

**VOLUNTARY SUPPORT GRANT COMMITTEE held at COUNCIL CHAMBER,
on THURSDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2022 at 5.00 pm**

Present: Councillor P Lees (Chair)
Councillors N Hargreaves, N Reeve and M Sutton.

Officers in attendance: F Gardiner (Community Health and Wellbeing Manager),
C Gibson (Democratic Services Officer), S Hayden (Community
Development Officer) and A Lindsell (Democratic Services
Officer).

1 ELECTION OF A CHAIR

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Lees as Chair.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no apologies for absence.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meetings held on 15 and 23 February 2021 were agreed.

4 VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION SUPPORT GRANT APPLICATIONS

Each application was considered in turn. The Chair confirmed that £310,000 was available for distribution and that this was unfortunately due to budget constraints.

Members unanimously resolved to grant funds to organisations as detailed below:

Organisation	Amount Requested	Allocated 2022/23
Council for Voluntary Services	£55,000.00	£40,000.00
Uttlesford Community Travel	£48,300.00	£35,000.00
St Clare West Essex Hospice Care Trust	£5,000.00	£2,500.00
Home-Start Essex	£12,813.29	£8,000.00
Volunteer Uttlesford	£24,000.00	£15,000.00
Support 4 Sight	£15,346.00	£8,000.00
Action for Family Carers	£16,500.00	£10,000.00
Hearing Help Essex Ltd	£5,700.00	£4,000.00
Uttlesford Citizen Advice	£191,000.00	£150,000.00

Uttlesford Citizen Advice (front line service)	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
Citizens Advice East Herts	£11,500.00	£8,000.00
Accoro (Care Service)	£15,000.00	£10,000.00
Uttlesford Buffy Bus Association	£6,050.00	£4,000.00
Carers FIRST	£9,660.00	£5,000.00
Saffron Hall Trust	£9,000.00	£3,000.00
Dig-It	£5,000.00	£2,500.00
Thaxted Centre for the Disabled	£9,000.00	£0.00
Radwinter Recreation Ground Charity	£3,450.00	£0.00
TOTAL	£447,319.29	£310,000.00

Members made the following additional comments:

- They asked that Volunteer Uttlesford looked to work more collaboratively with the CVSU and UDC in future.
- They asked that Uttlesford Citizen Advice worked with UDC to look for alternative ways to support in future.
- They suggested that Thaxted Centre for the Disabled could approach their Ward Councillors for possible funding from their Initiative Grants as well as possibly the Councillor for Essex CC.
- They considered that it would be a dangerous precedent to allocate funds to Radwinter Recreation Ground Charity and suggested that Radwinter Parish Council be approached.

All bodies were thanked for their submissions and members of the public were encouraged to support these groups moving forward.

Officers were thanked for their contributions.

Meeting Closed 5.20 pm