

## **South Cambridgeshire District Council**

Minutes of a meeting of the Grants Advisory Committee held on  
Thursday, 26 October 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Sue Ellington – Chair

Councillors: Bill Handley Sunita Hansraj  
Peter Sandford Dr. Martin Cahn

Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

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

Councillor John Williams was in attendance remotely.

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Jose Hales and Councillor Dr Martin Cahn was present as a substitute. With the Absence of the usual Chair, Councillor Jose Hales, the Vice-Chair, Councillor Sue Ellington, assumed the role of Chair for the meeting.

### **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 28 September 2023 as a correct record.

### **4. Community Chest: Funding Applications**

The Committee was addressed by a guest speaker, Melissa Santiago-Val of Sew Positive (an organisation that had previously been awarded funding from the Community Chest), who informed Members of the work undertaken by the organisation and how the funding from the Council had been utilised. The Committee thanked the speaker for her presentation and commended Sew Positive for the work they were doing in South Cambridgeshire. Members asked some questions of the speaker and suggested that a press release be made by the Council with respect to Sew Positive and the Community Chest Grant funding it had received.

The Development Officer (Communities Team), presented the report. The Committee reviewed the applications to the Community Chest Grant funding scheme received between 7 September and 7 October. Comment was made on the remaining budget for the Community Chest in the financial year, but following discussion and comments from the Lead Cabinet Member for Resources, the Committee was satisfied that the remaining budget was not a reason for concern.

After consideration of the applications, the Committee recommended to the Lead Cabinet

Member for Resources that the application from:

- Melbourn Community Hub Management Group (JWHVTQTK) be **approved and awarded the full amount requested** of £2,000.
- Active with Parkinson's Cambs (DPSSSWKL) be **approved and awarded the full amount requested** of £2,000.
- Newton Village Rooms (ZCFQPKXB) be **deferred**, pending further information on the Charity Commission Custodian ownership and whether a quote could be obtained instead of an estimated cost.
- Cambridge Past, Present & Future (HBCKJJQW) be **rejected** as the application did not provide a request for funding of a specific item or project.

Following consideration, the Committee **agreed** to recommend to the Lead Cabinet Member for Resources that an amendment, providing a link to 'Defib Finder', be included in the Community Chest Grant Guidance.

## 5. **Date of next meeting**

The Committee was informed that the next meeting was due to be held on Friday 1 December 2023.

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**The Meeting ended at 10.45 a.m.**

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