

FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the Grants Committee Meeting held at Folkestone Town Council
Offices, Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone on
Thursday, 5 February 2026 at 7.00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Councillors Abena Akuffo-Kelly, John Renshaw, Christine Dickinson, Lucy McGirr, Kieran Leigh, Peter Gane, Adrian Lockwood, Jackie Meade, Laura Davison, Roger West and Nicola Keen.

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Belinda Walker, Bridget Chapman and Jane Darling

ABSENT:

Councillors Connor McConville, Charlie Bain Smith, Liz McShane and Tim Prater

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Liz Timmins – Communities & Grants Officer

163. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors were asked to receive apologies from Councillors Belinda Walker, Bridget Chapman and Jane Darling.

RESOLVED: To accept the Apologies from Councillor Belinda Walker, Bridget Chapman and Jane Darling.

Proposed: Councillor John Renshaw

Seconded: Councillor Kieran Leigh

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

164. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Abena Akuffo Kelly declared an interest in Folkestone Pride as she is on the Committee.

Councillor Lucy McGirr declared an interest in The Community Fridge as she volunteers in the shop.

165. GRANTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Committee was asked to receive the Minutes of the Meeting of the Grants Committee held on 4 September 2025 and to authorise the Chair of the Committee to sign them as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Grants Committee held on 4 September 2025 be received and that the Chair of the meeting be authorised to sign them as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor John Renshaw

Seconded: Councillor Kieran Leigh

Voting: F: 10 , Ag:0 , Ab: 1

166. TOWN GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applicants requesting Town Grants of over £1,000 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.

167. TOWN GRANTS

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

Resolved: Councillors voted for the following application to receive £0 award as it was felt that they did not fully meet the criteria of the Grants Policy Guidelines:

Kent Domestic Abuse Programme

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor Nicola Keen

Voting: F:9 , Ag:2 , Ab:1

Resolved: Councillors voted for the following application to receive £0 award as it was felt that they did not fully meet the criteria of the Grants Policy Guidelines:

Outdoor Folkey

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane

Seconded: Councillor John Renshaw

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

Resolved: Councillors voted for the following application to receive £0 award as it was felt that they did not fully meet the criteria of the Grants Policy Guidelines:

Autism Help

Proposed: Councillor Laura Davison
 Seconded: Councillor Keiran Leigh
 Voting: F:10 , Ag:0 , Ab:2

Resolved: Councillors voted on the remaining applications receiving the amounts noted in the table below:

Proposed: Councillor Lucy McGirr
 Seconded: Councillor Peter Gane
 Voting: F:11, Ag:0 , Ab:0

	Applicant	Purpose	Amount
1	Folkestone Community Fridge	Folkestone Community Fridge	£2,450.00
2	Imago Community	Escape and Explore: Nature Days for Young Carers	£550.00
3	Kent Community Domestic Abuse Programme (Kent CDAP)	Woman Support Worker (WSW)	£0.00
4	Strange Cargo	Charivari Day 2026	£1,500.00
5	Folkestone Twirlstars	UK Nationals	£1,000.00
6	Autism Help	New Pc's	£0.00
7	Folkestone Gurkha Memorial Fund	Folkestone Veterans Battle Tour	£1,000.00
8	Moving Memory	Moving Well Folkestone	£1,200.00
9	Folkestone Documentary Festival	Folkestone Doc Club 2026	£1,000.00
10	Folkestone Pride	Folkestone Pride 2026	£2,500.00
11	Shepway Brass Academy (SBA)	Funding for Shepway Brass Academy's Termly Practice Venue	£1,000.00
12	OutdoorFolkey	Building a self-sufficient community for local residents	£0.00
13	Kent Food Hubs CIC	Community food and social hub	£1,500.00
14	Noel Redding Project CIC	Temporary Noel Statue	£1,000.00
	Total		£14,700

168. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 3 September 2026.

The Meeting concluded at 9.20 pm

Chair

Date