

Minutes of a meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee of Newbury Town Council held at 19:00 noon on Thursday 26th June 2025 in The Council Offices, Town Hall, Newbury.

Present: Councillors: Phil Barnett, Vera Barnett (sub), Alistair Bounds, Sam Dibas, David Marsh (chairperson), Martha Vickers (sub).

In Attendance: Liz Manship, Responsible Financial Officer

1. Election of Chairperson to the Grants Sub-Committee

Proposed: Councillor Phil Barnett

Seconded: Councillor Alistair Bounds

Resolved: Councillor David Marsh was elected as Chairperson to the Grants Sub-Committee

2. Election of Deputy Chairperson to the Grants Sub-Committee

Proposed: Councillor David Marsh

Seconded: Councillor Phil Barnett

Resolved: Councillor Sam Dibas was elected as Chairperson to the Grants Sub-Committee

3. Apologies for absence

Councillors: Billy Drummond (sub: Councillor Vera Barnett) and Sarah Slack (sub: Councillor Martha Vickers).

4. Declarations of interest and dispensations

- a) Councillors Phil Barnett and David Marsh as Members of West Berkshire Council have a general dispensation to discuss any matters relating to the business of that Council.
- b) Councillor Phil Barnett – Parish Councillor for Greenham Parish Council.
- c) Councillor Sam Dibas – Parish Councillor for Inborne Parish Council, Governor at Newbury College, Trustee at St Bartholomew's School.
- d) Councillor David Marsh – Trustee to Wash Common Library, Trustee to Wash Common Community Association, Parent of a pupil at St Bartholomew's School and Husband to a Governor at St Bartholomew's School.

5. Minutes

Proposed: Councillor Phil Barnett

Seconded: Councillor Sam Dibas

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee held on Monday 10th February 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

6. Grant Aid Criteria

The meeting noted the Grant Aid Criteria.

7. Award of Grant Aid

Having regard to the Council's criteria for awarding grants and the Council's Strategic objectives to support youth, the elderly, the vulnerable and the diverse in communities.

Proposed: Councillor David Marsh

Seconded: Councillor Sam Dibas

Resolved: That the Council makes the following grant awards, payable through The Good Exchange:

TGE Ref	Organisation	Project title	Balance Required	NTC Award	TGE Match Funding	Total Grant Awarded
20419	The Corn Exchange (Newbury) Trust	Old Library Campaign	100,000	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
20759	Newbury Pride	Newbury Pride 2025	3,814.69	500.00	500.00	1,000.00
20772	Time to Talk West Berkshire	Let's Get Mindful Application – Well Being Conference	8,652.00	500.00	500.00	1,000.00
20853	West Berks Foodbank	Hungry Holidays 2025	41,025.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
20879	Life Education Wessex & Thames Valley	Supporting Children's Emotional Health and Well-being across West Berkshire and North Hampshire 2025-26	10,050.00	155.00	155.00	310.00
20838	The Base Greenham	Young Curators - A hands-on opportunity for young people to learn about curation in a professional gallery	2,263.00	500.00	500.00	1,000.00
20930	Nomads Musical Theatre	Sister Act The Musical 2025	37,191.00	500.00	500.00	1,000.00
20934	Newbury Soup Kitchen	Day to day outreach, food and support for people experiencing homelessness or vulnerably housed in West Berkshire 2025-2026	33,485.52	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
20978	Kintbury Tennis Club (admin address)	West Berks Comedy Festival	2,753.00	688.25	688.25	1,376.50
20983	The Base Greenham	Be Curious Family Programme 25/26 "Workshops & Activities to Encourage Learning, Curiosity & Play"	2,035.00	500.00	500.00	1,000.00
20984	Newbury Riding for the Disabled Limited	Crash Helmets and Safety Stirrups	544.75	272.38	272.38	544.76
20995	1st Wash Common Scout Group	Wash Common Community Festival 2025	1,323.00	661.50	661.50	1,323.00
21005	3 rd Newbury Scout Group	Patrol cooking and campsite catering	2,399.02	661.50	661.50	1,323.00
	Total Awarded			7,938.63	7,938.63	15,877.26

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 19:48 pm.

Chairperson:

Date: