

FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Grants Committee Meeting on 6th February 2025 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors John Renshaw, Christine Dickinson, Belinda Walker, Lucy McGirr, Nicola Keen, Connor McConville, Abena Akuffo-Kelly, Kieran Leigh, Roger West, Bridget Chapman, Jane Daring.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Peter Gane, Adrian Lockwood, Laura Davison, Jackie Meade and Charles Bain Smith.

ABSENT: Councillors Liz McShane, Tim Prater.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Liz Timmins – Communities & Grants Officer
Jennifer Griffin – Administration Officer

146. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors were asked to receive apologies from Councillors Peter Gane, Adrian Lockwood, Laura Davison, Jackie Meade and Charles Bain Smith.

RESOLVED: To accept the Apologies from Councillors Peter Gane, Adrian Lockwood, Laura Davison, Jackie Meade and Charles Bain Smith

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor Belinda Walker

Voting: F: 11, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

147. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

The Committee were asked to appoint a Chair for the Grants Committee for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Lucy McGirr be appointed Chair of the Grants Committee for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor Belinda Walker

Voting: F: 11, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

148. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

The Committee were asked to appoint a Vice Chair for the Grants Committee for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Kieran Leigh be appointed Vice Chair of the Grants Committee for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor Nicola Keen

Voting: F: 11, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

149. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Nicola Keen declared a personal interest in Folkestone Rescue LTD.

150. REVIEW OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

In line with the Town Council's adopted Standing Orders, the Committee was asked to consider the Terms of Reference for the Grants Committee. With the amendment of the quorum to one third.

RESOLVED: That the Terms of Reference be adopted for 2024/25.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor John Renshaw

Voting: F: 11, Ag: 0, Ab: 0

151. TOWN GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applicants requesting town grants gave short presentations and answered any questions from the Committee members.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The remainder of the Agenda classified item 7 as disclosing exempt information under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) thereby excluding the press and public from the meeting whilst this item is debated.

152. TOWN GRANTS

Town Grant applications were assessed on merit against five categories by each Councillor. Scores were then accumulated to calculate the award.

Strange Cargo to be awarded a town grant of £1,980

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Folkestone Divers to be awarded a town grant of £900

Folkestone Rescue LTD to be awarded a town grant of £2,345

Emmaus Dover to be awarded a town grant of £520

Shepway Spectrum Arts to be awarded a town grant of £1,763

Folkestone Cricket Club to be awarded a town grant of £500

Chloe Scott Dance For Fun to be awarded a town grant of £1,000

Folkestone Music Town CIC to be awarded a town grant of £1,954

Folkestone Music CIC to be awarded a town grant of £0

Folkestone Music CIC to be awarded a town grant of £1,945

Proposed: Councillor Roger West
Seconded: Councillor Nicola Keen
Voting: F: 11, Ag:0 , Ab:0

153. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Thursday, 4th September 2025.

The meeting concluded at 9:00 pm

Chair

Date