

**MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, NEWBURY TOWN COUNCIL, MARKET PLACE, NEWBURY ON
MONDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2025 AT 7.45PM.**

PRESENT

Councillors, Phil Barnett, Nigel Foot, David Harman, Roger Hunneman, Ian Jee, David Marsh, Vaughan Miller, Meg Thomas and Martha Vickers

IN ATTENDANCE

Services Delivery Manager (SDM)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors, C Hood + Sub, & S Slack

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors, Phil Barnett, Nigel Foot, David Marsh & Martha Vickers are also Members of West Berkshire Council, which is declared as a general interest on their behalf and a dispensation is in place to allow them to partake in discussions relating to West Berkshire Council business.

3. QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Chair thanked a member of the Public who addressed the meeting with their petition on a range of subjects relating to Wash Common budget proposals for FY 26/27. For Councillors further consideration.

4. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

There were no questions or petitions received from Members.

5. PROJECTS FOR BUDGET CONSIDERATION FOR FY 26/27

RESOLVED: Members prioritised listed projects as below:

Current Projects

Priority	Project	Cost £	Status
1	TH offices Electric Heating upgrade	5800	Awaiting installation of solar and battery to maximum savings can be made
1	THRoof repairs	Facia's	Planned in Q3/Q4 fy 25/26
1	Civic entrance ceiling repairs and refit large Paintings	7000	Planned in Q3/Q4 fy 25/26
1	Replacement solar to TH Roof	16500	Needs addition 4 k to fund this year

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VICTORIA PARK SUB-COMMITTEE

1	Café	400,000	Currently on target for completion by March 26
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Proposed Projects Next Financial Year

Priority	Project	Cost £	Status	
1	EMR top up for Playgrounds	120 000	Needed in three years' time at 120,000 per year as a contribution. However further funding would also be required.	Explore matched or Grant funding
1	Shaw cemetery soil sampling	8500	Asbestos and rubbish tip investigations	
1	River Lambourne Bank repair	3600	Unlikely to be done in 25/25	
3	Lights in Clock House	3500	Finish off last years work	
1?	Footpath expansion allotment gate to Glendale Ave 120m square	20 000	Argri Flex	Tarmac? Thanes Water Contribution? Safety Concern re traffic More information needed
3	Welcome to Wash Common Recreation and blossoms Field signs and fitting x5	10 000	Design manufacture and fit	Explore Heritage Grant? / Consider wild flower meadow instead?
2	Stage one of two project to create a cycle training track at either Wash Common or City Parks	TBA	Mini Town Watford: The ultimate learn-to-ride kids bike park – Frog Bikes and Cycle Park General Information — Farcycles	Officers requested for feasibility study re: suitable location
1	Professional fees	2000	Various small projects like secure WC scout hut curtilage	
1	Annual cleaning of Allotment North ditch	10,000	Needs Archaeologist involvement	

Financial Year 27/28 & 28/29

Year 2		
Project	Materials	Cost
Footpath past mounds 180 square metres P?	Agri – Flex	£28000 + Archaeologist costs
Installation of Solar Bollards x10 Solar bollards P2		£8500
Container Kiosk including install, solar panels and cladding P3	Container	£50000
2 x 6ft figures of a roundhead and a cavalier. P3	Wood carver	£10000 Heritage working Group to report
Cycle Project Stage 2 would be to build it when the next tranche of CIL money becomes available. P3	Mini Town Watford: The ultimate learn-to-ride kids bike park – Frog Bikes and Cycle Park General Information – Farcycles	TBA
New Lighting for skate Park P2		Proposal from Officers required
Year 3		
500m exercise track in Blossoms Field	Agri Flex	£68 000
Woodland Creature Trail (wood carver)	Wood	£6000
Install wildflower meadow Near Battery End	Turf cut and seed	£2000
Contingency	For price increases	£20000

The FY's 27/28 & 28/29 are duly noted but further detailed submissions on these activities to be provided by officers in a timely manner to committees for further consideration closer to the time.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 19:24 HRS

CHAIRPERSON

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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