

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL

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3rd December 2024

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend the meeting of the GRANTS COMMITTEE to be held in the COUNCIL OFFICES.

78 CHURCH ROAD, NORTHWICH on Thursday 12th December 2024 at 5.30 p.m.

Yours Sincerely

Chris Shaw

Chief Officer

AGENDA

- 1. To appoint a Chair for 2024-2025**
- 2. To appoint a Vice Chair for 2024-2025**
- 3. Apologies for absence or absences**
- 4. Declaration of interest**
 - * Members to declare any interest under the following categories:
 - * Pecuniary interest
 - * Outside bodies interest
 - * Family, friend or close associate interest
- 5. Signing of the Minutes**

Of the Grants Committee meeting held on 12th March 2024
- 6 Requests for Donations**

3 completed applications will be submitted (copies attached)
The decision of the Members is requested on amounts to be granted (if any) and under which powers and duties these grants should be placed.
The decision of the Committee is requested
- 7 Date of next Grants Committee Meeting**

To be confirmed

PART B

In accordance with the Local Government Act – Public Admission to Meetings Act 1960, the following agenda item is to be considered in the absence of press or public.

TOWN AWARDS

Members to discuss a nomination for the Town Awards Scheme.

The decision of the Committee is requested

Councillors

Tom Melville
Julie Macdonald
Kate Cernik

Robert Cernik
Patricia Parkes
Janet Illidge

Rachel Waterman
Lee Siddall

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE GRANTS COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 12th MARCH 2024

Members Present

Cllr Kate Cernik
Cllr Tom Melville
Cllr Robert Cernik (Chair)
Cllr Rachel Waterman
Cllr Janet Illidge (Vice Chair)

Also Present

Chris Shaw - Chief Officer
Liza Clansey - Cemetery Registrar & Wellbeing Manager

GC 23/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Amy Locket and Cllr Julie Macdonald. Cllr Catriona Stewart, Cllr Patricia Parks and Cllr Jane Thomas were not present.

GC 23/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Rachel Waterman declared an interest in Toppers of Northwich as they meet in the same building Rachel works in.

GC 23/09 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the Grants Committee held on Tuesday 28th November 2023 and noted at the Town Council meeting on Monday 4th December 2023 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr Rachel Waterman, seconded by Cllr Kate Cernik, all agreed.

GC 23/10 REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS

2 requests were submitted. Members discussed each of their individual merits before making their decisions.

It was resolved that the following donations be made.

Toppers of Northwich to be awarded **£1500.00**
Northwich Litfest to be awarded **£500.00**

Proposed by Cllr Kate Cernik, seconded by Cllr Tom Melville, all agreed.

GC 23/11 GRANT MONITORING FORMS COMPLETED

Grant monitoring forms had been returned for grants awarded previously and were reviewed by members. It was decided that the grant monitoring forms, and application forms need to be updated to request more information from the applicants. Chris Shaw and Liza Clansey to review the forms and bring back to members.

Proposed by Cllr Rachel Waterman, seconded by Cllr Kate Cernik, all agreed.

Date

Cllr Robert Cernik Chair

GC 23/12 UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS GRANT APPLANTANTS – ON HOLD

At the November 2023 Grants meeting, members requested further information from the below applicants before payment could be made:

St Wilfred's Scout Group – requested £1200 for various outside camping equipment, members had agreed to award them £600 if they could meet their total cost of £1200.00. St Wilfred's confirmed they had still not met their target. Members agreed to grant the **£600.00** to cover some costs for Kampa Canopies and other items totaling £600.00.

Rudheath Bowling Club – requested £1500 for a new mower totaling £8600, they have already received funding from Tarta Chemicals and INEOS Chemicals and are also holding their own fund-raising events. They have now decided to purchase a second hand 2-year-old mower from a golf club. With our £500 contribution they would have enough funding to purchase this. Members agreed to grant the **£500.00** towards the cost of the mower.

Proposed to pay Grants to both St Wilfred's and Rudheath Bowling Club, Proposed Cllr Janet Illidge, seconded Cllr Tom Melville, all agreed

GC 23/13 DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The date of next meeting will be in the new financial year, date to be confirmed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 18.53.

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Date

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Cllr Robert Cernik Chair

Northwich Town Council
Grants Application Form (maximum £1500)

Project title: Community Firework Night			
Organisation's Name: Leftwich Community Primary School			
Applicant's Name: Emma Rimmer			
Address: Leftwich Community Primary School Old Hall Road Leftwich CW9 8DH			
Telephone 01606 800305	Mobile	e-mail FOL@leftwichprimary.cheshire.sch.uk	
Estimated cost of project:			
Description	Materials	Labour	Total
Contribution to this years community firework display from NE Entertainment. Total cost is £2750.00			£2750.00
Sub-total			
TOTAL			£ £2750.00

Details of contributions from other organisations? We are in the process of approaching our New Elected local councillor Rachel Waterman, for some funding. We are still in the process of doing this and recieving an update of this.	£
Total amount of grant applied for	£ 500.00

Project Description:	
<i>Please set out what your project aims and objectives are as clearly as possible – you may continue on a separate sheet if necessary</i> If we were lucky enough to receive a contribution, this would contribute hugely to the Community Firework display Night for the local community and the friends / parents of Leftwich Community Primary School. Upon receiving the contribution this would allow ourselves to keep the ticket price low , we are in an area of deprivation and 40% of our children are in receipt of free school meals. So providing free or low-cost events for all to enjoy is something we thrive upon. Children have potentially missed out on community events over the last few years due to covid and also many of our parents are unable to make other community events, due to them not having their own transport. Our local PCSO always attends and supports the event. If we have families that we know who struggle to afford the cost of the tickets we are happy to assist and provide them with tickets at no cost to them. The event is to ensure the children in our community get the chance to experience a safe, fun, colourful and spectacular firework display. We (Leftwich Primary School) don't aim to make profit, however without the additional funding we may receive we would not be able to, hold this event at all. We advertise the event locally, to the surrounding schools and to the wider community, this is an event that we are pleased to share with everyone. Its a great event for everyone to enjoy. .	
Signed on behalf of the applying organisation:	
Dated: 07/07/2024	Position: Friends of Leftwich PTA.

Please return your completed form either via e-mail or by post.

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Northwich Town Council
Grants Application Form (maximum £1500)

Project title: Northwich Peer Support Lounge			
Organisation's Name: Cheshire Without Abuse (Known as MyCWA)			
Applicant's Name: Michaela East – Community Fundraiser at MyCWA			
Address: Lily Jones Support Centre, Mill House, Brook Street, Crewe, Cheshire, CW2 7DE			
Telephone 01270 250390	Mobile 07597801268	e-mail michaela.e@mycwa.org.uk	
Estimated cost of project:			
Description	Materials	Labour	Total
Refreshments	£15		£180
Products for sessions	£20		£240
Quarterly extras for sessions	£50		£200
Sub-total			
TOTAL			£620

Details of contributions from other organisations?	£0
Total amount of grant applied for: Grant received from Cheshire Community Foundation to establish and facilitate Northwich Peer Support Lounge for 12 months. The CCF grant covers staff wages and expenses which includes planning, travel, delivering the sessions and safeguarding.	£2,500

Project Description:

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We are seeking funding to be added towards the grant we have already received from CCF to enable us to deliver our Peer Support Lounge for victims/survivors of abuse in the Northwich area, providing them with the essential opportunity to create positive relationships with others who have first-hand understanding of the challenges they have faced and continue to face.

These sessions offer people attending the Peer Support Lounge the opportunity to seek individual, confidential guidance, and support. Evidence suggests that accessing specialist support can help intervene early and assist victims in preventing escalation, empowering them to understand their rights, enabling them to identify abuse earlier, and access services such as financial advice and mental health support.

The sessions are 2 hours long, running on a 12-week set programme and facilitated by our Amplified Voice Lead. The first hour is structured and focuses on the five ways to wellbeing: connect, take notice, keep learning, be active and give. The second hour is more relaxed, allowing clients time to enjoy refreshments and the social aspect of peer support.

We currently have Peer Support sessions running in Crewe and Macclesfield and have found it is vital that this service is provided, as attending a peer group with other local survivors can play a key role in helping victims recover from trauma and improve their emotional/mental health and wellbeing.

These valuable sessions cover specific topics designed to inspire and educate, such as writing for wellbeing, managing stress, and recognising signs of economic abuse.

For example, this year we delivered a Valentine's Day session which focused on a "be kind to yourself" initiative to promote self-confidence and emotional well-being. During the session, the group completed a self-love booklet, took part in a positive affirmation task and shared kind words about the other group members. The attendees found this activity very emotional they appreciated reading the nice comments about themselves. Some of them had never heard any positive comments about themselves before and said they felt very empowered and more confident after hearing these kind words.

Our Amplified Voice Lead, who manages and runs the sessions, is always seeking valuable feedback from group members. This includes identifying the topics that would be most beneficial for them, raising awareness on areas they would like to understand better, and finding ways to enhance their self-confidence and overall quality of life. We gauge the relevance of the sessions by actively engaging with and listening to our clients.

My CWA will deliver measurable benefits through this community-based service, such as:

- Improved emotional wellbeing and mental health management of participants.

- Made victims feel seen, heard and safer.
- Provided practical support and advice, including links to other local services.
- Helped people develop support networks.
- Increased local volunteering and engagement.

With the Northwich Town Council grant we plan to add it to our CCF funding to be able to provide our clients attending the sessions with refreshments, also use it to purchase resources and products for educational, fulfilling and creative activities.

Signed on behalf of the applying organisation:	Michaela East
Dated: 22/7/2024	Position: Community Fundraiser

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Organisation's Name: Superbox (Northwich) CIC			
Applicant's Name: Mike Dempsey			
Address: Rudheath Leisure Centre. Shipbrook Road, Rudheath, Northwich, CW9 7DT			
Telephone 07792446372	Mobile	e-mail mjddempsey@gmail.com	
Estimated cost of project:			
Description	Materials	Labour	Total
Safety Equipment Costs	Head guards, gloves	N/a	£500
Sub-total			
TOTAL			£ 500
Details of contributions from other organisations? Local business donation at our open day			£ 620

Total amount of grant applied for	£ 500
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Project Description: Safety Equipment

Please set out what your project aims and objectives are as clearly as possible – you may continue on a separate sheet if necessary

Superbox has now moved into a new premises at Rudheath Academy. We have significantly invested to get the equipment such as bags (£650 each) x 12 and our ring cost £3000 which has left us in a position that we need extra equipment which is used in our beginner's class, ladies only class and to any disadvantaged children who cannot afford their kit. We work in an area where the local kids come from sometimes difficult financial backgrounds in an area with higher deprivation and we need to be able to continue to provide additional safety equipment which has significant cost. We have gone from strength to strength, and we have had a sharp rise in attendees but with the investment so far we do not have enough funds to purchase more equipment.

Benefits to local community:

Taking kids off the street to reduce anti-social behaviour

Chance for children to develop friendship in a safe place

Life skill development from qualified coaches who are all volunteers. Investment in coaching and development of the coaches (Level 1, First Aid, Safeguarding, DBS)

Contribute to the reduction of obesity

To implement a recycle policy for kit to provide to children who cannot afford to purchase equipment and to ensure a paper free environment for sustainability

To create a safe, inclusive and non-judgemental environment to benefit the community as a whole and to help with local authority and initiatives. Especially focused on crime reduction, health agenda and to improve well-being.

To focus on development and education to women and girls to help build confidence and contribute to confidence, self-defence and fitness

To work with the community for children and adults with disabilities and neurological conditions such as ADHD, Autism and other stress related conditions. Safety equipment is incredibly expensive and has to be replaced on an ongoing basis. The support this contribution will make will be significant and will give children the opportunity to realise their ambitions, increase physical activity and in turn create positive outcomes for them in their academic settings.	
Signed on behalf of the applying organisation:	Mike Dempsey
Dated: 10/09/24	Position: Coach & Treasurer

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