

KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Grants Committee held in the Town Council Office on Wednesday 11th June 2025 at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors S Alenshasy, D Biddleston, C Brennan, C Fricker, A Beaumont, A Halliday and M Burton (Substitute)

IN ATTENDANCE: Katherine Sears, Deputy Town Clerk

1. MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRANTS COMMITTEE 2025/2026

RESOLVED:

That the Committee's membership for the Municipal Year 2025-2026, as agreed by the Town Council on 20th May 2025 be received and noted. Councillors S Alenshasy, D Biddleston, C Brennan, C Davis, C Fricker, A Beaumont, and A Halliday.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Souzan Alenshasy be appointed Chairman of the Grants Committee for the Municipal Year 2025/2026.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Alex Beaumont be appointed Vice Chair of the Grants Committee for the Municipal Year 2025/2026.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Davis.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following personal interests were disclosed.

Councillor D Biddleston expressed an interest in respect of the following grant applications: - St. John's Church

Councillor C Fricker expressed an interest in respect of the following grant applications: - Friends of Manor Road Community Woodlands.

Cllr Brennan entered the meeting.

Councillor C Brennan expressed an interest in respect of the following grant application: Golden Oldies.

Councillor A Halliday expressed an interest in respect of the following grant applications: Keynsham Scouts and Keynsham 1st Rangers (Girl Guiding).

Councillor A Beaumont expressed an interest in respect of the following grant application: Bristol Historical and Archaeology Society.

6. **DISPENSATIONS**

There were none.

7. **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

RESOLVED:

To inform full Council that no amendments to the Terms of Reference are required by the Grants Committee.

8. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19th MARCH 2025**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Grants Committee held on Wednesday 19th March 2025 (previously circulated) were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

9. **LARGE GRANTS FOR OUTSIDE BODIES**

Discussion took place on whether the large grants should be opened to all community groups in Keynsham. Members were reminded that these large grants were initially set up for projects and groups which were originally set up by the Town Council. Concern around raising expectations of community groups and huge budget implications for the Town Council.

RESOLVED:

The decision was made for large grants not to be opened to all community groups.

10. **ANNUAL GRANT GIVING EXERCISE 2025-2026 (attached)**

Members considered all applications in some detail and in line with the grant application policy, with recommended levels of grant being made as appropriate.

At the conclusion of the exercise, £24,460.40 was granted through General Grants and £7,808.53 was granted through Environmental Grants.

*RESOLVED:**That the Schedule of Grants (attached) be awarded for the year 2025/2026.*11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING*RESOLVED:**That the Committee's next meeting be held on Wednesday 5th March 2026 at 7.00pm.*

The meeting ended at 9.56p.m.

(Chairman)

(Date)