

HUNTINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

GRANTS SUB COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Grants Sub Committee was held in the Town Hall, Market Hill, Huntingdon on Thursday 25th October 2018.

Present: Councillors: A Beevor; A Blackwell; P Brown (Chairman); S Gifford; P Kadewere; B Luckham; S McAdam; P Pearce; A Sedgwick and T Shrapnel.

In attendance: Councillor V Hufford.

11. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from the following Councillors: J Cole and P Kennington.

12. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor A Beevor and A Sedgwick declared an interest in the Shopmobility grant application.

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

There were none.

14. **MINUTES**

Copies of the minutes of the meeting of the Grants Sub Committee held on Thursday 1st July 2018 (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.

15. **APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Copies of applications for a total of £2,163 from 5 Organisations were available to Members at the meeting.

The Latvian Community application was raised, the application was made payable to an individual, rather than a constituted community group and therefore ineligible. Members felt that it was a worthwhile cause and suggested that advice was given. It was advised that if the individual amalgamated the event with an established community group or created their own constituted group then they could reapply in April 2019.

A Member raised concerns on the Huntingdon Community Radio application, it was commented that the radio had received considerable support in the past and the grant money could benefit a smaller, less established group more.

Members were uncertain if the application met the criteria as it was a commercial radio. It was advised that HCR104FM was a not-for-profit charitable organisation, under Ofcom rules they can fund the radio 50% through advertising and the other 50% through grants and fundraising. It was commented that the application was very transparent and that the service provided was very valuable to the community.

A Member commented on the Riverside Gala application, the event in 2018 was a success and it brought the community together. It was felt that the grant to fund security was essential to the safety of the people.

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 Indoor Bowls Club	£500
2. Hunts Shopmobility	£500
3. Huntingdon Community Radio	£500
4. Huntingdon Riverside Gala	£315

The amount awarded at the meeting totalled £1,815 under Section 137(1) of the Local Government Act 1972: Class 5 – Ceremonial and Entertainment and Class 9 – Social Welfare.

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

The date of the next meeting was to be confirmed.

CHAIRMAN