

# KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Grants Committee held in the Town Council Office on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 6.30 pm.

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PRESENT: Councillors D Biddleston, C Brennan, M Burton, D Cooper, C Davis, C Fricker and A Halliday

IN ATTENDANCE: Dawn Drury, Town Clerk

1. MEMBERSHIP OF THE GRANTS COMMITTEE 2026/2027

*RESOLVED:*

*That the Committee's membership for the Municipal Year 2026-2027, as agreed by the Town Council on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026, be received and noted. Councillors D Biddleston, C Brennan, C Davis, M Burton, D Cooper, C Fricker and A Halliday.*

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

*RESOLVED:*

*That Councillor D Biddleston be appointed Chairman of the Grants Committee for the Municipal Year 2026/2027.*

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

*RESOLVED:*

*That Councillor C Brennan be appointed Vice Chair of the Grants Committee for the Municipal Year 2026/2027.*

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

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, KLOGS and the Keynsham Community Hub

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

Councillor C Brennan expressed an interest in respect of the following grant applications: Golden Oldies and the Children's Scrapstore.

Councillor C Davis expressed an interest in respect of the following grant application: Swan Advice Network

Councillor A Halliday expressed an interest in respect of the following grant applications: Keynsham Explorer Scouts and Keynsham Life Saving Club.

Councillor D Cooper expressed an interest in respect of the following grant application: Keynsham Beekeepers

Councillor M Burton expressed an interest in respect of the following grant applications: St. John's Church, KLOGS and the Keynsham Community Hub

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 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**

**RESOLVED:**

*That the Minutes of the Grants Committee held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (previously circulated) were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.*

9. **KEYNSHAM METHODIST CHURCH GRANT 2025-26**

**RESOLVED:**

*To receive and note that the grant awarded to Keynsham Methodist Church will not be claimed.*

10. **IMPACT REPORTS FROM PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS**

**RESOLVED:**

*To receive and note the impact reports from:*

- i) Sight Support*
- ii) Swan Transport*
- iii) Dorothy House*

## 11. GOOD CITIZEN AWARD POLICY

A suggestion was made that there should be the introduction of an award category for long-service employed members of the community.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) That the Good Citizens Policy be received noted and reviewed.*
- (ii) That the introduction of an award category for long service employed members of the community should not be introduced into the Policy.*
- (iii) That Council be notified that the Policy requires no amendments or additions.*

## 12. ANNUAL GRANT GIVING EXERCISE 2026-2027 (attached)

Members considered all applications, in reverse alphabetical order, 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, £27,723.56 was granted through General Grants and £4,803.00 was granted through Environmental Grants. In respect of the allocation of funds, it should be noted that the General Grants applied for amounted to a sum in excess of the funds available and this year, the Environmental Grants applied for were below the sum allocated for such grants, hence the resolution below.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) That surplus funds allocated to the Environmental Grants be used to cover the shortfall required to make awards in respect of the General Grants.*
- (ii) That the Schedule of Grants (attached) be awarded for the year 2026/2027.*

## 13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**RESOLVED:**

*That the Committee's next meeting be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2027 at 7.00pm.*

The meeting ended at 9.10 p.m.

Signed: (CHAIR) .....

Date: .....