



GRANTS TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR PANEL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT COUNCIL OFFICES, TREDOMEN
ON WEDNESDAY, 15TH MARCH 2006 AT 4.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

Councillors:

D. Cullen, K. Derrick, J.O. Evans, R.W. Gough, G.J. Hughes, K. James, K. Lloyd and
Mrs J.A. Pritchard.

Together with:

A. Isaacs (Head of Corporate Finance), D. Jones (Senior Accountancy Assistant) and D.
Phillips (Committee Services Officer).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor R. Gough declared an interest in agenda item 2.2 (Lower Sirhowy Valley
Communities Partnership), 2.3 (Gelligaer & Penybryn Communities Partnership) and 2.18
(Cylch Meithrin Penpedairheol).

Councillor J.O. Evans declared an interest in 2.8 (Oakdale Silver Band).

Councillor Mrs B. Toomer declared an interest in 1.1 (Freeman of City of London in Islwyn
Association).

Councillors K. Derrick and G. Hughes declared an interest in 2.2 (Lower Sirhowy Valley
Communities Partnership) and 2.3 (Gelligaer & Penybryn Communities Partnership).

Councillor G. Hughes declared an interest in agenda item 4 (Citizens Advice Bureaux).

Councillor D. Cullen declared an interest in 2.1 (Friends of Ynysddu Youth).

GV17 GENERAL CRITERIA FOR AWARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) an increase of £10 be given to all categories of the current general criteria for
2006/07.
- (ii) An award of £500 be added to the general criteria list for Silver and Brass
Bands.

GV18. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

RESOLVED that the following applications for financial assistance be approved:-

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(a) Lower Sirhowy Valley Communities Partnership	2,500
(Councillor R. Gough declared an interest in this application as he has connections with the organisation through his work .He took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).	
(b) Gelligaer & Penybryn Communities Partnership	2,500
(Councillor R. Gough declared an interest in this application as he has connections with the organisation through his work .He took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).	
Councillors G. Hughes and K. Derrick declared an interest in the application as they are both involved with the partnership committee)	
(c) Britannia Community Association	100 +100
(d) Cwmfelinfach Residents Association	100 +100
(e) Cruse Bereavement Care, Caerphilly Branch	100 +100
(f) Crosskeys Silver Band	500
(g) Oakdale Silver Band	500
(Councillor J.O. Evans declared an interest in this application as the President of the Band is well known to him. He took no part in the discussions or voting thereon).	
(h) Blackwood & District Amateur Radio Society	100 +100
(i) Darran Valley Ramblers	60
(j) Good Companions, Cefn Hengoed	30
(k) Machen Over 50's Club	50
(l) Oxford House (Risca) Industrial History Society	100 +100
(m) Mid Glamorgan Schools Swimming Association	200
(n) Windsor School of Dance (grant to be subject to the trip going ahead)	105+105
(o) Ystrad Fawr Latin Formation Dance Team	70
(p) World Kickboxing Championships – Athens May 2006 (a grant of £500 for Caerphilly and Pontllanfraith Club)	500 +500
(q) Friends of Ynysddu Youth	100 +100

(Councillor D. Cullen declared an interest in this item as the treasurer is a personal friend and a member of his Rambler's Club – He took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).

RESOLVED for the reasons outlined at the meeting the following application for financial assistance be refused

- (a) Cylch Meithrin, Penpedairheol

GV19. WELSH CHURCH ACTS FUND

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

- (a) Groeswen Welsh Independent Chapel
- (b) Newbridge Methodist Church (application be deferred to later in the meeting)
- (c) Penuel Congregational Chapel, Nelson
- (d) Pontllanfraith Methodist Church
- (e) ElimTabernacle, Abertysswg
- (f) St Aiden's Church Butetown, Rhymney
- (g) St Tyfaelogs Parish Church, Pontlottyn
- (h) Caerphilly Tennis Club
- (i) Oakdale Silver Band
- (j) Girlguiding Gwent International Camp (a grant of £200 be given towards the cost of the Marquee hire)
- (k) Risca Senior Citizens Club

RESOLVED for the reasons outlined at the meeting the following application for Welsh Church Act Fund be refused: -

- (a) Britannia Complex Entertainment Fund, Risca

(The applicant be advised to contact GAVO for funding advice)

GV20. 2006/2007 WELSH CHURCH ACTS FUND

RESOLVED that in accordance with the previously agreed criteria of no more than one third of costs up to a maximum of £1,500. be made from the Welsh Church Act Fund 2006/2007 to the following:-

- (a) Cae'r Gorlan Baptist Church, Abercarn
- (b) St Augustine's Church, Pontllanfraith

GV21. CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX

Councillor G. Hughes declared an interest in the application as he is a trustee of the Board. Members noted that the core funding for 2006/07 for the Citizens Advice Bureaux will be increased by 2% to £101,348.

GV22. 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 Aged Persons Welfare Committee	240
(2)	Darran Valley 55 Club	120
(3)	7th Caerphilly Scout Group	140
(4)	2nd New Tredegar Scout Group(1st Application)	105 +105
(5)	Blackwood RFC Mini and Junior	350
(6)	Blackwood Town Cricket Club	350
(7)	Caerphilly Skater Hockey Club	140
(8)	Hendredenny Park Primary Youth Club	210
(9)	Bargoed YMCA	460
(10)	Bargoed YMCA – Junior Sports	280
(11)	Kieren Graham, Caerphilly – Skater Hockey	240
(12)	Ystrad Mynach OAP Association	120
(13)	Nelson & District Choral Society	60
(14)	5th Risca Scout Group	105 + 105
(15)	Cefn Hengoed Youth Centre	460
(16)	Heolddu Junior Netball Club	105 + 105
(17)	Penpedairheol & Cascade Youth Club	490
(18)	Phoenix United Football Club	350
(19)	Rhymney Youth Football Club	105
(20)	Roy Mountjoy, Blackwood – Pool	240
(21)	Michael West, Llanbradach – Roller Hockey	120
(22)	Rhymney Youth FC (Additional for1st Application)	105

(23)	1st Caerphilly Guides	70
(24)	2nd Caerphilly Scout Group	140
(25)	Newbridge & District Ladies Choir	60
(26)	Woodfieldside OAP Association	240
(27)	WRVS Darby & Joan Club, Newbridge	120
(28)	Ryan Banwell, Bargoed – Roller Hockey	120
(29)	Carl Wood, Gilfach – Bowls	120
(30)	Pontymister Senior Citizens Association	240
(31)	St Martins Ward OAP Association	120
(32)	Caerphilly Tennis Club	210
(33)	Devils Martial Arts, Pontllanfraith & New Tredegar	140
(34)	Penrhos Football Club (1st Application)	35 + 35
(35)	Ystrad Mynach Boys & Girls Club	460
(36)	Ian Henderson, Caerphilly – Bowls	240
(37)	Phillip Morgan, Caerphilly - Shooting	120
(38)	Penllwyn Senior Citizens Association	120

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 the meeting.

GV23. ADDITIONAL APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Freeman of City of London in Islwyn Association

Councillor Mrs B.M. Toomer declared an interest in this application as she has connections with the association. She took no part in the discussions or voting thereon.

RESOLVED that a grant of £350 be given to the Association.

GV24. ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS FOR WELSH CHURCH ACT FUND

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

- (a) Newbridge Methodist Church – (It was agreed that the allocation be made towards rewiring and not to the installation of a disabled toilet from the 2004 allocation).
- (b) Oasis Christian Centre and Coffee Shop, Abertridwr
- (c) Bethania Seventh-Day Adventist Chapel, Ystrad

GV25. Welsh Church Fund Allocation 2006/2007

RESOLVED that in accordance with the previously agreed criteria of no more than one third of costs up to a maximum of £1,500. be made from the Welsh Church Act Fund 2006/2007 to the following:-

- (a) Bethel Evangelical Church, Nelson.

The meeting closed at 4.40 p.m.