

## South Cambridgeshire District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Grants Advisory Committee held on  
Wednesday, 25 September 2024 at 1.00 p.m.

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

Councillors: Bill Handley Sunita Hansraj

Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Laurence Damary-Homan (Democratic Services Officer), Carly Freed (Business Engagement Project Officer), Kathryn Hawkes (Communities Manager), Steven Keeley (Business Engagement Project Officer) and Katherine Southwood (Business Support Key Projects Team Leader)

Councillor Peter Sandford was in attendance remotely.

### 1. Apologies for Absence

There were no Apologies for Absence.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

With respect to Minute 6, Councillor Bill Handley declared that he had submitted a letter of support, as local Member, for the application from Wysing Arts Centre (KSCPRCPM).

### 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

By affirmation, the Committee authorised the Chair to sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 August 2024 as a correct record.

### 4. Public Questions

There were no Public Questions.

### 5. Community Chest: Funding Applications

The Communities Manager presented the report. The Committee reviewed the application received between 7 August and 7 September 2024. After consideration, the Committee recommended to the Lead Cabinet Member for Resources that the application from:

- Brainstrust (SFZSHPXK) be **approved and funded at the full amount requested** of £500.

### 6. Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) Grant: Funding Applications

The Business Support Key Projects Team Leader presented the report. The Committee reviewed the applications received and, after consideration of the applications, agreed with the officer's recommendation and recommended to the Lead Cabinet Member for

Resources that the application from:

- Cambourne Town Council (RMTNDTSZ) be **approved and partially funded** £90,000 of the £100,000 requested.
- Cottenham Community Centre (TRMSRHLX) be **approved and funded at the full amount requested** of £38,000.
- Impington Village College (HHBQXFGH) be **approved and partially funded** £53,000 of the £100,000 requested, subject to a satisfactory review of information regarding parking concerns around the Impington Village College.
- Wysing Arts Centre (KSCPRCPM) be **approved and partially funded** £80,000 of the £98,033 requested.
- Allia Ltd (MPNGWTRS) be **approved and partially funded** £42,555 of the £75,576 requested. The Committee requested that the details of the terms of the grant funding be sent on to the local Members.
- Jacks Gelato (THKTVNXH) be **approved and partially funded** £40,000 of the £100,000 requested.
- Willow Grange Farm Café (JZSMQCWS) be **approved and partially funded** £50,000 of the £100,000 requested.

## 7. Improving the High Street Grant Scheme

The Business Engagement Project Officer, Carly Freed, presented the report. The Committee discussed the proposed grant scheme and expressed support for the proposal. Members requested that local Members be informed if a Parish Council in their ward made an application to the fund and officers advised that local Member support would be sought for applications.

The Committee **recommended** that the grant scheme be adopted as a policy of the Council and for it to be operated as described in the report.

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**The Meeting ended at 2.07 p.m.**

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