

SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**Meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee
Held in Committee Room, Livesey House
At 6.00pm on Thursday 20th November 2025**

PRESENT

Councillors: A Fejfer, E Micklewright (chair) and A Mosley

IN ATTENDANCE

Andy Watkin (Head of Resources)

12/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None – AW updated change of membership: Bernie Bentick had asked to be replaced and A Fejfer was nominated. It was agreed E Micklewright would Chair and A Fejfer be Vice Chair.

13/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Shropshire Councillors	Those twin-hatted members declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the Town Council's relationship with Shropshire Council.
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14/25 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 24th September 2025 were submitted and circulated as read.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Grants Sub-Committee meeting held on 24th September 2025 be approved as a correct record.

15/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no matters arising

16/25 GRANTS

16.1 Update on Community Grants and Councillor Grants Funds

The RFO circulated the schedule of Community Grants and Local Councillor Grants awarded to date. Community Grant Applications this round totalled £16,871.

16.2 Applications for Community Grants Funds

There were 9 applications this round. The summary below reflected the thrust of both the presentations and the discussions.

- (a) 4 All Foundation** – requested £2,000 to develop/revamp the youth rooms at Harlescott Grange Community Hub.

The 4 All Foundation had taken over the 65 year lease of the Community Hub and significant works were needed. The grant will enable the community and youth sessions to start.

RECOMMENDED:

That £1,500 be awarded to 4 All Foundation, and local ward member asked to support with £500 of their local councillor grant.

- (b) Battlefield Brightstar Boxing** – requested £1,000 to purchase equipment for the Shrewsbury hub.

The Club had increased participation from 1 child in Shifnal to 16 young people at Battlefield per session from all over Shrewsbury and, therefore, more equipment was needed.

RECOMMENDED:

That £750 be awarded to Battlefield Brightstar Boxing.

- (c) Bicton Heath Community Centre** – requested £900 for planters for the local area.

No representation, but A Watkin updated the Committee on the planters which were to be situated outside the hall and ownership by them. Planting was to be done by local school with assistance from the Town Council.

RECOMMENDED:

That £450 be awarded to Bicton Heath Community Centre for 2 planters and the local member asked to support with £450 of their local councillor grant.

- (d) Community Resource** – requested £2,925 to fund sensory health sessions for those with sight and hearing loss.

Sessions were well attended. The organisation had suffered a reduction in discretionary grant from Shropshire Council.

RECOMMENDED:

That £1,025 be awarded to Community Resource.

- (e) Old Shrewsbury Bowling Club** – requested £1,350 to equip the ground floor of the Club with disabled toilet and baby changing facilities.

The Club had seen increased numbers of youth and social bowling, but the facilities were also required for visitors and spectators. The facility, including the floorboards, was to be removable during the winter as it was prone to flooding.

RECOMMENDED:

That £1,350 be awarded to Old Shrewsbury Bowling Club.

- (f) **Omega** – requested £3,000 to fund Pupil Pals, an intergenerational project to reduce loneliness for isolated people.

Artwork by schools to supplement chatterbox programme.

RECOMMENDED:

That £504 be awarded to Omega.

- (g) **The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Chad with St Mary** – requested £1,450 to switch on lights at St Chad's.

The lights made no money but were a joy for people to see. The PCC appreciated the environmental cost, but there were no solar panels and only old lights.

RECOMMENDED:

That £500 be awarded to the PCC, for more targeted hours and comeback for help to fund more highly efficient light replacement scheme.

- (h) **Share Shrewsbury** – requested £2,800 to produce a video to be used as a visual aid in alcohol awareness workshops in schools.

No other service was provided in the area. It was hoped that the longer and shorter form will get the message across and that it had a bigger impact than just Shrewsbury and was nationwide via YouTube52.

RECOMMENDED:

That £2,500 be awarded to Share Shrewsbury.

- (i) **Shrewsbury Morris Dancers** – requested £1,446 to help fund the Beat & Bells event in 2026.

The Shrewsbury Morris Dancers had been dancing for 50 years and on the first Saturday of July were to dance for over 6 hours in The Square. Celebrations were to help improve interest and encourage new members for the future.

RECOMMENDED:

That £1,200 be awarded to Shrewsbury Morris Dancers.