

COMMUNITY FUNDING
held MONDAY 20 JULY 2026 at
GREENWOOD ROOM, HEBDEN BRIDGE TOWN HALL

**PRESENT
Councillors**

Cammack, Guilfoyle, Hoyle and Turner

Minutes

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**ABSENT
Councillors**

Borrows, Fraser, Howes, Trickett

MINUTES

26(CF)150	1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & REASONS Apologies were received from Cllrs Borrows, Fraser – on holiday with Cllr Turner as substitute, Howes – on holiday, Trickett – on business trip
26(CF)151	2. MEMBERS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS There were no members' interests reported at this meeting
26(CF)152	3. PRIORITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY FUNDING COMMITTEE This work will feed back into Strategy and Review for further consideration, particularly around the three-year budgeting question and how findings from this and other committees' priority-setting combine. It was agreed that the current priorities stated in the funding criteria as in section 3 of the guidance were still relevant. These are • improving residents' quality of life • increasing community cohesion • addressing needs like food insecurity. • young people • older people • those who are vulnerable or experiencing disadvantage

	It was discussed how there needs to be a measurable benefit, how many people benefit and what is the community value? The idea of building long-term partnerships was discussed. This would support the Town Council priorities but also support groups to become financially sustainable, attract match funding and make longer term plans. The question of whether tourism/economic vibrancy funding should sit within community funding or be handled elsewhere was left as an open question, flagged for further conversation rather than resolved in this session. Other themes and priorities discussed were Vulnerable people, social cohesion and cost-of-living support Elderly people and disabilities Community policing and community safety Grant-writing support capacity Distinguishing community funding from tourism/events funding Events, parades and celebrations Twinning The promotion of the Community Funding Committee was also discussed; how do we let the community know what we are funding? RESOLVED: That a meeting will be held, open to all those who engage in youth led provision in the area, to have an open conversation about how the Town Council can best support their needs and what the opportunities may be for longer term funding. The committee will convene a further discussion (an open forum or targeted conversation) with organisations working with young people, to gather information on needs and options before committing to a specific young-people funding priority or partnership structure — explicitly without promising funding at that stage. To consider revisiting projects upon completion to run stories about the project’s achievements, in particular looking at the human impact.
26(CF)153	4. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC There was no resolution to exclude members of the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 during consideration of items of a confidential nature. RESOLVED:

Meeting finished at pm.