

# UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of the **Finance Sub-Committee**,  
on Wednesday 26 February 2025 at 6.30 pm  
in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Uckfield.

**PRESENT:** Cllr. D. Manvell (Chair) Cllr. S. Mayhew  
Cllr. B. Cox (Vice-Chair) Cllr. D. Ward

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

30 members of the public

Sarah D'Alessio – Assistant Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer  
Linda Lewis – Administrative Officer

Minutes taken by Linda Lewis

The Chair welcomed all those present and set out the order of the meeting. Applicants were invited to speak and were advised that they could speak for up to two minutes and questions may be asked by members to clarify details of their application.

**1.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Members and officers were reminded to make any declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interests that they may have in relation to items on this agenda.

The Assistant Town Clerk read out the various declarations of interest submitted by members of the Finance Sub-Committee, and advised where they could speak but not vote, or not participate at all. This part of the meeting also set out the dispensations that had been given in respect of certain applications, in particular where members were aware that other Town Councillors held the role of Chair or were members of organisations such as Uckfield Theatre Guild, Uckfield Bonfire & Carnival Society, The Luxford Centre & Ridgewood Village Hall Committee. Dispensations would allow fellow members to participate fully in both the discussion and vote, and for the meeting to be able to continue where possible.

**2.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. P. Ullmann.

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### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee held on the 7 January 2025.

**FS.11.02.25**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance Sub-Committee of the 7 January 2025 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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### **RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM APPLICANTS FOR THE COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAMME 2025/26**

**FS.12.02.25**

Members of Finance Sub-Committee **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders to allow grant applicants to speak.

The various representatives attending the meeting were asked to provide a summary of their application and any additional information which might support their application.

Committee members asked a number of questions to which the representatives responded during this part of the meeting.

Following the presentations from those attending and questions from Committee members, the Chair reminded the representatives of the subsequent format of the meeting, and advised that they could leave if they wished to, once they had spoken.

**FS.13.02.25**

The meeting then resumed and it was **RESOLVED** to reinstate Standing Orders.

The Chair advised that the meeting would now move into confidential business to enable members of Finance Sub-Committee to discuss the applications in detail and recommend the allocation of grant funding. These recommendations would be presented to General Purposes Committee on 17 March 2025 for review and ratification.

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### **CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

**FS.14.02.25**

It was **RESOLVED** that pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it was advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.

**FS.15.02.25**

Members **RESOLVED** to suspend standing orders at 8.50pm, to extend the meeting, to enable all agenda items to be discussed in full.

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#### To consider the allocation of grants

Committee members worked through and considered each individual grant application on its own merits to consider whether funding should be provided, and if provided, to what amount. The figures and recommendations of the Finance Sub-Committee would

be reviewed and ratified by General Purposes Committee at their next meeting on 17 March 2025.

**FS.16.02.25**

Members of the Finance Sub-Committee worked through the allocations of grant funding and **RESOLVED** to recommend to the General Purposes Committee that the following grants be awarded:

<b>Community Grant Funding under the General Power of Competence</b>		
	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
1	Family Support Work	£750
2	Uckfield and Area Community First Responders	£1,000
3	Ashdown Radio Ltd	£500
4	Uckfield Music Club	£500
5	Wealden Works	£1,000
6	Uckfield Food Bank	£750
7	Uckfield Heritage	TBC
8	Uckfield Youth Trust	£1,100
9	Uckfield College	£3,000
10	St Wilfrid's Hospice (Eastbourne)	£1,000
11	Imago Community East Sussex Young Carers	£595
12	Care for the Carers	£2,000
13	Uckfield Camera Club	£500
14	Uckfield Proms on the Pitch	£500
15	Uckfield Community Orchestra	£320
16	Friars Gate Archer	£250
17	St Peter & St James Hospice	£1,000
18	New Town Action Group	TBC
19	The Luxford Centre	TBC
20	Uckfield Bonfire and Carnival Society CIC	£3,000
21	2530 Uckfield Squadron RAF Cadets	£600
22	Sussex Support Service	£750
23	Royal British Legion Uckfield	£200
24	Uckfield Phab Club	£793

25	Uckfield Theatre Guild	£583
26	Bluebell Railway Preservation Society	£250
27	PDA Sense	£559
28	Ridgewood Village Hall	£500
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£22,000</b>

The meeting closed at 10.47pm