Bloom	£500

The amount awarded at the meeting totalled £6,000, under Section 137(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

The unsuccessful applicants were noted as:

- i) Bedazzle Project, due to S.137 being restricted for benefitting an individual. Members agreed that Bedazzle should be written to, communicating that for future applications, the project needed to benefit a group of individuals rather than funding a single student's course fee.
- ii) Hunts Shopmobility, due to S.137 being unable to fund a service's running costs.
- iii) OCAG Firework Display, due to OCAG having submitted two applications, only one application per organisation could be awarded in a 12 month period. It was therefore decided to support the Moor In Bloom application under the March 2017 round of applications.

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

The date of the next meeting was noted as October 2017.

**CHAIRMAN**