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Defibrillator Grant to NCYC (minute 51c, 10/10/23)

At the last meeting, a grant of £700 was provided to NCYC to relocate a defibrillator onto an outside wall of the community centre and also to purchase consumables for the internal Civic Hall defibrillator. NCYC's Chief Executive later informed me that she had been approached by a company offering to donate a replacement battery and pads and she therefore requested an alteration of grant award as follows:

- £300 to fit an existing defibrillator on an external wall of NCYC
- £300 to fit an existing defibrillator on an external wall at Neston Civic Hall
- £50-£75 for solar lights to fit above the defibrillators so that they can be easily seen.

I approved the alteration of grant award on the basis that funding for the consumables had been provided on the condition that NCYC committed to locating the Civic Hall defibrillator on an external wall as soon as funds permitted.

Christmas Lights (minute 61, 10/10/23)

Installation of external icicle lights on the back of the Town Hall proved to be prohibitively expensive (£2,745.60 to purchase, install and remove icicle lights for one year and then £1,300.60 for each subsequent year to install and remove the lights at the same location). Following discussion with the Chair, we devised an alternative which involved decorating both the front and back windows of the Town Hall (internally) at a total cost of £220.14+VAT. The majority of the purchases can be used again for Christmas displays in future years. The success of these displays was due in no small part to the creative talents of my colleagues and I would like to thank them for their support.

Allotments

An additional key for the Raby Park Road allotment site was purchased at a cost of £5.95.

End of Grant Accounts

Since the last meeting, three sets of grant accounts have been received and approved under delegated authority:

- Friends of Park Fields - £2,500 for dipping platform
- Neston Community Cybercentre - £2,500 for replacement computer equipment
- Rotary (Wirral & Neston Hub) - £1,235 for Christmas float.

D-Day Commemorations

We are currently arranging to meet with British Legion representatives to discuss options for the 2024 D-Day commemorations.

Audrey Duncan – Community & Environment Manager