

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE GRANTS COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 15th JULY 2026

Members Present Cllr Andy Kent
Cllr Catriona Stewart
Cllr Kate Cernik
Cllr Catherine Fox
Cllr Patricia Parkes
Cllr Brian Holland
Cllr Sam Naylor
Cllr Emma Guy

Also Present Chris Shaw - Chief Officer
Cath Kirwan – Deputy Chief Officer/RFO

GC 26/01 TO APPOINT A CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2025/2026

Cllr Catriona Stewart to be Chair of Grants

Proposed by Cllr Andrew Kent and Cllr Kate Cernik

All Agreed

Cllr Patricia Parkes to be Vice Chair of Planning

Proposed by Cllr Andrew Kent seconded Cllr Catherine Fox

All Agreed.

GC 26/02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Julie Macdonald and Cllr Janet Illidge.

GC 26/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interest under the following categories:

- Pecuniary Interest
- Outside Bodies Interest
- Family, Friend, or Close Associate interest

Date

Cllr Catriona Stewart
Chair

Cllr Sam Naylor and Councillor Patricia Parkes declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester Council.
Cllr Sam Naylor declared an interest in any matter relating to Mid Cheshire Hospital Trust and Witton Church Walk Primary School.

GC 26/04 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the Grants Committee held on 21st January 2026 and noted at the Town Council meeting on Monday 2nd February 2026 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr Patricia Parkes, seconded by Cllr Kate Cernik, all agreed.

GC 26/05 REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS

Nine requests were submitted. Members discussed each of their individual merits before making their decisions.

It was resolved that the following donations be made.

1874 Northwich FC Phoenix
Members requested additional information.

Bugz and Bunnies CIC
Members approved an award of £500.00
Proposed by Cllr K Cernik seconded by Cllr P Parkes

Cheshire Autism Practical Support (CHaPS)
Members approved an award of £600.00
Proposed by Cllr K Cernik seconded by Cllr P Parkes

Cocoon Programme
Members declined an award
Proposed by Cllr C Fox seconded by Cllr K Cernik

Modern Tribe Collective CIC
Members approved an award of £800.00
Proposed by Cllr A Kent and seconded by Cllr S Naylor

Her Place Charitable Trust
Members requested additional information.

Fireworks Extravaganza 2026
Members approved an award for £500.00
Proposed by Cllr B Holland and seconded by Cllr A Kent

Sustainability Northwich
Members requested additional information.

Date

Cllr Catriona Stewart
Chair

Witton Church Walk CE Primary School & Nursery (Witton Wonder Tots)
Councillor S Naylor left the meeting whilst this application was discussed
Members approved an award of £500.00.
Proposed by Cllr A Kent seconded by Cllr K Cernik

Northwich Library (family activities)
Members approved an award for £500.00
Proposed by Cllr A Kent and seconded by Cllr P Parkes

GC 26/06 DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The date of next meeting to be 21st October 2026.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.30pm

Date

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Cllr Patricia Parkes
Chair