



Community Facilities Fund Working Party

**Draft Minutes of meeting held on
Wednesday 4 March at 2pm at Heritage Halls and Chapel, 20-28 Park
Road, Rushden**

Present:

Councillors: Councillor Steven North (Chair) Cllr SN
Councillor Richard Lewis Cllr RL
Councillor Janet Pinnock Cllr JP
Councillor Peter Wathen Cllr PW

Officers: Lucy Hogston, Interim Head of Customer & Community Services LRH
Tracy Wright, Assistant Finance Manage TW
Lucy Hawes, Community Development Officer LH

Minutes: Charlie Christmas, Democratic Services and Corporate Support CC
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ACTION

1. **Apologies**

- 1.1. Apologies were received from Councillors Annabel De Capell Brooke and Roger Glithero, Katherine Hayward, and Mike Greenway.

2. **Minutes of previous meeting held on 4 December 2019**

- 2.1. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.

3. **Declarations of interest**

3.1

Councillor	Item	Nature of Interest	DPI	Other
Lewis	Eligibility Applications	Associations with: Rushden Town Council, Rushden Historic Transport Society, Rushden and Higham Cricket Club, Rockingham Forest Trust, Heritage Chapel and Halls and Serve.		Yes
Pinnock	Eligibility Applications	Associations with: Rushden Town Council, Rushden Historic Transport Society, Heritage Chapel and Halls.		Yes
Wathen	Eligibility Applications	Association with Raunds Library and Raunds Conservative Club.		Yes

4. **Financial position update**

- 4.1. TW provided an update, advising that the funding committed to date for Rounds 1-7 totalled £2.382m. Of that, £2.037m had been paid so far. An additional £200k was approved by Policy and Resources Committee for Round 8 on 4th November 2019. Of the original funding committed, a total of

£72k would be released back into the reserves for streams 2 and as it was no longer required by projects. The balances to be claimed from Rounds 5 to 7 totalled £272k. Outstanding balances totalling £173,079 still to be claimed were: Round 6: Warmington Parish Council, Newton Road School, Hope Methodist Church and St James Church Thrapston. Round 7: Rushden Historical Transport Society. The Working Party noted the update.

5. Update on projects

- 5.1. LH provided an update on projects from previous rounds, noting that the majority had been given a deadline to spend their funding of 31st January 2020 and were completed and awaiting an evaluation request. Those still outstanding were noted at 4.1 of the minutes.

6. Report – Eligibility Applications

- 6.1 LH presented a report detailing the evaluation of applications submitted for Round 8, which was launched in December 2019. Unlike previous rounds, applicants were invited to register their interest and discuss their applications by 31st January 2020, with a total of 59 received. The final deadline for submission of applications was 14th February 2020 at 5pm, with a total of 43 applications being received. Announcements of successful awards would be made on 20th March 2020.
- 6.2 The total amount being sought by the applications was £232,374.59 and therefore exceeded the ring-fenced amount of £200k. The Community Development Officer assessed each of the applications to determine which project could receive a minimum donation. The revised figure resulting from this was £210,741 which was further reduced during the meeting due to the revised score given to application 3. The final total figure of funding sought was £208,417.

7. Confirmation of recommendation for funding awards

- 7.1 A total of 43 applications were received, with those scoring 20 points and above being presented for consideration to the Working Party. Any funding awarded would be required to be spent by 31st January 2021, with no extensions to this date being permitted.

No.	Application	Decision	Award given
4	Brigstock Village Hall		£5,450
6	Wellingborough and District Nene Angling Club		£10,000
7	Rockingham Forest Trust		£3,000
8	Woodford Reading Rooms		£10,000
9	Benefield Village Hall		£9,680
11	Thurning Village Hall		£10,000
12	Woodford Sports Club		£6,190
13	Easton on the Hill Parish Council		£10,000
16	Rushden Historical Transport Society		£10,000
17	Raunds Saxon Bowlers		£1,756.96
19	Deene and Deenethorpe Village Hall		£8,301
20	Oundle Golf Club		£9,065.99

21	Thrapston Bowls Club		£6,531
22	I-Grow		£3,070
25	Raunds Conservative Club		£9,592.19
26	Higham Ferrers Town Council		£7,500
27	Rushden and Higham Cricket Club		£6,840
28	Titchmarsh Church		£3,000
29	Oundle Bowls Club		£2057
30	Thrapston Town Council		£10,000
31	Brigstock Cricket Club		£7,476.60
32	Thrapston Tennis Club		£10,000
34	Stanwick Village Hall		£9,939
35	Raunds Community Library		£10,000
36	Cotterstock Village Hall		£9,939
37	Rushden Town Council		£10,000
42	Nassington Parish Council		£10,000
			£208,417 Total

7.2 The Working Party **Resolved to Recommend** to Finance and Performance Sub Committee at its next meeting (date to be confirmed) that

- (a) The award of grant funding totalling £208,417 to the projects as outlined in 7.1 above be approved

8. **Date of next meeting**

8.1 The next meeting was scheduled to take place Wednesday 24th June, 2pm. Venue to be confirmed

The meeting concluded at 3.30pm