



## GRANTS TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR PANEL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, TREDOMEN  
ON WEDNESDAY 26TH JANUARY 2005 AT 3.30P.M.

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PRESENT:

Councillor J.R. Davies - Chairman  
Councillor Mrs B.M. Toomer - Vice-Chairman

Councillors:

D.Cullen, J.O.Evans, R.W.Gough, G.J.Hughes, K.James, K.Lloyd, Miss A. Morgan and  
D.J.Potter

Together with:

A. Isaacs (Head of Corporate Finance), D.Jones (Senior Accountancy Assistant) and  
G.George (Committee Services Manager)

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs E.M. Aldworth, K.M.Derrick and  
Mrs J.A.Pritchard

### **GV10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were made at the meeting by the members indicated who remained in the meeting but took no part in the discussions or voting on their respective items.

Councillor D Cullen – Sardis United Reform Church (has done work for the Church)  
Councillor R Gough - Gelligaer Over 40's Club (has done work for the Club) and The College Ystrad Mynach (on Board of Governors).  
Councillor G J Hughes – Calvary Evangelical Church, Penybryn (member of Community Council that has given a grant).  
Councillor K Lloyd – Trinant Sports Rugby Football Club (member of Partnership)

### **GV11 GENERAL CRITERIA FOR AWARDED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

At previous meetings, members resolved that a percentage increase be agreed and that consideration be given to standardising Youth Associations. The following table showed the effect of increases between 9% and 16%, and also included an additional category at (k).

<b>Annual Award</b>	<b>£</b>
(a) OAP Association with own building	240
(b) OAP Association without own building	120
(c) Junior Sports Club	35 per number of members
(d) Individuals representing Wales at home	120
(e) Individuals representing Wales abroad	240
(f) Jazz Bands	60
(g) Choirs	60
(h) Scout/cubs/brownies/guides/boys brigade/crusaders	35 per number of members
(i) St John Ambulance: -	
Cadets	60 per number of members
Badgers	35 per number of members
(j) Boys and Girls Clubs and YMCA's with own premises	460
(k) Youth Associations without own premises	35 per number of members

RESOLVED that the above increases be applied with effect from 1st April 2005.

## **GV12 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Consideration was given to the list of applications for financial assistance.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the report, or otherwise indicated below, applications for financial assistance were determined as follows

Islwyn Drug and Alcohol Project (IDAP) - Grant of £500.

Morgan John Rhys Society - Grant of £400.

Bedwas Trethomas & Machen (BTM) Band Society - Grant of £250.

Caerphilly Residents Defence Association - Refused as it was felt this was a residents association and the application should be directed to the Housing Division.

Caerphilly and Gelligaer MENCAP Society – Grant of £50.

Darran Valley Ramblers – Grant of £60.

Fochriw Over 55's Club – Refused and suggest they consider approaching Communities First for funding

Gelligaer Over 40's Club – Grant of £50

Machen Over 50's Club – Grant of £100.

Pontllanfraith Women's Institute – Grant of £100

The College, Ystrad Mynach – Refused.

Bargoed and District YMCA – Refused as community centres have been dealt with in accordance with a Cabinet decision on funding community centres.

Caerphilly Skater Hockey Club – Grant of £250

4th Risca Brownies and Rainbows – Refused as a grant has recently been given

Heolddu Comprehensive School, Bargoed – Refused

St Peter's Youth Group, Newbridge – Grant of £120

Ystrad Fawr Latin Formation Team – Grant of £120

Peter Pan Nursery for Children with special needs, Staffordshire - Refused

Mrs H. D. Hamer, Cefn Fforest – Referred to the Mayor to arrange a presentation evening to recognise work of poppy sellers

Simon Grist, Trethomas – Everest Trek -Refused

Patrick Seshie, Newport – Research Student - Refused

### **GV13 DEFERRED APPLICATION**

The following application was reconsidered following additional information being received.

#### **The Pit Pony Sanctuary, Pontypridd**

RESOLVED that the application from The Pit Pony Sanctuary, Pontypridd be refused

### **GV14 WELSH CHURCH ACTS FUND**

RESOLVED that in accordance with the previously agreed criteria a grant of no more than one-third up to a maximum of £1,500 be made from the Welsh Church Fund to the following.

- (a) St David's Church, Oakdale
- (b) St Catherine's Church, Crosskeys
- (c) Bethel Evangelical Church, Nelson
- (d) Beulah Baptist Church, Newbridge
- (e) Siloh Christian Community Centre, Ystrad Mynach
- (f) Zoar Welsh Baptist Chapel, Pontlottyn
- (g) Trinant Sports Rugby Football Club

### **GV15 ITEM FOR INFORMATION – CHANGE OF PURPOSE**

Elim Church Pontlottyn

The church was awarded a grant of £1,500 in 2003/04 towards the cost of a new building. However the plot of land intended for this purpose had been sold and church members have requested that the money be granted for the cost of adapting a former school premises to a conversion of a church and community centre.

RESOLVED that the change of purposes be agreed.

**GV16 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

It was noted that the following grants had been approved by the Head of Corporate Finance in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman in accordance with the agreed criteria: -

	£
(1) Caerphilly Squash Club	90+90
(2) Trinant Sports RFC	60+60
(3) Cefn Fforest Boys & Girls Football Club	300
(4) The Youth Centre, Cefn Hengoed	420
(5) Ist Machen Guides	30+30
(6) Anthony Harris, Cwmcarn – Bowls	110
(7) Gareth Pitt, Caerphilly – Squash	110
(8) Frazer Richards, Caerphilly – Squash	110
(9) Pontlottyn OAP Association	110
(10) Ystrad Mynach OAP Association	110
(11) 4th Risca Brownies	60
(12) 4th Risca Rainbows	30
(13) Cwmcarn Gymnastics Club	150
(14) Fochriw Karate Club	60+60
(15) Phoenix United Football Club	300
(16) Risca & Gelli United Junior Football Club	120
(17) 2nd Hengoed Brownies	30+30
(18) Darran Valley 55 Club	110
(19) St Martins Ward OAP Association	110
(20) Cwmcarn Angling Club	90
(21) 2nd Nelson Brownies (1st Application)	60+60
(22) Peter Creed, Caerphilly – Squash	220
(23) Mary Gittens, Machen – Bowls	220
(24) Ian Slade, Crosskeys – Bowls	220
(25) Darren Thompson, Pentwynmawr – Snooker	220
(26) Keiren Graham, Caerphilly – Roller Hockey	110
(27) 3rd Caerphilly Brownies	60
(28) 2nd Nelson Rainbow Guides	30+30
(29) Ian Henderson, Caerphilly – Bowls	110
(30) Daniel Williams, Hengoed – Roller Hockey	110
(31) Ioan Rees, Pengam – Chess	220
(32) Sioned Rees, Pengam – Chess	220
(33) Tir-y-Berth OAP Association	110

**GV17 URGENT ITEMS**

The Chairman, Councillor J.R. Davies, certified that because of the need to determine further applications without delay, it was in his opinion, that the following applications were urgent matters within the terms of Section 100(B)(4) of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 and should be dealt with at this meeting.

**KICK Youth and Community Project, Caerphilly**

KICK is due to move to new premises, the former indoor market place in Caerphilly. The building will encompass a Cyber cafe, music workshop, training/education facilities and a sports area. Proceeds from the sale of the previous building will be used to refurbish the new building and a team of project staff will be funded by the National Assembly. KICK are currently trying to raise £3,000 in order to provide computers for the Cyber cafe and any donation would be welcome.

RESOLVED that a grant of £250 be made towards this project

**Ystrad Fawr 4 Couple Junior Latin Team**

The above is a new team with 10 junior members, which has entered the British Open Junior Latin Dance Championship to be held in Blackpool during April. The team are raising funds to purchase tracksuits, practice and performance outfits. An unspecified grant is sought towards these costs.

RESOLVED that a grant of £60 be made towards the cost of purchasing tracksuits, practice and performance outfits

**GV18 WELSH CHURCH ACTS FUND**

RESOLVED that in accordance with the previously agreed criteria grant of no more than one-third up to a maximum of £1,500 be made from the Welsh Church Fund to the following.

**(a) Calvary Evangelical Church, Penybryn**

Disabled access to the premises was to be constructed at an estimated cost of £12,900. The maximum grant had been requested.

**(b) Sardis United Reformed Church**

Repairs have recently been carried out to the Church roof. This was the start of a large project to improve the state of the Church building. Total cost of the first stage is £5,626 and a grant of £1,500 was sought.

The meeting closed at 3.55 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN