

South Cambridgeshire District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Grants Advisory Committee held on
Friday, 1 December 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Sue Ellington – Chair

Councillors: Bill Handley Sunita Hansraj
Peter Sandford

Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Emma Dyer (Development Officer [Communities Team]), Laurence Damary-Homan (Democratic Services Officer) and Jane Mountain (Project Officer [Communities Team])

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Jose Hales. With the Absence of the usual Chair, Councillor Jose Hales, the Vice-Chair, Councillor Sue Ellington, assumed the role of Chair for the meeting.

Councillor John Williams sent apologies for being unable to attend.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

By affirmation, the Committee authorised the Chair to sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 October 2023 as a correct record.

4. Grants to the Voluntary Sector - Service Support Grants: 6 Month Progress Report

The Development Officer (Communities Team) presented the report. Members commended the depth of the reports and stated that the organisations had listened to the comments of Members and that performance was good. Comment was made that the funding was helping those in need and that support covered a significant area. Members stated that, whilst the Council was not obliged to support these services, the funding from the Council was beneficial and support should continue to be granted.

The Committee **noted** the progress of funded projects within the scope of the report, including officer summaries, and did not have any concerns requiring further investigation or action.

5. Community Chest: Funding Applications

The Development Officer (Communities Team), presented the report. The Committee reviewed the applications to the Community Chest Grant funding scheme received

between 7 October and 7 November 2023. After consideration of the applications, the Committee recommended to the Lead Cabinet Member for Resources that the application from:

- Waterbeach and Landbeach Action for Youth (TGCTCZLR) be **approved and awarded the full amount requested** of £2,000.
- Social Enterprise East of England (GGRGHWKT) be **deferred** pending further information as to why Cambourne was chosen for their engagement event and some further details about the organisation and their future plans.

6. **Date of next meeting**

The Committee was informed that the next meeting was due to be held on Thursday 25 January 2024.

The Meeting ended at 10.21 a.m.
