

Minutes of a meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee of Newbury Town Council held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 19 October 2023 in the Elsie Kimber Room, Town Hall, Newbury.

Present: Councillors Alistair Bounds, Sam Dibas, Billy Drummond, Chris Hood and David Marsh (chairperson)

In Attendance: Liz Manship, Responsible Financial Officer

1. Apologies for absence

Councillor Phil Barnett and Councillor Sarah Slack (Councillor Alistair Bounds, substitute)

2. Declarations of interest and dispensations

- a) Councillor David Marsh and Councillor Billy Drummond are Members of West Berkshire Council and have a general dispensation to discuss any matters relating to the business of that Council.
- b) Councillor Sam Dibas – Governor at Newbury College
- c) Councillor Billy Drummond – Foundation Governor at St Bartholomew’s School.
- d) Councillor David Marsh – Trustee to Wash Common Library, Chair of Governors at John Rankin School, Parent of a pupil at St Bartholomew’s School and Husband to a Governor at St Bartholomew’s School.

3. Minutes

Proposed: Councillor Sam Dibas

Seconded: Councillor Chris Hood

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee held on 29th June 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

4. Grant Aid Criteria

The meeting noted the Grant Aid Criteria.

5. Financial Regulations

The meeting noted that the Financial Regulations, approved 16 October 2023, enables the Grants Sub Committee to resolve grants up to £10,000.

6. 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.

7. Suspension of Standing Orders

The suspension of Standing Orders was **Approved**, for the purpose of hearing a member of the public speak on a grant application.

Proposed: Councillor David Marsh

Seconded: Councillor Billy Drummond

8. Application 20219 - John Rankin Schools Federation – Newbury - School Ponds for Learning 2023-2024

A member of the public spoke to the above application, advising Members of its background and its context within a long-term project. The information was noted.

The member of the public left the meeting.

9. 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. Councillor David Marsh abstained from proposing an amount or voting on application 20219.

Proposed: Councillor David Marsh

Seconded: Councillor Sarah Slack

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

Application ID	Organisation name	Project title	Balance Required	NTC Award	Matched Funding (The Good Exchange)	Total Value
19821	Newbury Weekly News	Newbury Weekly News Over 80s Parcel Fund 2023	£13,986.54	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£2,000.00
19949	Parkinson's UK, Newbury	Making the Difference - Beneficial Exercises for People Living with Parkinson's	£1,479.08	£739.54	£739.54	£1,479.08
19953	Nomads Musical Theatre	Shrek The Musical 2023	£28,976.63	£250.00	£250.00	£500.00
20012	Dingley's Promise (Dingley Family and Specialist Early Years Centres)	Outdoor trips and experiences for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities	£3,103.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£2,000.00
20095	The Corn Exchange (Newbury) Trust	Youth Theatre - Bursary Places	£150.00	£75.00	£75.00	£150.00
20108	Speen Community Cafe	Community Connections in Speen	£3,034.87	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£2,000.00
20135	West Berks Action for Refugees	Newbury Global Kitchen	£2,383.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£2,000.00
20165	Kennet Opera	A staged production of Offenbach’s Tales of Hoffman at Shaw House, February 2024	£2,752.71	£250.00	£250.00	£500.00
20180	Dingley's Promise (Dingley Family and Specialist Early Years Centres)	Creative Arts Playschemes for Children with SEND	£2,110.52	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£2,000.00

20193	Swings & Smiles	Out & About - Essential Sensory Equipment for children with disabilities	£3,599.00	£250.00	£250.00	£500.00
20219	John Rankin Schools Federation - Newbury	School Ponds for Learning 2023-2024	£10,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£2,000.00
				£7,564.54	£7,564.54	£15,129.08

The date of the next meeting of the Subcommittee was requested for February 2024.
There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Chairperson:

Date:

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