

Report NNDC Councillor Vincent Fitzpatrick

I regret that I am unable to attend the meeting of Wells Town Council tonight (01/04/2019) and I would be grateful if you would convey my apologies to the meeting. Please see below for a copy of my report. Could I ask you to present this to the meeting for me?

Thank you for your help.

Kindest regards

Vincent

Big Society Fund: The latest round of Big Society Fund grants have been agreed, with North Norfolk District Council supporting a wide range of groups. Since the Big Society Fund started in 2012, NNDC has awarded around £1,883,000 to 249 community projects in North Norfolk including awards in this round

Grants awarded include:

- Old School Hall, Fulmodeston (£7,000) – towards the updating of the hall lighting and to connect the
- hall to the main sewer system.
- The Copeman Centre, Briston (£4,467.57) – towards the provision of audio / visual facilities.
- Bodham Village Hall (£3,000) – to replace the old expensive electric heaters with more modern energy efficient heaters.
- Walsingham Parish Council (£5,000) – towards a stand for the Stirling Bomber Sculpture, Information Board Lecterns and the Roll of Honour Steel Memorial Wall.

Arts and Culture Fund: North Norfolk District Council has awarded £11,000 from its Arts and Culture Fund to a range of projects from a youth centre, a park, music classes and a Parish Council. The Arts and Culture Fund was launched a year ago and has awarded £28,032 to 19 projects in North Norfolk.

The aim of the fund is to provide vital funding to projects whose activities, services or events will improve the health and wellbeing of the people of North Norfolk through active participation in visual, literary and performing arts.

At the last Arts and Culture Fund Panel meeting, a total of £11,579 was awarded to support the following projects:

- Southrepps Chorale (£729) - To hold a half-day open choral workshop which will be open to both singers and non-singers in the North Norfolk area.
- Cantamus Community Choir (£1,000) - To hold a one-day open choral workshop with a free evening performance. The workshop will be open to both singers and non-singers in the North Norfolk area.
- Holt Youth Centre (£2,000) – To fund a trained expert musician to run music workshops for children and young people once a week during term time.
- The Friends of St Benets Abbey (£1,900) – a contribution to the commissioning of site-specific community theatre based on St Benets' 1000-year history. There will also be outdoor performances in three local villages. Alongside the performances there will be a series of schools' drama and music workshops.
- Friends of North Lodge Park (£500) - To promote and publicise three open air theatre performances: *Midsummer Night's Dream*, *The Importance of Being Earnest* and *King Arthur*.
- The Garage (£1,000) – To work with two primary schools in rural North Norfolk to deliver regular dance activity, targeting 120 pupils. To deliver 1 two-day band club aimed at Year 6 students.

Maryland Industrial Estate: NNDC Officers are taking enforcement action to get the estate tidied up. Unfortunately, rapid results are rare in cases like this.

New Ward boundaries for NNDC: You will remember that The Boundary Commission reviewed Norfolk Norfolk District Council and proposed that NNDC should have 40 members and 32 wards. The new boundaries will be implemented for the elections in May. Locally, Wells will be in the new ward "Wells with Holkham". No prizes for guessing the Parishes in the new ward!

Priory Ward continues in name but with losses and gains to/from other wards, it is could be considered a new ward and I would liked the new ward to have been renamed.

You can see more details on the Boundary Commission website:

<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/eastern/norfolk/north-norfolk#42778>

Elections to WTC: I would like to wish all candidate for election to the Town Council the best of luck on May 2nd.