

**VOLUNTARY SUPPORT GRANT COMMITTEE held at ZOOM on TUESDAY,  
23 FEBRUARY 2021 at 12.30 pm**

Present: Councillor N Hargreaves  
Councillors C Day and P Lees

Officers in attendance: F Gardiner (Communities Manager), C Gibson (Democratic Services Officer) and S Hayden (Community Development Officer)

*The meeting started at 13.05hrs.*

**VG5 ELECTION OF A CHAIR**

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Hargreaves as Chair.

**VG6 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lodge.

**VG7 VSG APPLICATION - COMMUNITY 360 TRAINING**

At the previous meeting, Members had requested further information in respect of whether the organisation's expenditure during the pandemic had been less than usual. The organisation had satisfactorily explained their position.

Members fully supported the officers' recommendation and noted that the organisation had a proven record.

RESOLVED to grant Community 360 Training £6,000.

**VG8 VSG APPLICATION - SAFFRON HALL TRUST**

Councillor Lodge had previously declared a personal and prejudicial interest as he was a trustee of the organisation. He took no part in the decision-making process and did not attend this meeting.

The Chair said that the case for funding had been well presented and that there was a clear explanation as to why £9,000 funding had been requested.

Members recognised that this organisation was a very professional body, providing a very good service for a wide spectrum of ages, particularly through intergenerational projects.

RESOLVED to grant Saffron Hall Trust £9,000.

**APPLICATIONS BY ORGANISATIONS**

The Chair said that the previous meeting of the Committee had agreed to grant organisations £345,881, subject to the consideration of all valid applications and the overall budget limit. He confirmed that there was £386,200 available to allocate.

He said that approval had previously been given for £7,381 to be provided to Carers First and Members supported the proposal to round that figure up to £7,400.

RESOLVED to grant Carers First £7,400.

The Chair said that, following consideration of all grants, this left a sum of £25,300 available to distribute. He proposed that this remaining sum be allocated by looking at the organisations that had most clearly had extra costs to cover during the pandemic. This view was supported.

Members noted that the Council for Voluntary Services Uttlesford (CVSU) had detailed additional costs directly related to Covid-19 as £71,000 and recognised that the organisation had shown great innovations throughout the pandemic in maintaining communications with the public. A proposal was made to increase the previously agreed sum by 50%.

RESOLVED to grant the Council for Voluntary Services Uttlesford (CVSU) £51,000.

Members noted that approval had previously been given for £40,000 to be provided to Uttlesford Community Travel but that the organisation had sought £48,300. Members noted that the organisation had been lifeblood to many people during the pandemic and particularly recognised that many people were currently using the service to get to vaccination centres.

RESOLVED to grant Uttlesford Community Travel £48,300.

All other grants remained as approved at the meeting held on 15 February 2021 and the final allocation of £386,200 has been detailed in the table below.

The Chair stated that additional funding had been found for this year but there were no guarantees for future years.

Organisation	Project	Amount Requested 2021/22	Allocated 2020/21	Amount Initially Allocated 2021/22	Amount Finally Allocated 2021/22
Council for Voluntary Services Uttlesford (CVSU)	Core funding	£34,000.00	£34,000	£34,000	£51,000
Uttlesford Community Travel	Core funding	£48,300.00	£40,000	£40,000	£48,300
Uttlesford Community Travel	Vehicle replacement	*	*	*	*
St Clare West Essex Hospice Care Trust	Core funding	£5,000.00	£3,000	£5,000	£5,000
Community 360 Training	Core funding	£6,000.00	£6,000	C/F	£6,000
Home-Start Essex	Core funding	£10,500.00	£10,500	£10,500	£10,500
Volunteer Uttlesford	Core funding	£22,000.00	£13,600	£18,000	£18,000
Support 4 Sight	Core funding	£11,650.00	£11,286	£10,000	£10,000
Action for Family Carers	Core funding	£14,077.73	£15,400	£15,000	£15,000
Hearing Help Essex	Core funding	£3,500.00	£2,000	£3,500	£3,500
Uttlesford Citizens Advice	Core funding	£155,000.00	£155,000	£155,000	£155,000
Uttlesford Citizens Advice	Frontline	£5,000.00	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000
Citizens Advice East Herts	Core funding	£11,500.00	£11,500	£11,500	£11,500
Accuro (Care Service)	Core funding	£25,000.00	£10,000	£20,000	£20,000
Uttlesford Buffy Bus Association - Buffy Playbus	Core funding	£5,709.00	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000
Carers First	Core funding	£7,381.00	£6,000	£7,381	£7,400
Saffron Hall Trust	Core funding	£9,000.00	£1,000	C/F	£9,000
Bridge Meadows CIC	Core funding	£5,000.00	Nil	Nil	Nil
Dig-It Community Allotment	Core funding	£6,000.00	Nil	£6,000	£6,000
Saffron Walden Mencap Society	Core funding	£8,000.00	Nil	Nil	Nil

Total                      £392,617.73    £329,286    £345,881    £386,200

\* £17,000 vehicle replacement - from another budget

*Meeting Closed at 13.20hrs.*