

**THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of the**  
**Finance and General Purposes Committee**  
**held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7pm**  
**in the Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham**

Present: Councillor Jason Collis (Chairman)  
 Councillors Mike Cole, Jan Cover, Ellen Crumly, Richard Crumly,  
 Rob Denton-Powell, Julie Goode and Nathan Gregory

In attendance: Mel Alexander (Town Clerk)  
 Representatives of applicants  
 1 member of the press (Newbury Weekly News)

**FGP/2018/49 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dan Carter and David Lister.

**FGP/2018/50 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors E Crumly and R Crumly declared non-pecuniary interests in application number 10 (Crookham Common Athletic Track) as their daughter is a club member and the representative is a neighbour.

Councillor Cole declared non-pecuniary interests in the following applications: No. 10 (Crookham Common Athletic Track) due to a family connection with the representative; No. 11 (Life Education Wessex & Thames Valley) as Whitelands Park, a recipient school, is part of Kennet School Academy Trust of which Councillor Cole is a Director; and No. 18 (Kennet School) as a Director of Kennet School Academy Trust.

Councillor Denton-Powell declared a non-pecuniary interest in application number 8 (Thatcham Town Cricket Club) as a club member.

Councillor Gregory declared a non-pecuniary interest in application numbers 5 and 6 (Berkshire MS Therapy Centre) as a family member is a service user.

Councillor Collis declared a non-pecuniary interest in application number 14 (Bridge Church Newbury) as the representative is a Minister at the church attended by Councillor Collis.

**FGP/2018/51 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018, having been previously circulated, be taken as read and signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

**FGP/2018/52 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**a) Clerk's Report**

**FGP/2018/43 – VICTORIA CROSS STONES INTERPRETATION PANEL**

Committee received a report from the Community & Civic Manager responding to queries raised at the last meeting of this Committee.

**FGP/2018/46(d) – REVENUE GRANT APPLICATIONS 2018/19**

Committee was advised that Thatcham Town Football Club had accepted an offer to present to Full Council on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018 regarding their application reference 12259.

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**FGP/2018/52 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING continued**

**b) Other Matters**

**FGP/2018/41 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors E Crumly and R Crumly advised that their interests in regard to Thatcham Town Football Club were declared as pecuniary and not non-pecuniary as Minuted.

**FGP/2018/53 REVENUE GRANT APPLICATIONS 2018/19**

a) The Chairman advised those present on procedures for the meeting.

b) Committee noted that Greenham Trust Ltd had agreed to match fund applications supported by Thatcham Town Council in 2018/19 through The Good Exchange, subject to its usual criteria.

c) Committee noted that the total funding available for grant aid in 2018/19 was £17,000 and that there would be only one tranche during this financial year, due to adjustments to the Council meeting calendar. The next tranche was scheduled for April 2019, from the 2019/20 budget.

d) Committee noted that the Town Council was in receipt of CIL/s106 funds that could be used to support application reference 11861 (Nature Discovery Centre), rather than from the Grant budget, if Committee was minded to award funding to that application.

**RESOLVED** that Standing Orders be suspended to allow representatives of applicants to make their presentations to the Committee and for Members to ask questions as necessary.

e) Committee received verbal submissions from representatives of applicants in attendance.

**RESOLVED** that Standing Orders be reinstated.

**RESOLVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8.58pm for a comfort break.

**RESOLVED** to reconvene the meeting at 9.05pm.

**RESOLVED** to award grants as follows:

<b>The Good Exchange Reference</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
11495	The Corn Exchange (Newbury) Trust	Ageing Creatively Projects	£730.00
11861	BBOWT	Nature Discovery Centre Waterfront Project	£14,641.80 <sup>1</sup>
11922	Time to Talk West Berkshire	Thatcham Outreach Project	£2,000.00

<sup>1</sup> To be funded from CIL/s106 funds held by the Town Council, rather than from the Grants revenue budget

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The Good Exchange Reference	Organisation	Project	Amount
11948	Parenting Special Children	Helping looked after and adopted children get access to therapy, counselling and support at school	£1,500.00 <sup>2</sup>
12038	Berkshire MS Therapy Centre	Physiotherapy class sessions for people with Multiple Sclerosis in West Berkshire 2018	£210.00
12039	Berkshire MS Therapy Centre	Oxygen treatment for people with Multiple Sclerosis in West Berkshire 2018 – 2019	£155.00
12085	Young People and Children First	Bridge to Independence (Housing Young People. Changing Lives)	£1,500.00
12105	Thatcham Town Cricket Club	Junior Cricket Coaching Development	£1,000.00
12127	Daisy's Dream	Daisy's Dream (West Berks) – supporting children affected by a life threatening illness or bereavement	£1,500.00
12149	Crookham Common Athletic Track	Hammer Cage	£1,000.00
12225	Life Education Wessex & Thames Valley	'Harold and the Life Bus' in West Berkshire schools 2018/19	£1,000.00
12238	West Berkshire Homeless (Newbury Area)	West Berkshire Homeless (Newbury Area) – Exiting Homelessness	£1,000.00
12332	Newbury Family Counselling Service	Supporting Parents Supporting Children 2018-19	£1,500.00
12407	Bridge Church Newbury	CAP Debt Centre (Newbury and surrounding areas) start up and first year 2019-20	£1,500.00
12128	Recovery In Mind	Core courses 2018	£1,000.00
12117	Home-Start West Berkshire	Transport for Isolated Families to Home-Start Family Groups 2018/19	£203.65
12308	Home-Start West Berkshire	Isolated Families	£203.65
12246	Kennet School	Inclusive Zone Basketball	£380.00
12188	Parkinson's UK Newbury	Speech Therapy Project 2018	£617.70 <sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> **POST MEETING NOTE:** Actual award reduced to £1,357.60 to align with fulfilment of funding for this project

<sup>3</sup> **POST MEETING NOTE:** Actual award reduced to £217.70 to align with fulfilment of funding for this project

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<b>TOTAL AWARDED from Grants Revenue Budget</b>	<b>£17,000.00<sup>4</sup></b>
<b>TOTAL AWARDED from CIL/s106 funds held by the Town Council</b>	<b>£14,641.80</b>

**FGP/2018/54 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUND**

Committee considered an application from Councillor Ellison for funding of £3,000 from the Community Project Fund to cover room hire and a facilitator for The Memory Café at St. Mary's Church for one year from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

**RESOLVED** to award funding of £1,000 from the Community Project Fund to this project.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.53pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>4</sup> **POST MEETING NOTE:** Actual total awarded £16,457.60