

Minutes of a meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee of Newbury Town Council held at 19:00 noon on Monday 17th November 2025 in The Council Offices, Town Hall, Newbury.

Present: Councillors: Alistair Bounds, Sam Dibas, Billy Drummond, David Marsh (chairperson), Phil Barnett.

In Attendance: Liz Manship, Responsible Financial Officer

08. Apologies for absence

Councillors: Sarah Slack

09. Declarations of interest and dispensations

- a) Councillors Phil Barnett, Billy Drummond 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 Billy Drummond – Member of The Base, Greenham and Parish Councillor for Greenham Parish Council.
- e) 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.

10. Minutes

Proposed: Councillor Billy Drummond

Seconded: Councillor Alistair Bounds

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee held 26th June 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

11. Grants Awarded

The meeting noted the Grants Awarded since Financial Year 2023/24

12. Notifications of Thanks

The meeting noted the Notifications of Thanks received for grants awarded since the previous meeting.

13. Grant Aid Criteria

The meeting noted the Grant Aid Criteria.

14. 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, and having considered the information provided on The Good Exchange and by organisations seeking grant funding support.

Proposed: Councillor Sam Dibas
Seconded: Councillor Alistair Bounds

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

TGE Ref	Organisation name	Project title	Balance Required	NTC Award	TGE Match Funding	Total Grant Awarded
21014	1st Newbury Scout Group	Improving acoustics	2,841.58	500	500	1,000
21123	Assisting Berkshire Children to read	Improving Literacy for Children in West Berkshire 2025/26	4,257.00	500	500	1,000
20805	Eight Bells for Mental Health	Day to Day Running Costs for Mental Health Support Service 2025-26	61,720.54	500	500	1,000
21160	Loose Ends Newbury	INCREASED DIRECT SHOPPING COSTS	6,830.00	1,000	1,000	2,000
20934	Newbury Soup Kitchen	Newbury Soup Kitchen: Day to day outreach, food and support for people experiencing homelessness or vulnerably housed in West Berkshire 2025-2026	25,535.52	500	500	1,000
21007	Newbury Weekly News	Newbury Weekly News Over 80s Parcel Fund 2025	16,818.50	1,000	1,000	2,000
20980	Sport in Mind	Improving mental wellbeing through Sport and Physical Activity- Newbury	8,336.00	500	500	1,000
21147	Swings & Smiles	Respite Care for Families with Disabled Children	51,625.00	1,000	1,000	2,000
21109	The Corn Exchange (Newbury) Trust	Singing for Recovery 2025-2026	4,586.00	250	250	500
21139	Volunteer Centre West Berkshire	V365 Volunteer Recruitment Fair 2026	1,959.09	250	250	500
21013	West Berks Action for Refugees	Refugee and Asylum Seeker Caseworker for 2025/26	13,140.00	500	500	1,000
21092	West Berks Foodbank	12 Days of Christmas - Christmas Dinner for everyone	4,725.80	1,000	1,000	2,000
20803	Young People and Children First (YPACF)	Providing hope, a home and a future for Care Leavers and Homeless aged 16-25	21,080.00	500	500	1,000
				8,000	8,000	16,000

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

Chairperson:

Date: