

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the
Grants Sub Committee
held on Tuesday 20th February 2024 at 19:00hrs
in the Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham

Present: Councillor Mike Cole (Chairman)
 Councillors Mark Lillycrop, Jay Lunn (substituting for Iain Cottingham),
 Petra Pemberton and Ben Schiffer-Harte

In attendance: Mel Taylor (Town Clerk)

G/2024/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Iain Cottingham (Councillor Jay Lunn appointed as substitute).

G/2024/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Lunn declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6, application 20204 (G/2024/06) as a Border Force employee.

G/2024/03 MINUTES

RESOLVED

to take as read and confirm as accurate the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2023.

G/2024/04 GRANT APPLICATIONS 2023/24

- a. It was noted that the total funding remaining available for grant aid in 2023/24 was £17,000.
- b. It was noted that grants were subject to a matched funding agreement with Greenham Trust.

G/2024/05 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they were instructed to withdraw.

G/2024/06 GRANT APPLICATIONS 2023/24 continued

Members assessed applications with a connection to Thatcham, uploaded to The Good Exchange.

G/2024/07 READMISSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

to readmit press and public.

G/2024/08 GRANT APPLICATIONS 2023/24 continued

RESOLVED

to award the following grants via The Good Exchange:

19962	Time To Talk West Berkshire	Thatcham Outreach	£ 2,722.25
20044	St Mary's Church	Thatcham Baby Café	£ 67.35
20204	West Berks Action For Refugees	Case Worker for Asylum Seekers and refugees in West Berkshire	£ 2,000.00
20288	Thatcham Rugby Club	Community Kitchen	£ 2,500.00
20300	BBOWT	Nature Memories Café	£ 2,000.00

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G/2024/09 LONDON ROAD CEMETERY BABY MEMORIAL FUND

Members considered a request from the Town Clerk to allocate funds to the Town Council's own application on The Good Exchange, to create a baby memorial garden at London Road Cemetery. It was agreed to continue to pursue local grants and donations before presenting to the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 29th April 2024.

G/2024/10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting, scheduled for 5th March 2024, was not required.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:06hrs

Signed _____ Date _____