

**Melksham Town Council**

**Minutes of the Community Development Committee Grants Meeting**

**on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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The application from the W.I was withdrawn.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

- 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 .....

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