

SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD IN
SUDBURY TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 6.30PM**

Committee members present: Mr N Bennett – Chair
Mrs J Osborne
Mr S Hall
Mr A Welsh
Mr J Jeagar
Mr N Younger (arrived 6.49pm)

Officers in attendance: Mr C Griffin – Town Clerk
Mrs C Morgan – Deputy Clerk and RFO

1. SUBSTITUTES AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs M Barrett, Ms A Owen and Mr T Regester.

Councillors Mrs J Osborne and Mr A Welsh were substituting for Ms A Owen and Mrs M Barrett respectively.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs J Osborne declared a non-registered interest in the Kernos Centre and that she had supported other charities when she had been mayor.

Councillor Mr A Welsh declared that Sudbury Defibrillators had been his chosen charity as mayor the previous year.

Councillor Mr S Hall declared that he was a trustee of Sudbury Defibrillators and had a non-pecuniary interest in Ballingdon Fete, so he would not comment or vote on their applications.

Councillor Mr J Jaegar declared an interest in Phoenix Fundraising Team through the organisation of Great Cornard fete and would not comment or vote on their application.

Councillor Mr N Younger declared an interest in Sudbury & District Art Club and would not vote on their application.

3. DECLARATIONS OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY

There were no declarations of gifts or hospitality.

4. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

No requests for dispensation had been received.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 1st September 2026 be confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

6. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The RFO confirmed that all actions from the previous minutes had been completed.

RESOLVED

To note the update.

7. TO CONSIDER GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Chair emphasised that grant applications had been received totalling over £86,000 against a budget of £50,000. Members would therefore need to make difficult decisions regarding the allocation of the available funds.

Members had requested applicants for items 7.1 to 7.12 attend the meeting to answer questions from the Committee. The remaining applications would be taken as read.

Each application would be considered in turn, with Members first indicating whether they supported the application in principle. Once all applications had been considered, the Committee would determine the level of grant to be awarded to each successful applicant.

Sudbury Pride and Sudbury Museum Trust withdrew their Grant Aid applications.

RESOLVED

7.1 Abi's Footprints requested a grant of £6,000 (Revenue)

That, using the general power of competence under the Localism Act 2011, ss1-8, to approve a grant of £4,000 to Abi's Footprints.

7.2 Christopher Centre requested a grant of £1,427 (Capital)

That, using the general power of competence under the Localism Act 2011, ss1-8, to approve a grant of £1,427 to Christopher Centre.

7.3 Compassion requested a grant of £5,000 (Revenue)

That, using the general power of competence under the Localism Act 2011, ss1-8, to approve a grant of £2,500 to Compassion.

7.4 Hadleigh and Sudbury Swimming Club requested a grant of £533 (Capital) & £4000 (Revenue)

That, using the general power of competence under the Localism Act 2011, ss1-8, to approve a grant of £2,000 (£1,000 capital and £1,000 revenue) to Hadleigh and Sudbury Swimming Club.

7.5 Hope for Tomorrow requested a grant of £1,000 (Revenue)

That, using the general power of competence under the Localism Act 2011, ss1-8, to approve a grant of £1,000 to Hope for Tomorrow.

7.6 Hourglass requested a grant of £3,000 (Revenue)

That, using the general power of competence under the Localism Act 2011, ss1-8, to approve a grant of £1,500 to Hourglass.

7.7 Leading Lives Creative Café requested a grant of £4,000 (Revenue)

That, using the general power of competence under the Localism Act 2011, ss1-8, to approve a grant of £1,000 to Leading Lives Creative Café.

7.8 Leading Lives Dementia Café requested a grant of £1,000 (Revenue)

That, using the general power of competence under the Localism Act 2011, ss1-8, to approve a grant of £1,000 to Leading Lives Dementia Café.

7.9 Quay Theatre requested a grant of £10,000 (Capital)

That, using the general power of competence under the Localism Act 2011, ss1-8, to approve a grant of £5,000 to Quay Theatre, to be held in an EMR until the council receives notification of successful match funding to fulfil the lighting project.

7.10 Sporting Memories requested a grant of £3,800 (Revenue)

That, using the general power of competence under the Localism Act 2011, ss1-8, to approve a grant of £1,500 to Sporting Memories.

7.11 Sudbury Cricket Club requested a grant of £9,333 (Capital)

That, using the general power of competence under the Localism Act 2011, ss1-8, to approve a grant of £5,000 to Sudbury Cricket Club, to be held in an EMR until the council receives notification of successful match funding to fulfil the new storage building project.

7.12 Sudbury Pride requested a grant of £500 (Revenue)

The application was withdrawn.

7.13 AFC Sudbury requested a grant of £1,265 (Revenue)

That, using the general power of competence under the Localism Act 2011, ss1-8, to approve a grant of £500 to AFC Sudbury.

7.14 Ballingdon Fete requested a grant of £1,000 (Capital)

That, using the general power of competence under the Localism Act 2011, ss1-8, to approve a grant of £500 to Ballingdon Fete.

7.15 Kernos Centre requested a grant of £5,000 (Revenue)

That, using the general power of competence under the Localism Act 2011, ss1-8, to approve a grant of £5,000 to the Kernos Centre.

7.16 Number 72 requested a grant of £2,000 (Revenue)

That, using the general power of competence under the Localism Act 2011, ss1-8, to approve a grant of £1,700 to Number 72.

7.17 Phoenix Fundraising Team requested a grant of £1,000 (Revenue)

That, using the general power of competence under the Localism Act 2011, ss1-8, to approve a grant of £1,000 to Phoenix Fundraising Team.

7.18 Sudbury & District Art Club requested a grant of £275 (Revenue)

That, using the general power of competence under the Localism Act 2011, ss1-8, to approve a grant of £100 to Sudbury & District Art Club.

7.19 Sudbury CAB requested a grant of £8,000 (Revenue)

That, using the general power of competence under the Localism Act 2011, ss1-8, to recommend that the Full Council authorise a grant of £8,000 to Sudbury CAB.

7.20 Sudbury Defibrillators requested a grant of £5,000 (Revenue)

That, using the general power of competence under the Localism Act 2011, ss1-8, to approve a grant of £3,000 to Sudbury Defibrillators.

7.21 Sudbury Hockey Club requested a grant of £1,757 (Capital)

That, using the general power of competence under the Localism Act 2011, ss1-8, to approve a grant of £1,200 to Sudbury Hockey Club.

7.22 Sudbury Life Saving Club requested a grant of £1,500 (Revenue)

That, using the general power of competence under the Localism Act 2011, ss1-8, to approve a grant of £1,000 to Sudbury Life Saving Club.

7.23 Sudbury Museum Trust requested a grant of £1,200 (Revenue)

The application was withdrawn.

7.24 Sudbury Rowing Club requested a grant of £600 (Revenue)

That, using the general power of competence under the Localism Act 2011, ss1-8, to approve a grant of £600 to Sudbury Rowing Club.

7.25 Sudbury Twinning requested a grant of £2,100 (Revenue)

That, using the general power of competence under the Localism Act 2011, ss1-8, to approve a grant of £1,200 to Sudbury Twinning.

8. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE TOWN CLERK AND RFO ON FINANCIAL MATTERS

The RFO requested that a Councillor undertake the next Financial Quarterly Review.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Mrs J Osborne's offer to undertake the review be approved.

The business of the meeting concluded at 8.32pm.

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Chairman