

15 November 2022.

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 **7.30 pm on Monday 21 November in the Council Chamber, 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 30 June 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 20 June 2022 to 11 November 2022 that fulfil the Council's Grant Criteria (**Appendix 2**)

6.2 To consider if some, or all the Council's contribution to the Community Youth Project should be paid through The Good Exchange

6.3 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)

APPENDIX 1.

Minutes of a meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee of Newbury Town Council held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 30 June 2022 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Newbury.

Present: Councillors Gary Norman, Chairman; Martin Colston, Billy Drummond, and Martha Vickers

In Attendance: Elisa Mullen, Civic Manager

1. Apologies for absence

Councillor David Marsh & Olivia Lewis

2. Declarations of interest and dispensations

The Civic Manager declared that Councillors Billy Drummond and Martha Vickers 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.

Councillor Gary Norman declared an interest as Chair of Trustees for Eight Bells for Mental Health.

3. Minutes

Proposed: Councillor Martin Colston

Seconded: Councillor Billy Drummond

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee held on 7 February 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

4. Questions and petitions from members of the public

There were none.

5. Members' questions and petitions

There were none.

6. Award of Grant Aid

Members noted that the Council had £24,500 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
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

The following points were also made:

- While the majority of projects on the list were requesting core funding rather than for projects, Members felt that they should still support those that align with the objectives and priorities of the Council.
- The Mayor's Charities this year of Newbury Speakability and Eight Bells for Mental Health
- Suggest to the Climate Change working group that they might consider project ref no. 19523 for grant aid (Fair Close Day Centre), following further consultation about the project.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 8.10 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.

APPENDIX 3.

Application ID	Organisation name	Project title	Date Submitted	Date of Expiry	Total cost of project	Amount sought	Balance
19756	Citizens Advice West Berkshire	Cost of Living Crisis Support	07/11/2022	15/11/2022	£12,618	£12,618	£12,618
19777	Newbury Rugby Football Club Ltd	Ongoing Pitch Maintenance 2022-23 Season	24/10/2022	31/10/2023	£3,298	£3,298	£3,298
19725	West Berkshire Homeless (Newbury Area)	Essential Utility Support for those on the Poverty Line and Emergency Overnight Winter Accommodation	13/10/2022	14/09/2023	£22,096	£22,096	£15,890
19743	Loose Ends Newbury	Supporting Homeless and Vulnerable People - Operating Costs 2022-23	06/10/2022	18/10/2023	£26,390	£17,455	£10,332
19749	Education Business Partnership West Berkshire	Developing Life Skills 2022/2023	29/09/2022	10/10/2023	£11,945	£11,945	£5,945
19748	Volunteer Centre West Berkshire	V365 2023	29/09/2022	10/10/2023	£2,305	£2,305	£1,305
19736	Falkland Cricket Club - Newbury	Falkland CC - Second Ground Equipment	24/09/2022	27/09/2023	£8,508	£8,508	£3,868
19728	Greenham Trust	West Berkshire Emergency Cost of Living Crisis Appeal	08/09/2022	08/09/2023	£200,000	£200,000	£131,453
19727	Newbury Weekly News	Newbury Weekly News Over 80s Parcel Fund 2022	08/09/2022	14/09/2023	£18,000	£13,000	£6,172
19686	West Berkshire Council (Applicant)	Dolly Parton's Imagination Library - Gifting books to children under 5 in West Berkshire, prioritising vulnerable families 2022	29/07/2022	01/08/2023	£30,000	£30,000	£18,250
19681	Berkshire Maestros	West Berks Youth Music Projects 2022 - 2023	26/07/2022	29/07/2023	£22,267	£17,812	£14,812

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19694	Education Business Partnership West Berkshire	Rebuilding Young People post-COVID. Primary School Wellbeing Warriors	25/07/2022	29/07/2023	£17,205	£17,205	£5,205
19669	Interakt Community	A performance of Twelfth Night (not quite) by adults with learning disabilities	20/07/2022	29/07/2023	£8,388	£8,388	£6,006
19602	Greenham Control Tower Ltd	Greenham Control Tower - Funding for support of the salary of the Community Heritage Venue Manager	19/07/2022	31/05/2023	£30,000	£30,000	£20,000
19504	Dingley's Promise (Dingley Family and Specialist Early Years Centres)	A new home for Dingley's Promise: supporting more children and families in West Berkshire	15/07/2022	01/03/2023	£36,971	£36,971	£6,593
19451	Berkshire MS Therapy Centre	Extending exercise support for people with MS and awareness Oct 2022 - Sept 23	15/07/2022	24/03/2023	£45,945	£34,345	£29,345
19655	The Watermill Theatre	A creative programme for 1400 young children, inspired by live theatre and interactive workshops in 2023/4.	14/07/2022	25/07/2023	£32,282	£32,282	£32,282
19511	Educafe CIC	EDUCAFE JOURNEY 2022-2023	12/07/2022	14/07/2023	£35,000	£35,000	£35,000
19631	The Butterfly Community Caf� C.I.C	Costs related to training students with severe learning disabilities on our coffee van	24/06/2022	01/07/2022	£15,479	£13,150	£6,385
19646	Newbury and District Agricultural Society	Education Programme	24/06/2022	30/06/2023	£135,261	£84,538	£82,053
19651	The Corn Exchange (Newbury) Trust	Messy Stories 2022-2023; supporting young children and vulnerable families in rural West Berkshire locations	23/06/2022	28/06/2023	£4,460	£4,460	£2,260
18961	St Mary's Church Shaw cum Donnington	Surviving to Thriving: A two-year project of wellbeing activities to reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation.	13/07/2021	14/07/2022	£9,735	£9,735	£4,598

**Climate Change WG – New Grants to recommend to Grants Committee
November 2022**

1. Ian Nichol (Treasurer, Loose Ends) and John O'Sullivan (Chari, Newbury Cricket Club)
Newbury Cricket Club, Northcroft Lane, Newbury RG14 1RS

CCWG – 9th Nov 2022 - Recommendation:

- **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.**

Loose Ends and Newbury Cricket Club would like to install solar panels on the south-facing roof of the building to generate electricity which will be used to power and heat the building all year round. The projected energy generated will be 14.5kWh / year which is the equivalent 6.8 tonnes CO2 and will clearly save both organisations significant energy costs going forwards. NTC strategy is to reach net neutrality on CO2 by 2030 and to provide Carbon Grants to local organisations to help them reduce their CO2 footprint which can then be used to offset any remaining NTC CO2. This project fits the bill perfectly.

Annual statements will be provided showing the actual energy generated from the PV panels and corresponding CO2 emissions saved.

Applied for Grant Aid: £10,000

Cllrs Martha Vickers and Andy Moore will be putting their additional Members' bids, combined total of £6,000, towards this project.

We have been working with Cllr Martin Colston to assess options and ensure the project fits the requirements of the NTC grants and the Members' Bids.

Loose Ends supports some of the most vulnerable in Newbury and consumes the bulk of the energy needed in the building as it occupies it during the day and early evening most days. Part of the NTC strategy is to 'provide focused support for young people, the elderly, minorities and the vulnerable' and this Carbon Grant will also deliver against this.

2. The Corn Exchange (Newbury) Trust, Market Place, Newbury, RG14 5BD

CCWG – 9th Nov 2022- Recommendation: to confirm that NTC would be willing to consider a Grant for a sum up to £1,000 subject to confirmation of the project being otherwise fully funded and the facility for charging be available for general public use out of operating hours of the Corn Exchange

The Corn Exchange Newbury wishes to install two electric vehicle charging points in its dedicated staff car park at the rear of the Corn Exchange building. The transport industry is the highest-emitting sector of the UK economy, accounting for 22% of total UK greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (Climate Change Committee, 2020) and electric vehicles will help reduce CO2 emissions. Installing EV charge points will help us reach our sustainability goals, demonstrate our environmental

commitment and shrink employee carbon footprints. The primary use of the charge points will be for staff and supplier use, but we would also anticipate allowing local residents and visitors to the Newbury town centre to use the charge points outside of office hours when they will not typically be used by our staff. We would like to install two Ropec SecuriCharge EV OpenCharge 22KW units at a cost of £1,377 each. In addition, we have a quote for installation costs of £975 making the total cost for the project to be £3,729.

The Corn Exchange will monitor, and record usage data and we will pass this usage data (in an anonymised form) on to our funders at agreed intervals.

Any contribution from Newbury Town Council would be greatly appreciated. A grant of £1,000 from NTC would be a fabulous start, or alternatively a pledge of matched funding from NTC would provide a great incentive to other potential funders.

Applied for Grant: £1,000

We have looked into the Government's Workplace Charging Scheme (WCS) which provides eligible applicants with support towards the up-front costs of the purchase and installation of electric vehicle (EV) charge points of up to £340 per socket, but unfortunately it appears we are not eligible due to our Arts Council funding. Fortunately, we have strong relationships with many local trusts and foundations, and local businesses, and will approach these as well as make applications to other green funding streams such as NTC's Climate Emergency - Grant Aid.

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.

3. 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

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Footnote - 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.

Updated 9th November 2022