

South Cambridgeshire District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Grants Advisory Committee held on
Friday, 17 December 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Jose Hales – Chair
Councillor Sue Ellington – Vice-Chair

Councillors: Dr. Claire Daunton Bill Handley

Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Aaron Clarke	Democratic Services Officer
Cecilia Murphy-Roads	Development Officer
Lesley McFarlane	Development Officer (Health Specialist)
Kathryn Hawkes	Programme Manager

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

Councillor Cllr Peter McDonald was in attendance remotely, by invitation.

1. Apologies for Absence

There was an apology for absence from Cllr Jose Hales.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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 26 November 2021.

4. Community Chest: Funding Applications

The Committee reviewed all the Community Chest applications received between 16 November 2021 and 7 December 2021.

After consideration of this application, the Committee recommended to the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance that:

1. 1st Sawston Boy's and Girls' Brigade (CHPHFLJK), to be approved and funded at the full amount requested of £401.91

5. Children and Young People's Grant: Funding Applications

It was noted by the Committee that the funding had become available as a result of unspent money from the Mobile Warden Schemes. It had been decided in workshops with Grants Advisory Committee Members that the money should go towards Children & Young People in recognition of the impact of Covid-19.

It was explained that officers had used a weighted score system similar to Zero Carbon Community Grants, officer scoring was to be found in Appendix A.

It was suggested that the capital fund requests could be send to the Community Chest Grant scheme to enable the available funding to be focussed on the revenue funding applications.

It was **agreed** that this item would be deferred to the next meeting of the Grants Advisory Committee to allow the officers to provide more information to the Committee.

6. Service Support Grants to the Voluntary Sector: 6-month Update Report

It was noted that all mid-year reports came from those organisations in receipt of £15,000 or more, except for CCVS, which while in receipt of £10,000 annual funding, produces a mid-year report due to the nature of its work.

Officers explained that Community Transport Groups had been adapting their services to be more prescriptive regarding what purpose their car schemes can be used for to prioritise such things as medical appointments. The Committee noted that these groups had lost a lot of their older volunteers due to the Covid-19 pandemic but that the volunteer numbers had begun to pick up amongst younger demographics.

Cllr Peter McDonald issued praise to Citizens' Advice for all the help that they had been able to provide to residents during the Covid-19 pandemic which officers agreed to pass onto the organisation.

Officers confirmed that all grant applications would be posted to the County Council's Innovate and Cultivate fund for other sources of additional funding.

The Grants Advisory Committee noted and accepted the content of the report and appendices as presented.

7. Date of next meeting

Friday 28 January 2022 at 10:00am.

The Meeting ended at 3.10 p.m.
