

South Cambridgeshire District Council

Minutes of the Grants Advisory Committee held on
Friday, 31 March 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillor Jose Hales– Chair
Councillor Sue Ellington – Vice-Chair
Bill Handley, Sunita Hansraj, Judith Rippeth, John Williams

Officers:	Emma Dyer	Development Officer (Community-Led Plans)
	Jonathan Malton	Democratic Services Technical Officer
	Keira Mbye	Democratic Services Officer
	Jane Mountain	Resource Officer

Mr Mahesh Hettiarachchi from Director of Hope CIC was in attendance.

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies from Councillor John Williams.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Jose Hales declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the applications from Melbourn Bowls Club and Home-Start Royston, Buntingford & South Cambridgeshire as ward member for Melbourn.

Cllr Bill Handley declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the application from Over Youth Cafe as ward member for Over & Willingham.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Grants Advisory Committee authorised the Chair to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held Friday, 24 February 2023.

4. Guest speaker - Hope CIC

Councillor Jose Hales welcomed Director of Hope CIC, Mahesh Hettiarachchi to the Grants Committee.

Mr Hettiarachchi told the Committee how the Community Chest Grant funded the project which allowed 56 Christmas hampers to be distributed to disadvantaged residents across South Cambridgeshire in 2022.

Mr Hettiarachchi shared pictures and thank you messages with members and officers and thanked them for their support.

5. Community Chest: Funding Applications

It was noted, a total of eight applications were received between 6 February 2023 to 13 March 2023 which were brought forward to the Grants Advisory Committee. After consideration of the applications, the Committee recommended to the Lead Cabinet Member for Resources that the following awards would be made, subject to agreement by Council on budget, and subject to annual funding agreements with the organisations concerned:

Melbourn Bowls Club (XNGCHBKR) – Would be approved and funded at the full amount requested of £1,264.60

Magpas Air Ambulance (NZKBXMQF) – Would be approved and funded at the full amount requested of £2,000

Home-Start Royston, Buntingford & South Cambridgeshire (incorporated as Home-Start Royston and South Cambridgeshire) (GLLSLHRJ) – Would be approved and funded at the full amount requested of £2,000

Over Youth Cafe (DJRLRJBS) – Would be approved and funded at the full amount requested of £2,000

Friends of Duxford Green Spaces (TFLNZMJX) – Would be approved and funded at the full amount requested of £1,911

Eltisley Parish Council (XNWJNQBX) – Would be approved and funded at the full amount requested of £220 40:00

Let's Run Girls Ltd (MDSFPTQP) – Would be deferred pending further information.

Steeple Morden Village Hall (TWPMGFKK) – Previously deferred, would not be funded at the full amount requested of £2,000

As per above, the application from Let's Run Girls Ltd (MDSFPTQP) request of £1,650 was deferred, pending further information on the group's ethos and background. It was requested that contact was made with the parish council on whether they were in support or not.

As per above, the application from Steeple Morden Village Hall (TWPMGFKK) was not funded as it was agreed the application was more suited to the Council's Zero Carbon Communities grant fund.

6. Update for Dual Use Leisure Facility Grant Funding for 2022

Members unanimously agreed the Dual Leisure Facility Grant had been a success and congratulated the officers for their work.

7. Date of next meeting

Friday 28 April 2023 at 10:00

The Meeting ended at 10.50 a.m.
