

Melksham Town Council

Minutes of the Community (Grants) Committee

At Melksham Town Hall on Monday 8 June 2026

PRESENT:	Councillor J Westbrook	Chair
	Councillor P Aves	
	Councillor E Calland	
	Councillor J Crossley	
	Councillor G Elson	
	Councillor A Whitlock	
IN ATTENDANCE	Councillor A Griffin	
	Councillor S Rabey	
OFFICERS	Hayley Bell	CEO/Town Clerk
	Ian Cunningham	Community Officer
	Amelie Huxtable	Placement Student
	Andrew Meacham	Committee Clerk

1/26 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2/26 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Aves declared an interest as a member of the British Cactus and Succulent Society Wiltshire Branch.

3/26 Minutes

The minutes of 8 December 2025, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair Councillor J Westbrook.

4/26 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

5/26 Grants

Representatives of the following groups spoke:-

- 1st Bowerhill Scout Group
- Families Out Loud
- Melksham Transport User Group
- British Cactus and Succulent Society Wiltshire Branch
- Melksham Gardeners Society
- Group Five

- Wessex MS Therapy Centre

Friends of Shurnhold Field were not represented

Councillor Whitlock joined the meeting at 6.28, during the presentations from representatives.

It was noted that Group 5's application was for running costs.

It was proposed by Councillor J Westbrook, seconded by Councillor G Elson and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to

- Make awards as follows:

1 st Bowerhill Scout Group	434.00
Families Out Loud	1000.00
Melksham Transport Users Group	750.00
British Cactus and Succulent Society Wiltshire Branch	364.50
Melksham Gardeners Society	388.00
Wessex MS Therapy Centre	1000.00

- Not make an award to Friends of Shurnhold Field but to record that they may resubmit their application to the December meeting
- Record that the British Cactus and Succulent Society Wiltshire Branch would be allowed to make a further application to the December meeting, notwithstanding that it would be within six months of this award
- Record that Group 5 may submit a revised application by lunchtime on 9 June 2026, to be considered at the Finance Committee meeting and that the committee recommends an award of £500.00

Meeting closed at: 18:40

Signed

Dated