



GRANTS TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR PANEL

MINUTES OF THE DIGITAL MEETING HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THURSDAY 3RD MARCH 2022 AT 5.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor A. Gair – Chair
Councillor R. Gough – Vice Chair

Councillors:

M. Davies, A. Farina- Childs, L. Jeremiah, D. W. R. Preece, J. Taylor and B. Zaplatynski.

Together with:

S. Harris (Head of Financial Services and Section 151 Officer), V. Doyle (Policy Officer), S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer) and J. Thomas (Committee Services Officer).

RECORDING AND VOTING ARRANGEMENTS

The Chair reminded those present that the meeting was being recorded and would be made available to view via the Council's website, except for discussions involving confidential or exempt items. [Click here to view.](#)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C. Andrews, D. Hardacre, A. Higgs, A. Leonard, G. D. Oliver, J. Ridgewell and J. E. Roberts.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received at the commencement or during the course of the meeting.

3. MINUTES – 18TH NOVEMBER 2021

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2021 be approved as a correct record. By way of Microsoft Forms (and in noting there were 6 votes for, 0 votes against and 1 abstention) this was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel meeting held on 18th November 2021 (minute nos. 1-4) be approved as a correct record.

4. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Policy Officer presented the report which informed the Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel of the applications for Financial Assistance received between 1st October 2021 and 31st January 2022. The report also informed the Panel of the applications for Welsh Church Acts Fund received between 1st October 2021 and 31st January 2022.

Members were advised of the budget allocations for both the Voluntary Sector budget and the Welsh Church Acts Fund budget. Details of the applications received and approved by the Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer under delegated powers between 1st October 2021 and 31st January 2022 were summarised.

In response to a Member's query, it was clarified that the Applications for Financial Assistance report informs the Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel of the applications that have met the criteria for Financial Assistance and the Welsh Church Acts Fund, which have already been approved by the Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer under delegated powers and which are reported to the Panel for information. It was highlighted that that Panel views are sought in relation to applications that do not meet the general criteria for Financial Assistance, with the purpose of making a recommendation to the Head of Financial Services & Section 151 Officer for approval or otherwise. It was further highlighted that applications received which do not meet the Welsh Church Acts Fund criteria are not reported to the Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel. However, Panel views are sought in relation to applications from individuals in relation to the Welsh Church Acts Fund, with the purpose of making a recommendation to the Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer for approval or otherwise.

The Head of Financial Services and S151 Officer responded to questions raised in relation to the general criteria. It was explained that the list of general criteria is reviewed periodically with the Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel and that the grants are awarded on the criteria that has previously been agreed. Members were advised that there will be an opportunity, post-election, to review the general criteria.

Following consideration of the report, Panel Members noted the applications received that met the criteria for Financial Assistance and the Welsh Church Acts Fund, which have already been approved by the Head of Financial Services and S151 Officer under delegated powers, and which are reported to the Panel for information.

The meeting closed at 5.18 p.m.

Approved as a correct record and subject to any amendments or corrections agreed and recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2022, they were signed by the Chair.

CHAIR