

1st March 2023.

To: Councillors Martin Colston, Billy Drummond, Olivia Lewis, David Marsh, Gary Norman, and Martha Vickers.

Substitutes: Councillors Jon Gage, Stuart Gourley, Stephen Masters, and Andy Moore

Also: All Members for information

Dear Councillor

You are required to attend a meeting of the **Grants Sub-Committee** to be held at **4.00 pm on Tuesday 7th March in the Elsie Kimber Room, Town Hall, Newbury.**

The meeting is open to the press and public.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh Peacocke
Chief Executive Officer

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Declarations of interest and dispensations**
To receive any declarations of interest relating to business to be conducted in this meeting and confirmation of any relevant dispensations.
- 3. Minutes (Appendix 1)**
To formally approve the minutes of a meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee held on 21 November 2022
- 4. Questions and petitions from members of the public**
- 5. Members' questions and petitions**

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6. Award of Grant Aid

6.1 To consider the list of applications for Grant Aid from projects registered on The Good Exchange (**Appendix 3**) * from 12 November 2022 that fulfil the Council's Grant Criteria (**Appendix 2**)

6.2 To consider the recommendations from the Climate Emergency Working Group in relation to the Council's provision of grants for Climate Change projects (**Appendix 4**)

6.4 To resolve to award Grant Aid to the successful applications in line with the Council's criteria for Grant Aid.

(* for further information on any project listed on Appendix 3, please go to www.thegoodexchange.com and enter the Application ID. in the search box)

Minutes of a meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee of Newbury Town Council held at 7.30 pm on Monday 21 November 2022 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Newbury.

Present: Councillors Gary Norman, Chairman; Martin Colston, Billy Drummond, and David Marsh

In Attendance: Hugh Peacocke, Chief Executive Officer

7. Apologies for absence

Councillor Martha Vickers

8. Declarations of interest and dispensations

The Chief Executive Officer declared that Councillors Billy Drummond and David Marsh are members of West Berkshire Council and that they have a general dispensation to discuss any matters relating to the business of that Council.

Councillor Billy Drummond declared an interest as a Director of Greenham Business Park and a member of the Greenham Trust Distribution Committee.

9. Minutes

Proposed: Councillor Billy Drummond

Seconded: Councillor Martin Colston

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee held on 30 June 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

10. Questions and petitions from members of the public

There were none.

11. Members' questions and petitions

There were none.

12. Award of Grant Aid

Members noted that the Council had £14,560 in this year's budget for grants towards projects registered on the Good Exchange.

The subcommittee reviewed the Council's criteria for awarding grants and then considered the applications registered on the Good Exchange.

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 Martin Colston

Seconded: Councillor Billy Drummond

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

Project no.	Name of Organiser	Award
19725	West Berkshire Homeless	£2,000
19748	Volunteer Centre West Berkshire	£ 652.50
19727	Newbury weekly News over 80's parcel fund	£2,000
19669	Interakt Community	£2,000
19504	Dingley's Promise	£2,000
19511	Educafe CIC	£3,407.50
19427	The Community Youth Project	£2,500
	Total	£14,560

13. Climate Emergency Grant

The subcommittee received a recommendation from The Climate Emergency Grant that a grant of £10,000 should be paid towards solar panels on the roof of the Newbury Cricket Club for a project in conjunction with Loose Ends. The total cost of the project is estimated at £20,000.

The Working Group recommended that the grant should be made subject to the following conditions:

- To approve a Grant funding of £10,000 subject to confirmation of the length of Tenure on the site, (min 20 years) on the agreement by the joint Management Committee
- for the building to accept the Grant as a Carbon Offset contribution by NTC in exchange for a 50% stake in the carbon reduction generated by this project in favour of NTC.
- This Offset arrangement is to be agreed and documented in a formal Deed.

Proposed: Councillor Martin Colston

Seconded: Councillor Billy Drummond

Resolved: That the Council awards a climate emergency grant of £10,000 to Loose Ends at Newbury Cricket Club subject to the conditions recommended by the Climate Emergency Working Group.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 8.08 pm.

Chairperson:

Date:

NEWBURY TOWN COUNCIL

CRITERIA FOR GRANT AID

Priority will be given to organisations which:

- Are based within the boundary of Newbury Town Council or which serve wholly or mainly the residents of Newbury.
- Would give benefit to the greatest number and range of Newbury town residents.
- Provide a benefit for the wider community beyond progressing the interest of its members.
- Have made an effort to raise funds themselves and are not reliant on donations to fund the total project
- Show a commitment to sustainability.
- Show a commitment to equality and diversity

In addition

- Grants will not be awarded to bodies for activities which are statutorily funded.
- Priority will be given to those organisations whose objectives meet the priorities and targets laid down in the Council's Strategy.
- Preference will be given to organisations seeking capital or one-off funding, rather than ongoing revenue support

CRITERIA FOR SHORT-LISTING

- Application to the Good Exchange is complete and all required documentation received by the deadline
- Application assessed against the above criteria.
- Short-listed applicants **MAY BE** invited to attend the scheduled Grant Sub-Committee meeting to make a short presentation and answer questions from Members of the Grant Sub-Committee.

Newbury Town Council**Public Report****To:** Grants Subcommittee**Date of meeting:** 1st March 2023**Agenda item No. 6: Award of Grant Aid****Decision Required:**

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Background/ Introduction

The Council allocated £24,500 to the Grants Subcommittee in the total grants and Contributions provision in this year's budget. The Grants subcommittee has already met twice during the course of this financial year and approved the following grant payments:

30th June 2022:

Project no.	Name of Organiser	Award
19628	Newbury Family Counselling Service	£1000
19630	Friends of Castle School	£1000
19568	Newbury Soup Kitchen	£1000
19410	The Newbury Community Resource Centre	£1000
19565	West Berkshire Homeless (Newbury Area)	£1000
19522	Time to Talk West Berkshire	£1000
19481	Newbury Community Apple Day	£170
19434	Newbury Riding for the Disabled	£1000
19422	Home-Start West Berkshire	£1000
19309	Friends of Wash Common Library	£270
19346	Young People and Children First	£1000
19289	Daisy's Dream	£1000
	TOTAL	£10,440

21st November 2022:

Project no.	Name of Organiser	Award
19725	West Berkshire Homeless	£2,000
19748	Volunteer Centre West Berkshire	£ 652.50
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The total grants paid via The Good Exchange from the 2 above meetings was £25,000. However, the following amounts have been credited against the allocation to the Grants Subcommittee:

- Project No. 19748: Volunteer Centre: £500 provided in other grants and contributions
- Project No. 19727: Over 80's parcel Fund: 2,000 Grant but the project had already reached its target on the Good Exchange and was credited back to the Council.
- Project No. 19427: the community youth Project: £2,500 provided in other grants and contributions

Total credits arising above: £5,000.

The Good Exchange have advised that there is a balance of £4,378.52 left in matching funds for the Council this year.

Issues arising/ Options considered.

A. To make grants awards via The Good Exchange to the total amount that will attract match funding (£4,378.52) or to the total of £5,000 (See appendix 3).

B. Not to make any grants and the £5,000 will be added to the Council's reserves (the match funding would be lost).

C. To award £1,000 towards project no. 19741 (Mencap, Rain Water collection and re-use) as recommended by the climate Emergency Working Group (see Appendix 4) and the balance towards the projects listed on Appendix 3.

Considerations:

1. Reference to Council Strategy 2019-2024

The criteria for Grant Aid (see appendix 2) include the following:

Priority will be given to those organisations whose objectives meet the priorities and targets laid down in the Council's Strategy.

- 2. Legal:** The council has the Authority to grant aid other bodies using the General Power of Competence.
- 3. Financial:** See above. Provision included in this year's budget.
- 4. Climate/ Environmental issues**
These will be addressed by the Subcommittee, in accordance with the aims and objectives in the Council's Strategy.
- 5. Crime and Disorder:** No implications.
- 6. Risk assessment:** Due diligence checks and financial assessments carried out by The Good exchange.
- 7. Equality and Diversity:** The Council will consider all applications on their merits and in accordance with the criteria for grant aid.
- 8. Consultation:** See attached recommendation from the Council's Climate Emergency Working Group (Appendix 4.)

Conclusion/ Recommendation

Having regard to the available funding, to award grants in accordance with the Council's Criteria for Grant Aid.

Report Author: Hugh Peacocke (CEO)

Date: 24 February 2023.

APPENDIX 3.

Application ID	Organisation name	Project title	Date Submitted	Total cost of project	Amount raised outside TGE	Amount sought	Amount raised through TGE	Amount granted	Amount donated	Gift Aid amount	Match Funding to date	Balance
19927	Fair Close Centre	Urgent Help: Rising Gas & Electricity Costs	13/02/2023	5000	0	5000	0	0	0	0	0	5000
19905	Berkshire Youth	Community Larder and Warm Space at Waterside (Cost of Living Funding Request)	09/02/2023	3940	0	3940	0	0	0	0	0	3940
19862	Newbury Pride	Newbury Pride 2023	09/02/2023	66905.2	3500	63405.2	0	0	0	0	0	63405.2
19895	Fair Close Centre	Radiator upgrade/ energy efficiency plan	29/01/2023	7800.47	0	7800.47	3000	3000	0	0	0	4800.47
19886	The Corn Exchange (Newbury) Trust	Wildlife Photographer of the Year 58 Exhibition - Workshops for Schools	17/01/2023	3792	0	3792	1000	1000	0	0	0	2792

19831	Home-Start West Berkshire	Maternal Mental Health Service 2022- 2023	08/12/2022	54550.76	0	54550.76	8136.32	5000	1561.91	12.5	1561.91	46414.44
19814	Home-Start West Berkshire	Home-Start West Berkshire Baby Bank 2022- 2023	23/11/2022	16873.56	0	16873.56	6787.5	5500	355	77.5	355	10086.06
19812	Community Youth Project	CYP - Equipment replacement	22/11/2022	1938.78	0	1938.78	1000	0	0	0	0	938.78

Climate Emergency WG, 9 Nov. 2022- Recommendation to Grants Committee

1. The West Berkshire Mencap Centre, Enborne Gate, Newbury RG14 6AT.

- Recommendation: That a Grant of £1,000 be provide via the Good Exchange in support of this project subject to annual feedback from Mencap on the water savings made by the project.

Over the last year we have been working on re-siting and re-developing our horticultural training and social inclusion project. Moving the project from a remote site several miles away to the field adjacent to the Mencap Centre. Providing a more inclusive, vibrant and accessible project for our members. We have raised funds and engaged some pro bono support and the ground works, poly tunnels, raised flower beds and some of the outside structures are now in place. We want to install a simple but effective rain harvesting system. Robust guttering, water collection and distribution points across the site. At present we use mains water for our horticultural programme. The rain harvesting system will reduce this use by 60%.

This is a saving in energy and water filtration wider than the centre itself. A reduction in the use of mains water means less water will need to be artificially drawn from the environment, a supply that is better used for drinking etc.

West Berkshire Mencap will see a reduction in their mains water usage and cost. We can measure the impact for us in 'days' e.g., how many days we have replaced using mains water for the project with rainwater we have captured. We will provide reports to the Climate Change Working Group.

Applied for Grant aid: £5,000

We have a programme of applications to trusts and foundations who have already funded some of this work. The project was successful on the Good Exchange last year in raising funds for equipment and resources.

The project hit delays through Covid 19 and supply chain issues. Over this year we have made good progress with the all the ground works and foundations for outside structures in place. The building company, Verogen, are providing their services free of charge and as the outside structures are now taking shape, we have been able to look in more detail at how and where we can be environmentally more effective. The rain harvesting is a relatively simple but important action which has an impact far wider than just the project itself. Saving both water and energy needed for the local community. We were unable to install such a system at our 'old' site as there were no external structures belonging to us

CCWG Recommendation September 22: If you could just Clarify, Members will I am sure be happy to support this project with some form of funding.

I believe Members would be able to **Grant up to £1,000 initially** and more should this be needed at some stage in the future.

The second question asked is on a further application through the Good Exchange for the new project, this would boost your funding at there may be provision for the Good Exchange to double any award by this Council.

Members suggest this be considered & investigated.

Footnote 1: - Recommendation that should the current Grant pot be exhausted, the Grants sub committee should petition Policy & Resources Committee to release additional funds from Reserves to facilitate these awards.

Footnote 2: This project is now registered on The Good Exchange, Project ID no. 19741 and the Council's grant could attract match funding.

Updated 23 February 2023.