



**MINUTES of the MEETING
of the
COMMUNITY AWARDS SUB-COMMITTEE
held in the
Council Offices, BUCKLEY
on
Wednesday 15th July 2026 at 9.30am**

PRESENT

Councillor E L Preece- in the Chair

Cllr V E Blondek* 9.38am
Cllr J S Jones*
Cllr D Mackie*
Cllr L Rathbone
Cllr D Ellis – substituting for Cllr C A Ellis

*Joined remotely

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs K Brown – Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

This meeting was held in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, the Members Code of Conduct, the Civility and Respect Pledge and in line with any relevant Council policies.

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and provided introductions, emergency housekeeping and general meeting protocols.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors L Hughes (prior engagement) and D J Rose (personal commitments).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Three Declarations of Interest were made in relation to Agenda item 5 – Nominations for the Community Awards by Councillors V E Blondek, L Rathbone and J S Jones.

4. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee was advised that the following Agenda items should be regarded as confidential, and it was therefore –

Resolved – to exclude press and public and that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, namely consideration of Community Award



nominations containing personal information relating to identifiable individuals, it was advisable in the public interest that the public and press be excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.

5. NOMINATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY AWARDS

The Committee considered the 12 nominations received for the 2026 Community Awards.

Nominee Number	Award Category
1	Pride of Buckley Award
2	Community Award / Sustainability Award
3	Community Award
4	Community Award
5	Community Award
6	Community Award
7	Community Award
8	Community Award
9	Community Award
10	Community Award
11	Community Award
12	Community Award

The Committee unanimously agreed the recipients of the Pride of Buckley Award, the Sustainability Award and Community Award and expressed its delight at the high standard of nominations received.

6. PRESENTATION OF THE AWARDS

The Committee discussed and agreed that the awards would be presented at an Awards Event to be held at a local venue.

The Committee requested that approval be sought from the Finance Committee for a budget virement to fund the event, including room hire and catering, with the aim of holding the awards evening in October 2026.

The Committee also agreed that invitations should be extended to organisations and individuals who had previously received a Council Bursary or Community Grant.



7. REVIEW INAUGURAL NOMINATION

The Committee reviewed the inaugural nomination process and discussed several potential changes.

The Committee recommended the following:-

- a) Add a new Sports Club/Sports Volunteer category to recognise the significant contribution made by Buckley sports clubs and their volunteers to the community.
- b) Amend the Young Community Champion category to widen the eligibility criteria to include youth groups and youth projects.
- c) Amend Section 4 – Eligibility by adding a criterion stating that where a nomination is submitted for an individual undertaking a paid role, the contribution recognised must be above and beyond the normal duties of that role.

The Committee also requested that the Clerk review the timescales for the Community Awards and Community Grants schemes to explore opportunities for closer alignment.

Meeting closed at 10:00 am.

**SUMMARY OF DECLARATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUCKLEY TOWN COUNCIL'S
CODE OF CONDUCT**

BUCKLEY TOWN COUNCIL

15th July 2026

MEMBER	ITEM	PERSONAL	PREJUDICIAL	MIN. NO. REFERS
Cllr V E Blondek	Community Awards Sub-Committee Agenda item 5 Nominations for the Community Awards Buckley Community Fridge	*		5
Cllr J S Jones	Community Awards Sub-Committee Agenda item 5 Nominations for the Community Awards Attend St Matthew's Church	*		5
Cllr L Rathbone	Community Awards Sub-Committee Agenda item 5 Nominations for the Community Awards Volunteer at Buckley Community Fridge	*		5