

Minutes of a meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee of Newbury Town Council held, at 19:00 noon on Monday 23rd February 2026 in The Council Offices, Town Hall, Newbury.

Present: Councillors: Phil Barnett, Vera Barnett (Sub for Billy Drummond) Alistair Bounds, Sam Dibas, David Marsh (chairperson), Sarah Slack.

In Attendance: Liz Manship, Responsible Financial Officer
Sophie Williams, Apprentice Finance Officer

15. Apologies for absence

Councillors: Billy Drummond

16. 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 Enborne Parish Council, Trustee at St Bartholomew’s School and West Berkshire Muslim Centre.
- 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, Husband to a Governor at St Bartholomew’s School, and a volunteer at West Berkshire Food Bank.
- f) Councillor Sarah Slack- Trustee of Citizens Advice, West Berkshire, informal support to Mencap and wife to a Street Pastor.

17. Minutes

Proposed: Councillor Sam Dibas

Seconded: Councillor Alistair Bounds

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee held 17th November 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

18. Grants Awarded

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

The meeting noted that the award of £500 on 17th November 2025 to the 1st Newbury Scout Group was not required as they had met their target.

19. Grant awarded to West Berks Food Bank

Proposed: Councillor Sam Dibas

Seconded: Councillor Alistair Bounds

Resolved: The Council ratified that the grant of £1,000 awarded to West Berks Food Bank on 17th November 2025, against project 20853, Hungry Holidays 2025, be extended to include Hungry Holidays 2026.

20. Grant Aid Criteria

The meeting noted the Grant Aid Criteria.

21. 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 David Marsh

Seconded: Councillor Sam Dibas

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

TGE Ref	Organisation name	Project title	Balance	NTC Agreed	TGE Match	Total Grant Awarded
21213	Berkshire MS Therapy Centre	Specialist Exercise for people with MS living in West Berkshire and North Hants 2026	£47,397.00	£250.00	£250.00	£500.00
21211	City Arts Newbury	Supporting Young Carers Through Creative Arts	£780.00	£390.00	£390.00	£780.00
21180	Dingley's Promise (Dingley Family and Specialist Early Years Centres)	Breaking the Cycle: Supporting Transitions	£5,592.92	£500.00	£500.00	£1,000.00
20946	Educafe CIC	Supporting Educafe's Volunteer Infrastructure and Activities 1 Year Project	£15,055.00	£750.00	£750.00	£1,500.00
21190	Education Business Partnership West Berkshire	Destinations Expo 2026	£25,265.00	£250.00	£250.00	£500.00
21175	Falkland Cricket Club - Newbury	Disability Cricket at Falkland Cricket Club	£5,660.00	£671.37	£671.37	£1,342.74
21236	Greenham Trust	The Chris Boulton Memorial Fund	£18,391.25	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£2,000.00
21006	Home-Start West Berkshire	Healthy Families Group	£3,177.74	£500.00	£500.00	£1,000.00
20909	Newbury Riding for the Disabled Limited	Pony Maintenance and Well Being	£18,000.00	£250.00	£250.00	£500.00
21205	Newbury Street Pastors	2026 Administrator Salary	£3,020.00	£500.00	£500.00	£1,000.00
21116	NEWT	Northcroft Meadows Nature Reserve	£29,171.34	£500.00	£500.00	£1,000.00
20922	Parkinson's UK, Newbury	Making the Difference - Specialist Gym Exercises for people with Parkinson's. 2025	£5,877.20	£500.00	£500.00	£1,000.00
21113	Rank in File Theatre	Community Wellbeing Fund - Acting for Belonging	£0.00	£500.00	£500.00	£1,000.00
21027	The Newbury Community Resource Centre Limited	Training and Community Support Project - Volunteer Minibus	£14,500.00	£750.00	£750.00	£1,500.00
21169	Volunteer Centre West Berkshire	Laptops for VCWB	£2,850.00	£750.00	£750.00	£1,500.00
21240	West Berkshire Muslim Centre	WBMC Ramadan Iftar Events, Children's Competition, Eid Al-Fitr and Eid Al-Adha Celebrations 2026	£8,412.50	£500.00	£500.00	£1,000.00
20971	West Berkshire Therapy Centre	Replacements, Servicing and Repairs 2025 - 2026	£17,138.77	£500.00	£500.00	£1,000.00
				£9,061.37	£9,061.37	£18,122.74

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 20:08 pm.

Chairperson:

Date: