



WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL GRANTS AND GOVERNANCE SUB COMMITTEE
HELD AT 32 WATERLOO STREET
WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE 2025**

Meeting Commenced: 10.20 am

Meeting Concluded: 10.44 am

PRESENT: Councillors Hugh Malyan (Chair), Joe Bambridge, James Clayton and Caroline Reynolds (S).

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE: Sarah Pearse (Chief Executive Officer/Town Clerk), Fay Powell (Director of Operational Services/Deputy Town Clerk), Rebecca Saunders (Civic Officer & PA to the CEO/Town Clerk) and Archie Stephen (Mayors Cadet/Work experience student).

61.	Election of Chair The CEO/ Town Clerk invited nominations for the position of Chair. PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Clayton SECONDED BY: Councillor Caroline Reynolds A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly, it was: RESOLVED: That Councillor Hugh Malyan be elected Chair of the Grants & Governance Sub Committee.
62.	Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes Apologies were received from Councillors Mike Bell substituted by Caroline Reynolds Apologies were also received from Councillors Alan Peak and John Standfield with no substitutions.
63.	Declarations of Interest Councillor James Clayton declared an interest in Item 6 as employee of Weston BID.

64.	Election of Vice Chair The Chair invited nominations for the position of Vice Chair. PROPOSED BY: Councillor Hugh Malyan SECONDED BY: Councillor James Clayton A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly, it was: RESOLVED: That Councillor John Stanfield be elected Vice Chair of the Grants & Governance Sub Committee.
65.	To agree the accuracy of the previous Grants and Governance Sub Committee Minutes held on 17th April 2025 The minutes from the previous meeting had been previously circulated. PROPOSED BY: Councillor Hugh Malyan SECONDED BY: Councillor James Clayton A vote was taken and accordingly it was carried. RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Grants and Governance Sub Committee Meeting held on 17th April 2025 be approved and signed by the Chair.
66.	GRANTS To consider the proposal from the BID for a Summer events programme for the Town Centre 2025 Members were requested to approve the programme of events from the allocated EMR of £27,000 put in place to improve Town Vitality. The CEO/Town Clerk reported a surplus of £40k from the last years Community Grants budget had been ringfenced and Weston BID had submitted a proposal to utilise these funds for a summer programme of Events that would attract visitors to the Town Centre in line with the strategy commitment to improve Vitality. The committee considered the proposal and queries were raised as follows: • Inclement weather plan, would the event be rescheduled or relocated to avoid wasted funds. • Short time scale to get all the necessary paperwork completed with North Somerset Council PROPOSED BY: Councillor Hugh Malyan SECONDED BY: Councillor Caroline Reynolds Councillor James Clayton abstained from the vote. A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly, it was:

	RESOLVED: Under power: Local Government Act 1972 section 13 to award Weston BID funds for: • Up to 3 Dino Days sessions • Up to 3 Bike and tightrope sessions • Up to 3 Ocean Safari adventure trail sessions All to include an inclement weather plan.
67.	To receive the proposal from NSC – for the Town Council to administer and extra £15k Community Grants budget The CEO/Town Clerk reported that North Somerset Council would like to add 15k to the existing Town Council ‘Events Grant Fund’. The £15k was prize money due to Weston-super-Mare winning ‘Best Town for Business Environment in ‘Let’s Celebrate Towns ‘last year. There was no deadline to spend the money, or guidance other than that it should be spent towards a community project that would benefit the town and support local businesses and aligned with the Events Grant criteria. The request process was noted as follows: ➤ The Town Council to process grants via the existing processes ➤ A North Somerset Officer with events knowledge to attend meetings in a non-voting compacity to have input/add value to the decision-making process ➤ Joint comms/visibility around NSC’s contribution to the grant for part or solely funded events ➤ Funds to be invoiced as grants awarded until all monies allocated The Committee felt it would be sensible to have a separate application form for these monies and they should be awarded before current funds in the budget. PROPOSED BY: Councillor Hugh Malyan SECONDED BY: Councillor Joe Bambridge A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly, it was: RESOLVED: To accept the £15k funding from North Somerset Council and appoint a non-voting North Somerset Officer.
	There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 10.44 am Signed.....Dated Chair of the Grants and Governance Sub Committee