

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Community Grant Panel held at Tale Room, Blackdown House, Honiton on 15 April 2026

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The meeting started at 5.30 pm and ended at 5.42 pm

11 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 March 2026

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as a correct record.

12 Declarations of Interest

None.

13 Public Speaking

None.

14 Matters of Urgency

None.

15 Confidential or exempt items

None.

16 Community Grant Funding Awards 2025/26

Following adjournment of the meeting held on the 30 March 2026, the Panel considered an update on the report from the Benefits and Financial Resilience Manager on funding for the following remaining applications.

Building	Total Amount of Funding Required	Amount of Funding Requested from EDDC	Difference in funding in place	Panel decision
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
Musbury Village Hall	£1,816	£1,816	Not required	Defer for further information
Gittisham Parish Hall	£2,835.81	£2,835.81	Not	Defer for

			Required	further information
Awliscombe Parish Hall	£2,720.50	£2,720.50	Not Required	Defer for further information

The Panel were in support of the community buildings applications but the total number of applications meant that the fund was over-subscribed. The Panel were also aware of the increase in costs for materials and works over time, and how delaying a decision by a long period may adversely affect the applicants.

Members of the Panel debated recommending a change to the policy that permits applications that would normally be awarded but can't be due to the funding limits in place for the Community buildings, to be rolled over to the next funding window without having to reapply. Members also agreed that clear, positive communication should be sent to the six applicants to provide reassurance. Accordingly, the following recommendation was agreed, set out below:

Recommendation to Cabinet:

To make the following change to the Community Grant Fund policy

- Applications that meet the policy criteria, but Members are unable to approve due to funding limits, can be rolled over to the next grant window.

Subject to Cabinet approving the above recommendation the 6 Community building fund applications deferred for a decision will be carried forward to the next grant window.

Attendance List

Councillors present:

S Hawkins (Chair)
J Bailey
S Hughes
J Loudoun
H Parr
S Jackson
S Smith

Councillors also present (for some or all the meeting)

Officers in attendance:

Sharon Church, Benefits Manager
Wendy Harris, Democratic Services Officer

Councillor apologies:

Chairman

Date: