



Minutes of the Milton Abbas Street Fair Trustees' Meeting

held on 14th October 2025

Present: David French (DF) - Chair, John Widdowson (JW), Debbie Drammis (DD), Ann Fookes (AF), Jennifer Harrison (JH), Steve Gould (SG)

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed all Trustees.

Apologies were received from Brian Isherwood and Mark Castle-Smith (MC-S).

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 14th January 2025

The Minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

All actions were complete.

4. Conflicts of Interest

All Trustees had some interests in the bids for funding.

5. Ratification of Email Decisions

There were none.

6. Financial Position Post Street Fair

DD briefed the Trustees on the latest financial position.

The Fair had generated an income of £39,211.39. This was less than hoped for, but was due to the lower number of attendees. Expenditure was 29,188.97.

DD informed the Trustees that the Fair bank account now stands at £20,262.89, plus £14,000 Startup and Rainy Day funds. This leaves £16,285.31 for Grants.

DD raised the issue that the Fair was being charged VAT for use of fields for car parking. DD was sure that VAT should not be charged and it had not been charged previously. The Trustees agreed that VAT should not be paid and requested the MC-S approach the farmer.

Action: MC-S

7. Allocation of Grants

The Trustees discussed the allocation of grants.

The bid from Friends of Luccombe Hub had been withdrawn pre-Fair. The additional bid from Winterborne Scouts is for £500. Also Hilton and Ansty had not submitted a figure in their bid, £1000 was suggested by the Trustees. Also to consider was the Charity Donation which historically had been £1000.

Netting off the Luccombe and Hilton bids and adding the Winterbourne and Charity Donation brought the total bid to £17,720, which is more than the available funding.

After much discussion it was decided that all Grants would be reduced to 90%. This brings the total required to £15,948, which is within the available funding.

JW will draft letters to Beneficiaries for approval.

Action: JW

The Trustees then discussed a recent post-Fair bid from "The Hambro Arms Community Scheme Steering Committee. The bid is for a grant of £1,256 to cover start up costs for a community initiative to secure the future of the village pub.

After much discussion it was decided that £1,000 could be granted to the Committee. The funds will be taken from the remaining Fair funds plus reserves.

JW to draft a letter to the Steering Committee.

Action: JW

8. Beneficiary Award Event

The Thank You and Award Event will take place on Friday 28th November in St James' Church at 7pm. Beneficiaries, the Organising Committee, Trustees and Charity representatives will be invited to attend.

JW to draft a letter to Weldmar.

Action: JW

9. Street Fair Trust and Organising Committees

DF Confirmed that he would be standing down as Chair following the Beneficiary Award Event.

DD confirmed that she would also be resigning as Treasurer of both Trustees and Org Com at the Street Fair AGM.

Trustees were encouraged to identify potential candidates for these roles.

10. AOB

There was none.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting date would be held some time in the New Year.

D. V. French
24th Feb. 2026.