

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Community Grant Panel held at Council Chamber, Blackdown House on 30 March 2026

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The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 6.36 pm

6 Declarations of Interest

None.

7 Public Speaking

None.

8 Matters of Urgency

None.

9 Confidential or exempt items

None.

10 Community Grant Funding Awards 2025/26

The Panel considered the following small community grants that met the criteria and awarded grants as follows:

RESOLVED:

Group	Area	Funding requested	Panel decision
Action East Devon	Axminster and surrounding areas	£1,500	Agreed
Axewoods Co-Op	East Devon	£1,395	Agreed
Bright Bridge Enabling SW CIC	Exmouth Area	£1,500	Agreed
Budleigh Salterton Information Centre	Budleigh Salterton	£1,320	Agreed
Clyst St George and Ebford Parish Hall	Clyst St George and Ebford	£700	Agreed
Devon Dig and Donate CIC	East Devon	£1,499	Agreed
Devon Healing	East Devon	£1,500	Agreed

Horsemanship			
Discover Your Doorstep CIC	Exmouth and surrounding areas	£1,500	Agreed
East Devon All Stars	Seaton and surrounding areas	£1,500	Agreed
Emma Molony Wallpaper	Cranbrook	£950	Agreed
Exmouth Bosom Buddies CIC	Exmouth Area	£1,482	Agreed
Happi Beats	East Devon villages	£1,200	Agreed
Honiton Carers Support Group	Honiton, Ottery, Combe Raleigh, Collaton Raleigh, Offwell, Feniton, Sidmouth & Pinhoe	£1,500	Agreed
Inspiring Connections SW CIC	East Devon	£1,500	Agreed
Little Green Change	Axminster, Seaton, Kilmington and Honiton.	£1,499.95	Agreed
Make Lunch partnered with All Saints Church	Sidmouth and surrounding areas	£800	Agreed
North Devon Deaf Children's Society	East Devon	£1,500	Agreed
Ottery Help Scheme	Whimble	£1,500	Agreed
Seaton & District Hospital League of Friends	Seaton District	£1,500	Agreed
Sidmouth Coastal Community Hub CIC	Sidmouth and surrounding areas	£1,500	Agreed
The Devon Centre of Birth	Exmouth Area	£1,200	Agreed
Wellbeing Workshops Devon	Exmouth, Budleigh Salterton	£1,500	Agreed
		£30,045.95	

The Panel considered the following applications that still required further evidence and **RESOLVED**

1. that the remaining four applications that required further evidence should be referred to officers to obtain the outstanding evidence;
2. that subject to the necessary evidence being obtained, the applications met the criteria and therefore were agreed in principle by the Panel; giving delegated authority as set out in the Community Grants Fund policy for the Chair, as Portfolio Holder for Finance, to make the final decision on the applications as the amount fell under the £3000 limit (paragraph 6.4 of the policy refers)

The Panel considered the following Community Buildings applications. After discussion, the Panel agreed that some applications could be granted but that further information and consideration was required. The Chair therefore agreed that after this resolution, the meeting be adjourned and the remaining applications be considered by the Panel on the 15th April 2026 at 5.30pm.

RESOLVED that

1. The applications for village halls listed in the table below, namely Dunkeswell, Escot, Aylesbeare, Umborne and Netherton Club Farway, be granted
2. The remaining applications be deferred for further information and consideration by the Panel

Building	Total Amount of Funding Required	Amount of Funding Requested from EDDC	Difference in funding in place	Panel decision
Dunkeswell Village Hall	£21,053	£10,000	Yes	Agreed
Netherton Club - Farway Village Hall	£15,371	£10,000	Yes	Agreed
Escot Village Hall	£14,121	£10,000	Yes	Agreed
Northleigh Parish Hall	£2,290.49	£2,000	Yes	Defer for further information
1 st Beer Scout Group	£5,849.56	£4,428.17	Yes	Defer for further information
Offwell Recreation Ground and Village Hall	£3,875	£2,712	Yes	Defer for further information
Aylesbeare Village Hall	£74,000	£10,000	Yes	Agreed
Umborne Village Hall	£26,735.04	£10,000	Yes	Agreed
Musbury Village Hall	£1,816	£1,816	Not required	Defer for further information
Gittisham Parish Hall	£2,835.81	£2,835.81	Not Required	Defer for further information
Awliscombe Parish Hall	£2,720.50	£2,720.50	Not Required	Defer for further information

Attendance List

Councillors present:

S Hawkins (Chair)

J Bailey
S Hughes
J Loudoun
H Parr
S Jackson

Councillors also present (for some or all the meeting)

Officers in attendance:

Sharon Church, Benefits Manager
Debbie Meakin, Democratic Services Officer

Councillor apologies:

S Smith

Chairman

Date: