

Minutes of a meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee of Newbury Town Council held at 19:30 noon on Tuesday 7th July 2026 in The Council Offices, Town Hall, Newbury.

Present: Councillors: Alistair Bounds (arrived 19:34), Sam Dibas (arrived 19:45), Billy Drummond, David Marsh (chairperson) and Elizabeth O’Keeffe (substitute)

In Attendance: Toby Miles-Mallowan, Chief Executive Officer and Sophie Williams, Apprentice Finance Officer.

01. Apologies for absence

Councillors: Sarah Slack, Phil Barnett

02. Declarations of interest and dispensations

a) General Dispensations

The Council noted that Councillors Billy Drummond and David Marsh, as members of West Berkshire Council, hold a general dispensation permitting them to participate in discussions and vote on matters relating to the business of West Berkshire Council where they would otherwise have a registrable interest.

b) Declarations of Interest

The following non-pecuniary interests were declared in relation to the business on the agenda:

- **Councillor Sam Dibas** declared a personal interest as a Parish Councillor for Enborne Parish Council and as a Trustee of St Bartholomew’s School.
- **Councillor Billy Drummond** declared a personal interest as a Member of The Base, Greenham, and as a Parish Councillor for Greenham Parish Council
- **Councillor David Marsh** declared a personal interest as a Trustee to Wash Common Library, Trustee to Wash Common Community Association, Parent of a pupil at St Bartholomew’s School, Husband to a Governor at St Bartholomew’s School and volunteer with West Berkshire Food Bank
- **Councillor Elizabeth O’Keeffe** declared a personal interest as a Trustee of The Corn Exchange (Newbury) Trust

03. Minutes

Proposed: Councillor David Marsh

Seconded: Councillor Billy Drummond

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee held on Monday 23rd February 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

04. Grant Aid Criteria

The meeting noted the Grant Aid Criteria.

05. 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 Billy Drummond

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 Awarded
21345	Newbury Cricket Club	Newbury Cricket Club - Taking it to the next level	£14,029.00	£500.00	£500.00	£1,000.00
21471	Newbury District Swimming Club	Replacement Wave - Reduction Racing Lane Ropes.	£4,000.00	£500.00	£500.00	£1,000.00
21261	Newbury Friends of Earth	Newbury Nature Corridors 2026/27	£7,380.42	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£2,000.00
21380	Newbury Junior Parkrun	Newbury Junior Parkrun - Community Wellbeing Fund	£4,800.00	£250.00	£250.00	£500.00
21373	The Base Greenham	GENerate 2027 - Student Exhibition Providing Young People with Opportunities to be Involved with a Professional Gallery.	£12,213.00	£300.00	£300.00	£600.00
21453	The Corn Exchange (Newbury) Trust	Panto Pay It Forward	£10,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£2,000.00
				£3,550.00	£3,550.00	£7,100.00

06. Review of current grant aid

The Committee resolved to publicise Newbury Town Councils available budget for grants and grants awarded. As well as investigating how Newbury Town Council can encourage smaller organisations to apply for grant aid.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 20:51pm.

Chairperson:

Date: