

SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**Meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee
Held in Committee Room, Livesey House
At 6.00pm on Wednesday 29th July 2026**

PRESENT

Councillors: A Fejfer and E Micklewright (chair)

IN ATTENDANCE

Andy Watkin (Head of Resources)

01/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED:

That apologies be accepted from Councillor Mosley

02/26 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.
Councillor Fejfer	Involvement with Up and Comers Football Club

03/26 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 18th March 2026 were submitted and circulated as read.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Grants Sub-Committee meeting held on 18th March 2026 be approved as a correct record.

04/26 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

05/26 GRANTS

5.1 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 for this round totalled £23,396.92.

5.2 Applications for Community Grants Funds

There were 10 applications this round. The summary below reflected the thrust of both the presentations and the discussions.

- (a) **Spectrum Space CIC** – requested £2,000 to open Spectrum’s first permanent premises in Shrewsbury and prepare the space for community use.

RECOMMENDED:

That £2,000 be awarded to Spectrum Space CIC, when premises secured

- (b) **South Staffordshire Community & Mental Health Charitable Fund & Other Charities** – requested £3,000 to continue provision of weekly affordable drop-in sessions (Wellbeing Arts Group) for therapeutic mixed media arts, supporting those with mental health needs.

RECOMMENDED:

That £1,880 be awarded to South Staffordshire Community & Mental Health Charitable Fund & Other Charities.

- (c) **Crane Quality Counselling** – requested £3,000 to offer counselling to young people throughout the Shrewsbury area – especially to support pupils struggling with bereavement and low-level mental health.

RECOMMENDED:

That £1,500 be awarded to Crane Quality Counselling but alternative sources of funding need to be found

- (d) **Feed the Birds** – requested £2,435 to provide a bird feed and service to people in their homes living with cancer (in conjunction with Lingen Davies).

RECOMMENDED:

That £1,000 be awarded to Feed the Birds.

- (e) **Up & Comers Women’s Football Team** – requested £2,000 to support the development of women’s grassroots football team including pitch hire, kit, etc

RECOMMENDED:

That £1,000 be awarded to Up & Comers Women’s Football Team.

- (f) **Shrewsbury Unitarian Church** – requested £3,000 for church roof repairs.

RECOMMENDED:

That £1,500 be awarded to Shrewsbury Unitarian Church.

- (g) **Shropshire Child Contact Centres** – requested £1,455 to provide online introduction to brief solution focussed therapy to equip volunteers.

RECOMMENDED:

That £1,455 be awarded to Shropshire Child Contact Centres.

- (h) **Embrace PE CIC** – requested £1,000 to develop a Leadership & Employment Pathway Programme to reconnect NEETs.

No representatives were available to attend the meeting.

RECOMMENDED:

That £0 be awarded to Embrace PE CIC, as no representative was able to present but resubmit for November committee

- (i) **The Priory School** – requested £2,506.92 to buy and fit new football goal sockets on Meole Field and Priory School site.

RECOMMENDED:

That £500 be awarded to The Priory School for purchase of equipment and STC staff would provide labour

- (j) **Shropshire Good Food Partnership** – requested £3,000 to build an effective collaborative approach for increasing food resilience with Research & Facilitation days.

RECOMMENDED:

That £1,500 be awarded to Shropshire Good Food Partnership for smaller series of events

6/26 MEETING DATES

Next meeting: Wednesday 25th November 2026.