

WEST DEAN PARISH COUNCIL

Jo Miles

Clerk to the Council

Tel Office 01594 564484 (9 am – 3 pm Monday to Thursday
And 9 am to 1 pm Friday)
Email clerk@westdeanpc.org.uk
Web www.westdeanpc.org.uk

The West Dean Centre
High Street
Bream
Lydney
Glos GL15 6JW

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE on Thursday 10th April 2025

Present: Cllr A Grant, J Richmond and B Freshwater

In attendance: Clerks – J Miles and P Holland

	Public Forum Representatives from Scarr Bandstand and Canopy attended to give further information in support of their applications.
	<u>Finance Committee</u>
1	Apologies Cllrs S Yates, S Francis and S Dunford
2	Declaration of Interest Cllr Richmond declared an interest as a Trustee of and Chair of Berry Hill Memorial Institute, who have applied for grant funding, but advised that he would not take part in any discussion or vote on this application.
3	Minutes of the last meeting Cllr Grant covered the main points from meeting held on 16 th October 2024 and these were agreed as an accurate record.
4	Community Grant Awards The meeting undertook compliance checks and felt that the following applications could not be considered for the reasons given:

- Yorkley School PTA – Due to no financial information available for the last 3 years.

The meeting then considered the small grant applications and recommended the following amounts be awarded:

- Berry Hill Community Orchard – To replace rotting midline fence posts were awarded £250.00.
- Forest Fitting Fit – Purchase of Head Guards were awarded £550.00.
- Forest Ready Easy Deal – Printing, Coaching Aids and Stationery were awarded £500.00.
- Yorkley Play Group – Space saving tables and chairs were awarded £1,000.00.
- The Recreation Ground Pillowell – Community Clean Up facilities were awarded £946.25.
- Bream Community Library (Lego Club) – were awarded £575.00.
- Sling and District Recreation Club – Window Replacement were awarded £1,250.00.
- Berry Hill Memorial Institute – Structural Repairs (drains, disabled toilet floor and main fire doors) were awarded £2,000.00

The meeting then discussed the merits of the applications made from outside of the area.

- Great Western Air Ambulance Charity – Critical Care Mission Costs were awarded £2,000.00.

They then discussed the larger applications from within the parish boundary and recommended the following amounts be awarded:

- Friends of Scarr Bandstand - The permanent roof project were awarded £8,000.00. However £4,000.00 of this would need a separate approval from parish council.

The meeting then returned those applications placed on hold whilst the applications from within the parish boundary was considered. The meeting agreed that the following amounts be recommended for approval:

- Canopy – Artfest West Dean were awarded £2,500.00.

Total allocated as grant funding = £19,571.25

The committee noted that the previous grant of £1,500.00 to Canopy, had failed to meet point 4.3 of the Grants Policy and would require them to refund these monies.

Proposal to Full Council

After the discussion of the Friends of Scarr Bandstand application, noting that West Dean Parish Council had been instrumental in the formation of this group, it was felt that should it be required, a further £4,000.00 should be awarded, if other funding sources failed to award, to ensure the Permanent Roofing Project did not fail.

Finance Committee recommend that £4,000.00 be moved from the Reserves to the Grant Budget

5 Date of Next Meeting

To be arranged as required.

The meeting closed at 11.50 am.