

Melksham Town Council

Minutes of the Community Development Committee Grants Meeting

on Monday 8th December 2025

PRESENT: Councillor J Westbrook Chair
Councillor R Cleary Vice Chair
Councillor P Aves
Councillor E Calland
Councillor J Crossley
Councillor G Elson
Councillor S Rabey

IN ATTENDANCE

OFFICERS Ian Cunningham Community Officer
Andrew Meacham Committee Clerk

PUBLIC members of the public were present from the grant application organisations

29/25 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Drewett, who was subbed by Councillor Crossley

30/25 Declaration of Interest

Councillor G Elson declared an interest for an involvement with Friends of Gifford Surgery.

Councillor J Westbrook and Councillor P Aves declared an interest for involvement with Melksham Community Larder.

31/25 Grants

The application from the W.I was withdrawn.

There was no attendance from Friends of River Mead School.

Representatives of the applicant organisations spoke and members asked questions.

Members voted to award grants as follows

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| • Melksham Foodbank & Lifeline CIO | £1000.00 |
| • Melksham Lions | £559.98 |
| • Wiltshire Digital Drive CIC | £1000.00 |
| • Celebrating Age Wiltshire | £1000.00 |
| • Friends of Gifford Surgery | £1000.00 |
| • Melksham Community Larder | £200.00 |
| • Friends of River Mead School | £120.00 |
| • Fear Free | £1000.00 |

A total of £5879.98 was awarded.

Councillor Elson abstained on the vote for Friends of Gifford Surgery.

Councillor J Westbrook and Councillor Aves abstained on the vote for Melksham Community Larder.

Meeting closed at: 18:45

Signed Dated