

Minutes of a meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee of Newbury Town Council held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 29 June 2023 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Newbury.

Present: Councillors Chris Hood, Sam Dibas, Phil Barnett, Sarah Slack, Alistair Bounds and David Marsh

In Attendance: Hugh Peacocke, Chief Executive Officer

1. Apologies for absence

Councillor Billy Drummond (Councillor Alistair Bounds, substitute)

2. Declarations of interest and dispensations

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

Councillor Sarah Slack declared that she is a trustee with Citizens' Advice, West Berkshire.

Councillor David Marsh declared that his son is a member of Wash Common Scouts and that he is involved with Wash Common Community Library.

Councillor Sam Dibas declared that he is also a member of Enborne Parish Council.

3. Election of Chairperson

The CEO invited nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Grants Subcommittee

Councillor David Marsh was proposed for the position of Chairperson.

There were no other nominations for the position.

Proposed: Councillor Sarah Slack

Seconded: Councillor Phil Barnett

Resolved: That Councillor David Marsh be appointed Chairperson.

4. Election of Deputy Chairperson

The Chairman invited nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Grants Subcommittee

Councillor Sam Dibas was proposed for the position of Deputy Chairperson.

There were no other nominations for the position.

Proposed: Councillor Alistair Bounds

Seconded: Councillor Chris Hood

Resolved: That Councillor Sam Dibas be appointed Deputy Chairperson.

5. Minutes

Proposed: Councillor David Marsh

Seconded: Councillor Sarah Slack

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee held on 7th March 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

6. Terms of Reference for the Grants Subcommittee.

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7. Grant Aid Criteria

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8. Match Funding Agreement 2023-24

The meeting noted that this year's Agreement with The Good Exchange provides for match funding up to £25,000.

9. Authorising Payments

The Subcommittee noted the revised terms and conditions for match funding from The Good Exchange. This included a requirement that Council officers be authorised to make payments of grant aid via The Good Exchange.

Proposed: Councillor David Marsh

Seconded: Councillor Sam Dibas

Resolved: That Hugh Peacocke, CEO, Liz Manship (incoming RFO) and Margaret Gore, Senior Accounts Officer, be authorised to make payments of grant aid from the Council via The Good Exchange.

10. 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.

The meeting recommended that project number 19986: Kimbers Almshouses: Replacing roofing felt on Kimbers Almshouses plus PV installation, be referred to the Climate Emergency Working group for consideration.

Proposed: Councillor David Marsh

Seconded: Councillor Sarah Slack

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

Project No.	Name of Organiser	Project	Balance required	NTC Award	Match Funding (The Good Exchange)	Total value
20093	Eight Bells for Mental Health	Gardening for Mental Wellbeing	1,800	900	900	1,800
20092	Fair Close Centre (Age Concern, Newbury & District)	Men's Shed Woodwork Classes	4783	1,250	1,250	2,500
20065	Newbury Community Apple Day	Newbury Community Apple Day 2023	468	235	233	468
20036	West Berkshire Homeless (Newbury Area)	Changing Lives	13,325	1,000	1,000	2,000
19904	Newbury Friends of the Earth	Lockdown Woods 2023 - 24	565	300	265	565
19913	Dingley's Promise (Dingley Family and Specialist Early Years Centres)	Supporting Communication of Early Years children with SEND	2,252	1,000	1,000	2,000
19908	All Yours Period Box C.I.C	West Berkshire Period Boxes	4,279	1,000	1,000	2,000
19846	City Arts Newbury	Essential upgrade + work to enable year-round+ multi-purpose community usage	19,915	900	900	1,800
19819	St John and St Nicolas Federation of Schools	Creative therapies for children impacted by significant trauma	2,460	1,230	1,230	2,460
20021	Berkshire youth	Defibs supply and training	1,908	950	950	1,900
				£8,765	£8,728	£17,493

The date of the next meeting of the Subcommittee was fixed for 19 October 2023

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Chairperson:

Date: