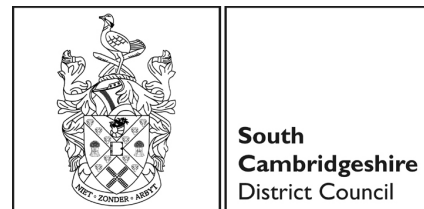


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## Please note start time

22 May 2019

To: Chairman – Councillor Jose Hales  
Vice-Chairman – Councillor Clare Delderfield  
All Members of the Grants Advisory Committee - Councillors Dr. Claire Daunton,  
Sue Ellington and Peter McDonald

Quorum: 3

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend the next meeting of **GRANTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, which will be held in the **SWANSLEY A - SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE HALL** at South Cambridgeshire Hall on **FRIDAY, 31 MAY 2019** at **9.00 a.m.**

Members are respectfully reminded that when substituting on committees, subcommittees, and outside or joint bodies, Democratic Services must be advised of the substitution *in advance of* the meeting. It is not possible to accept a substitute once the meeting has started. Council Standing Order 4.3 refers.

Yours faithfully

**Mike Hill**

Interim Chief Executive

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### **Notes**

- (1) Some development control matters in this Agenda where the periods of consultation and representation may not have quite expired are reported to Committee to save time in the decision making process. Decisions on these applications will only be made at the end of the consultation periods after taking into account all material representations made within the full consultation period. The final decisions may be delegated to the Corporate Manager (Planning and Sustainable Communities).
- (2) The Council considers every planning application on its merits and in the context of national, regional and local planning policy. As part of the Council's customer service standards, Councillors and officers aim to put customers first, deliver outstanding service and provide easy access to services and information. At all times, we will treat customers with respect and will be polite, patient and honest. The Council is also committed to treat everyone fairly and justly, and to promote equality. This applies to all residents and customers, planning applicants and those people against whom the Council is taking, or proposing to take, planning enforcement action. More details can be found on the Council's website under 'Council and Democracy'.

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# Agenda Item 3

## **SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Grants Advisory Committee held on  
Friday, 26 April 2019 at 10.00 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Jose Hales – Chairman

**Councillors:** Dr. Claire Daunton Bill Handley (substitute)  
Heather Williams (substitute)

**Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting:**

Aaron Clarke (Democratic Services Officer), Kathryn Hawkes (Partnerships Officer)  
and Ian Senior (Democratic Services Officer)

Councillor John Williams (Lead Cabinet Member for Finance) was in attendance, by invitation.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors Clare Delderfield, Sue Ellington and Peter McDonald sent apologies for absence. Councillors Heather Williams and Bill Handley substituted for Councillors Ellington and McDonald respectively.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In respect of Minute 4 (Community Chest), Councillor Jose Hales declared a non-pecuniary interest as a trustee of Melbourn Village College.

### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Committee authorized the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2019.

### **4. COMMUNITY CHEST: FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

The Grants Advisory Committee considered a report on an application from Melbourn Village College, deferred from the meeting on 29 March 2019, for funding towards the purchase of craft supplies and organisation of a trip for vulnerable students.

The Programme Manager reported that material supporting documents had still not been received.

Councillor Heather Williams said that the Committee should consider whether or not the trip had already been scheduled, in which case a decision on funding was essential today. However, the Programme Manager confirmed that, should Members feel unable to determine this application, it might nevertheless be possible for officers to identify funding opportunities from elsewhere.

Councillor Dr. Claire Daunton initiated discussion about the relationship between Village College and the young carers group seeking grant aid. This raised a question as to 'ownership' of the application.

Councillor John Williams (Lead Cabinet Member for Finance) asked the Grants Advisory Committee to remember that the current criteria dictated that Local Authority schools could not receive funding from the Community Chest. Melbourn Village College was an

Academy, funded by central Government. He suggested that all schools should be treated in the same way, regardless of status.

Councillor Jose Hales wondered whether the solution might be for a grant application to be made by a third party. This might also enable South Cambridgeshire District Council to support financially a larger and more diverse section of the community.

The Grants Advisory Committee **deferred** this application again so that a satisfactory resolution could be found, to include

- The status of Academy schools with regard to the Community Chest criteria
- Ownership of the present application
- Alternative sources of funding

## **5. COMMUNITY CHEST: REVIEW**

The Grants Advisory Committee considered a report on possible amendments to the Community Chest grants criteria.

Members discussed the proposed changes highlighted in the Appendix attached to the report. They agreed that the determining factor for whether Parish Councils could apply for funding should be the number of dwellings subject to Council Tax rather than the number of electors. Members asked officers to produce some examples of the kind of 'special circumstances' in which an alternative method of calculation might be appropriate, and to report back to the Committee in due course.

The Programme Manager undertook to provide some examples to help identify special circumstances.

Members agreed that the application form should specify what could not be funded by the Community Chest.

The criteria must be specific about the qualification needed to allow Parish Councils to apply for funding, bearing in mind that Parish Councils can raise precepts.

The Grants Advisory Committee **requested** officers to revise the Community Chest criteria in relation to applications from Parish Councils and the way Parish Councils should be categorised, subject to a preferred definition of the phrase 'special circumstances'.

## **6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Grants Advisory Committee noted that its next meeting would be on 31 May 2019, starting at 10.00am.

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**The Meeting ended at 11.05 a.m.**

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**REPORT TO:** Grants Advisory Committee 31 May 2019

**LEAD CABINET MEMBER:** Councillor John Williams - Lead Cabinet Member for Finance

**LEAD OFFICER:** Assistant Director – Health and Environmental Services

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## **Community Chest: Funding Applications**

### **Executive Summary**

1. To consider funding applications received to the Community Chest Grant between 1 April and 30 April 2019.

### **Key Decision**

2. No.

### **Recommendations**

3. It is recommended that the Grants Advisory Committee considers all applications for funding that are set out in Appendix A to this report and makes a recommendation to the Lead Cabinet Member regarding the level of funding (£0 - £1,000) to be awarded for each or defer a decision, if further information is required, or reject an application if it doesn't comply with the grants' criteria.

### **Reasons for Recommendations**

4. The Grants Advisory Committee's role is to consider and make recommendations to the Lead Cabinet Member responsible for grants, or Cabinet as appropriate, including, but not limited to:
  - (a) Review of the Council's grants schemes to ensure they reflect Council priorities.
  - (b) Design of any new or revised grants schemes, including consideration of criteria and guidance applicable in respect of each scheme.
  - (c) Consideration of applications made under the Council's grants schemes.

## **Details**

5. The Community Chest is grant funding available to voluntary and community sector groups, charities and public sector bodies wishing to further improve quality of life in South Cambridgeshire. Applicants may apply for up to £1,000 and the community activity or project must deliver one or more of the following:
  - Improvements to community buildings and spaces (i.e. village halls / pavilions / play areas etc)
  - Repairs to historic buildings / monuments / memorials
  - Equipment / capital purchase
  - Materials
  - Start-up costs (may include training of staff / volunteers, hall hire and other revenue costs).
6. Guidance notes and eligibility criteria can be found at Appendix B.
7. Total amount of funding made available for 2019/20 is £58,140.00.
8. There are 16 new applications to consider at this meeting totalling £13,789.00. The amount of funding remaining for allocation is £58,140.00. A summary of the applications can be found at Appendix A (copies of the applications forms are available from the Sustainable Communities and Partnerships Team upon request).

## **Options**

9. The Grants Advisory Committee may consider all applications for funding that are set out in Appendix A of this report and recommend to the Lead Cabinet Member to:
10.
  - (a) award the amount of funding requested,
  - (b) award an alternative amount of funding, including zero funding,
  - (c) defer a decision, if further information is required from grant applicants, or
  - (d) reject an application stating the reason for this.

## **Implications**

11. There are no significant implications.

## **Risk**

12. Applicants are required to provide supporting documents including copies of their constitution, financial accounts and quotes where applicable. Applicants must agree to the grant conditions before funds are released.

## **Consultation responses**

13. Local members have been consulted on applications that directly affect their local area.



### **Effect on Council Priority Areas**

14. The corporate aims are referenced in the criteria and guidance notes for the Community Chest.

### **Appendices**

Appendix A: Applications Summary

Appendix B: Guidance notes for Community Chest 19/20

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## Applications Summary

**Community Chest Grant Applications received: 1 April – 30 April 2019/20**

	Name of applicant	Type of organisation	Village(s) affected	Project description	Type of project	Total cost of project (£)	Total applied for (£)	Land owned by PC	Status of documentation
1	Papworth Team Ministry	Church	Papworth and surrounding	Subsidy for summer holiday club for the elderly	Enable inclusive communities	3,400.00	500.00	No	Pending
2	Meldreth Croquet Club	Sports Club	Meldreth	Replacement of rabbit-proof fencing	Materials	2,300.00	1,000.00	Unknown	Pending
3	Steeple Morden Bowls Club	Sports Club	Steeple Morden and surrounding	Purchase of a new water heater and fridge/freezer as well as funds towards hedge-cutting	Equipment/capital Improvements to community buildings and spaces	1,059.00	1,000.00	N/A	Pending
4	Little Shelford Bowls Club	Sports Club	Little Shelford and surrounding	Replacement of back and edge boards around green	Improvements to community buildings and spaces	952.00	950.00	Unknown	Pending
5	Fen Edge Community Association	Resident's Association	Cottenham Landbeach Rampton Waterbeach Willingham	Purchase mobile/modular stage for use by community	Equipment/Capital	2,939.70	1,000.00	N/A	Complete

	Name of applicant	Type of organisation	Village(s) affected	Project description	Type of project	Total cost of project (£)	Total applied for (£)	Land owned by PC	Status of documentation
6	Fulbourn Forum for Community Action	Community Group	Fulbourn	Reconstruction of community flower beds	Improvements to community buildings and spaces	789.00	459.00	Unknown	Pending
7	Fen Drayton Village Hall	Charity	Fen Drayton	Purchase multimedia/ audio equipment	Equipment/ Capital	582.00	524.00	N/A	Pending
8	Melbourn Amateur Dramatics Society	Community Group	Melbourn	Purchase new energy efficient LED lighting	Equipment/ Capital	3,500.00	954.00	N/A	Complete
9	Linton Village Cricket Club	Sports Club	Linton	Purchase mobile cricket covers for cricket pitch	Equipment/ Capital	4,260.00	1,000.00	N/A	Complete
10	1st Sawston Boys and Girls Brigade	Youth Organisation	Sawston, Gt & Lt Shelford, Whittlesford and Duxford	Purchase materials for challenges to promote team building and leadership	Materials	482.00	482.00	N/A	Complete
11	Cambridge Carbon Footprint	Charity	Barrington, Cottenham, Histon & Impington	Purchase equipment and materials to facilitate community clothes swaps	Materials Equipment/ Capital	1,265.93	1,000.00	N/A	Pending

	Name of applicant	Type of organisation	Village(s) affected	Project description	Type of project	Total cost of project (£)	Total applied for (£)	Land owned by PC	Status of documentation
12	Litlington Congregational Church	Church	Litlington	Update church electrical wiring system and fuse boards	Improvements to community buildings and spaces	1,995.00	1,000.00	No	Complete
13	Gamlingay Baptist Church	Church	Gamlingay and The Gransdens	Conversion of "back-room" into community café	Improvements to community buildings and spaces	10,348.58	1,000.00	No	Pending
14	Whittlesford Cricket Club	Sports Club	Whittlesford	Purchase a new sightscreen	Equipment/ Capital	1,320.00	920.00	Yes	Pending
15	Over Cricket Club	Sports Club	Over and Swavesey	Purchase a new lawnmower	Equipment/ Capital	3,000.00	1,000.00	N/A	Pending
16	Cambridge Open Art Exhibition	Art Group	Cottenham, Rampton, Willingham, Over, Swavesey	Purchase of display panels for artwork	Equipment/ Capital	1,178.00	1,000.00	N/A	Pending

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## Guidance notes for Community Chest 19/20

### What is the Community Chest?

The Community Chest is grant funding available to voluntary and community sector groups, charities and public sector bodies wishing to further improve quality of life in South Cambridgeshire.

### Who can apply?

Applicants must:

- Be a non-profit group or organisation based in South Cambridgeshire or benefiting South Cambridgeshire residents OR a public sector body with a demonstrable community focus (individuals and businesses are not eligible)
- Be a Parish Council or Parish Meeting with less than 160 registered electors
- Have a written constitution or mission statement
- Have an elected committee or representative steering group
- Be able to provide an up to date copy of their accounts and any relevant protection policies

If you have questions about these criteria, please contact us using the details below.

If your organisation does not have a written constitution, mission statement and/or relevant protection policies please contact Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service for advice in meeting these requirements. Please call 01223 464696 or email [enquiries@cambridgecvcs.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@cambridgecvcs.org.uk)

### What must the project deliver?

The community activity or project must:

- Help us deliver one or more of the following aims:
  - Promote healthy and active communities
  - Enable inclusive communities
  - Develop skills
  - Enhance the natural environment
- Meet local need and leave a legacy for the community
- Ensure equality of access

### What can be funded?

The community activity or project should be one of the following:

- Improvements to community buildings and spaces (i.e. village halls/pavilions/play areas etc)
- Repairs to Historic Buildings/Monuments/Memorials
- Equipment/Capital Purchase
- Materials
- 'Start-up' costs (may include training of staff/volunteers, hall hire and other revenue costs)

### What cannot be funded?

- On-going revenue costs or overheads (e.g. salaries, rent, advertising, promotional materials)
- Projects that replace funding by other public sector bodies, including parish councils (e.g. youth services, highways)
- Costs associated with preparing/printing Parish Plans
- Costs associated with Neighbourhood Watch schemes
- Costs associated with Community Speedwatch schemes or other traffic initiatives
- Costs associated with purchasing defibrillators
- Items that would only benefit 'individuals' and not the group (e.g. sports kits)
- Projects that have previously received Community Chest funding in the same financial year

### How much can be applied for?

The maximum award is £1,000 in any financial year (April-March) and can be for 100% of the project's costs unless the initiative is on parish council land, in which case a 50% contribution from the parish council is expected.

If there is high demand for funding it may mean that the Council is only able to make a contribution to your project. The Council reserves the right to prioritise based on funding available, size of electorate, parish precept, indices of deprivation, number and type of applications received at any given time, priorities for the financial year and value for money. Eligibility does not guarantee grant funding.

### When can groups apply?

The Community Chest opens in April and October each year, with 50% of the annual budget released at each point. Groups can apply at any time during the financial year until the funding is fully allocated for that period.

### What supporting documentation is required?

- A copy of your organisation's constitution or mission statement
- A copy of your latest accounts (audited if available)
- A quote for the community activity or project

In addition the following will be required if relevant to the project:

- Appropriate protection policies: children, young people, vulnerable adults
- Public Rights of Way consent from landowner
- Any other relevant material that would support your application

### How will the grant be paid?

If successful, the applicant will receive the grant payment once we have received acknowledgement of the grant offer and acceptance of the terms and conditions.

### What are the conditions of funding?

Groups that are awarded a grant will be expected to comply with the following conditions as a minimum:



- Funding must only be used for the agreed purpose and spent within 12-months of the award being made (unless otherwise agreed in writing)
- Any publicity must acknowledge the award provided
- Unused grant must be returned to South Cambridgeshire District Council
- An end of project evaluation must be submitted to South Cambridgeshire District Council within 3-months of project completion. Details about this are available on the SCDC website

Any award will not be means tested but applicants will be expected to have sought other means of local funding, especially from the parish council who may have funds available through planning developments (S106) or through its precept (S137).

**For further information please go to:**

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/communitychest>

Contact Details: [duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk) , 01954 713070

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