

SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**Meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee
Held in Committee Room, Livesey House
At 6.00pm on Wednesday 18th March 2026**

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Andy Watkin (Head of Resources)

17/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

18/25 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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19/25 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 20th November 2025 were submitted and circulated as read.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Grants Sub-Committee meeting held on 20th November 2025 be approved as a correct record.

20/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no matters arising

21/25 GRANTS

21.1 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 £17,421.

21.2 Applications for Community Grants Funds

There were 7 applications this round. The summary below reflected the thrust of both the presentations and the discussions.

- (a) **The Grange Gang** – requested £1,928 to help fund Flourish & Flow, an activity club for young people with additional needs.

No representation, but A Watkin read a brief statement summarising the grant application

RECOMMENDED:

That £1,392 be awarded to The Grange Gang.

- (b) **The Henry Angell James Memorial Trust** – requested £2,558 for the AED Project which aims to purchase and install defibrillators in strategic locations around the town.

4 sites had been identified by the Trust's network which they would install for willing parties to manage for public access, only 3 of which were in Shrewsbury (Ditherington, Harlescott and Meole).

RECOMMENDED:

The committee continued the previous policy of recommending these to be funded by ward councillor grants. Councillor Mosley agreed to contribute £500 and A Watkin to email the other ward councillors.

- (c) **Lingen Davies Cancer Support** – requested £3,335 to support its Horticultural Therapy Project for people living with and beyond cancer.

This was a continuation of the 2024 wellbeing programme which participants found beneficial and they gave back to the community in other forms such as volunteering.

RECOMMENDED:

That £1,000 be awarded to Lingen Davies Cancer Support.

- (d) **MH Historical** – requested £3,000 to help fund the Battle of Shrewsbury Festival 2026 to ensure high quality immersive re-enactments, education, and celebration to preserve and share our unique heritage.

No representation, but A Watkin read a brief statement summarising the grant application. Councillor Fejfer updated the committee on his experience of attending a previous event.

RECOMMENDED:

That £1,000 be awarded to MH Historical.

- (e) **Shrewsbury Soda Club** – requested £2,500 to create accessible alcohol-free community events in Shrewsbury, including sharing circles, wellbeing workshops, and social activities, supporting connection, mental health and positive lifestyle.

The Shrewsbury Soda Club were filling a gap for entertainment, gatherings and peer support for non-alcohol events. The Club started in 2025 and expended on walk and talks, and hiring spaces which required funds. It was confirmed that its CIC and bank account were now obtained

RECOMMENDED:

That £ 1,000 be awarded to Shrewsbury Soda Club and A Mosley to be contacted for hire of Castlefields Community Centre

- (f) **SY.Gigs** – requested £1,400 to run Season 4 of SY.Gigs which consisted of 6 immersive events exploring alternative music in historic Shrewsbury spaces, designed to inspire curiosity and aid well-being in the community.

SY.Gigs events were well attended by residents in heritage sites but also from further afield which boosted Shrewsbury tourism. It collaborated with other organisations such as the Food Hub.

RECOMMENDED:

That £1,400 be awarded to SY.Gigs and encourage them to be involved in Town of Culture submission

- (g) **The Field** – requested £2,700 to help fund setup of holistic learning, fee-based play and support for children and young people.

No representation, but A Watkin read a brief statement summarising the grant application.

RECOMMENDED:

Unable to support at this stage of venture.

22/25 MEETING DATES

The remaining two meetings for 2026/27 were agreed as Wednesday 29th July and Wednesday 25th November 2026.