

## GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY SECTOR PANEL –20TH JULY 2006

**SUBJECT: APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

### 1. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

1.1 The Panel's budget for 2006/2007 is £311,689. The following amounts have been allocated to date: -

	£
CAB *	123,348
Discretionary Rate Relief	135,000
Grants awarded by Panel	
Grants determined by Officers in consultation with Chairman and Vice Chairman	11,410
Trophies, footballs etc	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>269,758</b>

£101,348 in cash and £17,000 in kind, the latter being premises running costs.

Therefore, the balance available for grants to the voluntary sector is £ 41,931.

The total of amounts requested for applications listed in this report is £20,287. In addition there are a number which do not specify amounts.

### 2. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

2.1 The current general criteria for awarding financial assistance are listed below: -

Annual Award	£
(a) OAP Association with own building	250
(b) OAP Association without own building	130
(c) Junior Sports Club	45 per number of members
(d) Individuals representing Wales at home	130
(e) Individuals representing Wales abroad	250
(f) Jazz Bands	70
(g) Choirs	70
(h) Scout/cubs/brownies/guides/boys brigade/crusaders	45 per number of members

(i)	St John Ambulance: - Cadets	70 per number of Members
	Badgers	45 per number of Members
(j)	Boys and Girls Clubs and YMCA's with own premises	470
(k)	Youth Associations without own premises	45 per number of Members
(l)	Brass and Silver Bands	500

All other applications for sponsorship and miscellaneous grants are treated on their merits.

A total of 28 new applications have been received and are appended below for consideration.

## 2.2 **Cambrian Educational Foundation for Deaf Children**

This Welsh Charity offers assistance to young people who have a hearing impediment to enhance their educational and social development. The Foundation is active in this area and in 2004/2005 made grants totalling £1,500. In past years £100 has been provided.

## 2.3 **Welsh Giant Vegetable Championship**

The 25th Championship will be held in Abertysswg on 16th September. Unspecified financial support is sought towards running costs. Last year £75 was provided.

## 2.4 **Deri and Groesfaen Communities First Partnership**

A grant of £2,500 is requested towards match funding a Biffa award for the provision of a community Centre.

## 2.5 **Oakdale and Penmaen Community Partnership**

A grant of £2,500 is sought to assist with administrative costs and the production of a quarterly newsletter to promote the work of the partnership. A Welsh Church Fund grant is also sought towards the cost of a digital projector.

## 2.6 **Bargoed, Aberbargoed & Gilfach Credit Union**

The Union has paid business rates on its premises in Aberbargoed. No rate relief is available to Credit Unions and a grant of £702 is requested to cover this payment. Last year £684 was awarded for a similar purpose.

## 2.7 **Caerphilly & District Credit Union**

As in 2.6 above, the Union has paid business rates of £1,857.60 on its premises and this is the amount of grant sought.

## 2.8 **Islwyn Community Credit Union**

Business rates of £1,857.60 are due on the Union's premises in Blackwood. A grant of this amount is requested as no rate relief is available.

**2.9 Arthritis Care, Ystrad Mynach**

An unspecified grant is sought towards the cost of transporting members to meetings and outings. Last year £270 was provided.

**2.10 Bargoed Male Voice Choir**

In September, the Choir will be visiting Normandy to perform two concerts. The cost of travel and accommodation for 40 choristers will be around £6,400 and financial assistance is sought. No amount has been specified. £70 is payable under the set criteria.

**2.11 Bethany Baptist Church, Risca – Holiday at Home Week**

A grant of £400 is requested to help run a holiday at home week for people in the community who are unable to take a holiday away from home.

**2.12 Blackwood Amateur Radio Society**

The Society currently has 73 adult and 4 junior members. A grant of £200 is requested towards the cost of an achievement award for one of its members. Last year £200 was awarded in respect of the first application. The Society has also requested a Welsh Church Fund grant towards the cost of a coach trip.

**2.13 Caerphilly Local History Society**

The Society has 65 members and aims to educate the people of the County Borough and publish books on local history. A grant of £200 is requested to pay for rental of a meeting room. Last year £120 was provided.

**2.14 Cefn Glas Residents Association, Blackwood**

This recently formed group has 50 members and aims to organise social, craft and recreational activities. A grant of £780 is sought towards the cost of specialist transport for social outings to include infirm or disabled members.

**2.15 Cefn Hengoed Ladies Friendship Club**

A grant of £100 is requested to help with the cost of room rental and day trips for the 15 members. Last year £35 was awarded.

**2.16 Concorde Friendship Club, Cascade**

The above is a group of 14 OAP's who meet weekly. A grant of £120 is sought to help with the cost of rent and social outings. £30 was awarded in respect of the last application in 2003/04.

**2.17 Crosskeys and Pontywaun Carnival**

A grant of £300 is requested to help fund the annual carnival and to pay for an events licence required by the Council. Last year £110 was provided.

**2.18 Crosskeys Methodist Ladies Group**

A grant of £100 is sought to pay the expenses of visiting speakers and help towards the cost of outings. The last application was in 2003/2004 and £30 was awarded.

### 2.19 **Crosskeys Silver Band**

The Band is raising funds to purchase 35 uniform jackets for its members at a total cost in excess of £6,000. A grant of £2,500 is requested towards this cost. An annual award of £500 is payable in accordance with the set criteria.

### 2.20 **Gelligaer Over 40's Club**

The above is seeking a grant of £120 towards the cost of meetings and days out for its 11 members. £50 was awarded in respect of the group's first application in 2004/2005.

### 2.21 **Newbridge Community Theatre Group**

For the past two years, the Group has staged a pantomime involving local children and adults. Proceeds were donated towards the restoration of Newbridge Memorial Cinema. A grant of £4,500 is sought towards the cost of this year's production including the hire of technical equipment, costumes and props. The Group also wishes to purchase an electric keyboard costing £1,500- £2,000. An application has also been submitted to the Welsh Church Fund.

### 2.22 **Oakdale United Churches Children's Club (J.A.M Club)**

The Club will take place during August for three days involving 70-90 children. A grant of £150 is sought towards the cost of arts and craft materials. In 2003/2004, £100 was provided. Similar funding is also sought from the Welsh Church Fund.

### 2.23 **Oasis Coffee Shop, Abertridwr**

The above has been open for 15 years and is an arm of Abertridwr Community Church. The kitchen needs to be updated at an estimated cost of £45,000. Financial assistance is sought but no amount has been specified. A Welsh Church Fund grant has already been approved.

### 2.24 **Penllwyn Community Centre Management Association**

A grant of £1,500 is requested to help with the running costs of the centre and the upkeep of the building. The Centre does not receive annual grants from Leisure Services and has not applied to the Panel before.

### 2.25 **Royal Engineers Association, Abergavenny & Heads of the Valleys Branch**

The above held their annual parade on 4th June at Brynmawr. A number of members are from this area. A donation towards the cost of the parade has been requested.

### 2.26 **Wyllie Residents and Community Association**

The Association aims to provide a number of community events this year as it did last year. An unspecified grant is sought to help with the cost of public liability insurance.

### 2.27 **Tracey Davies, Bridgend – Stephanie Rose Challenge**

The Challenge involves sky diving, cycling and walking. Ms Davies is taking part to raise money for the Noah's Ark appeal and has requested an unspecified donation.

### 2.28 **Donna Hughes, Pontlottyn – London Marathon**

Ms Hughes took part in the London Marathon in order to raise funds for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. A donation is sought but no amount has been specified.

## 2.29 **Andrew Rawlings, Bedwas – Endurance Rally**

In July, Mr Rawlings and a companion are embarking on an endurance rally from London to Mongolia. The object of the rally is to raise money for five charities, four of which are Mongolian and one of which is Welsh (Ty Hafan). An unspecified contribution is requested towards the cost of funding the project.

## 3. **WELSH CHURCH ACTS FUND**

3.1 At previous meetings of the Panel it was decided that the following criteria would apply when considering applications for assistance from the Welsh Church Fund.

- (i) A grant of no more than £1,500 be given to partly fund projects of £4,500 and over;
- (ii) Smaller projects less than £4,500 be grant aided up to a third of the total cost;
- (iii) All organisations receiving grants produce the necessary financial records to show the expenditure has been incurred;
- (vi) No organisation be allowed to apply in consecutive years.

The Council's annual allocation from the Fund is £46,045. The total of grants awarded so far this year is £5,200 and therefore the balance available is £40,845. Seventeen new applications are appended below. The total of amounts requested in accordance with the agreed criteria is £18,920.

### 3.2 **Abercarn English Baptist Church**

An electric central heating system has recently been installed at a cost of £3,130. A grant of £1,043 would represent one third.

### 3.3 **Cascade Methodist Church**

A programme of repairs to the brick and stonework is to be undertaken Total cost has not yet been estimated but is expected to be in excess of £4,500. A grant of £1,500 is sought.

### 3.4 **Crosskeys Pentecostal Church**

The Community Hall is to be refurbished and new central heating installed at a total cost of £14,000. The Key Fund will provide £10,287 and a grant of £1,218 is sought towards the balance to be paid by the Church.

### 3.5 **Emmanuel Church, Machen**

New central heating and sound systems have recently been installed at a total cost of £4,687. The maximum grant is therefore requested.

### 3.6 **Jerusalem Chapel Graveyard, Woodfieldside**

A grant of £1,500 is sought to assist with the cost of controlling the ingress of water to the graveyard, estimated at £20,000.

**3.7 Newbridge Methodist Church**

The Church premises have recently been upgraded to provide access for the disabled. Total cost was £6,120 and a grant of £1,500 is requested.

**3.8 Salem Methodist Church, Nelson**

Rebuilding a boundary wall and pathway is expected to cost £4,560. The maximum grant is therefore requested.

**3.9 St Mary's & St Abu Saifain's Coptic Orthodox Church, Risca**

Urgent external repairs and internal renovations are expected to cost around £60,000. Maximum consideration is sought.

**3.10 St Mary's Church, Penllwyn**

A grant of £1,500 is requested towards the cost of kitchen alterations, exterior repairs and decoration. Total cost is estimated at £5,591.

**3.11 Tabernacle Chapel, Pontllanfraith**

The maximum grant is sought towards the cost of a modular building and palisade fencing recently erected at a cost of £5,800.

**3.12 Abercarn Angling Club**

The project is to clean and dredge Abercarn Pond so that local residents can make use of the area for fishing, walking and other activities. Total cost will be around £30,000 and £28,500 is being sought from the Key Fund and other sources. A grant of £1,500 is requested.

**3.13 Blackwood Amateur Radio Society**

A contribution of £175 is requested towards the cost of a coach trip for members to Derbyshire in June.

**3.14 Llanfach Community Association**

The project is to install a multi-use games area for the young people and wider community of Llanfach. The facility will cost £50,000 and the maximum grant is requested.

**3.15 Newbridge Community Theatre Group**

The group aims to produce an annual pantomime at Newbridge Memorial Hall. A grant of £4,500 is requested towards the cost of this year's production including hire of equipment, and to purchase an electronic keyboard costing £1,500.

**3.16 Oakdale & Penmaen Community Partnership**

The Partnership hopes to purchase a digital projector and printer in order to show films of Oakdale past and present. The cost of the equipment is £850 and £283 would represent one third.

**3.17 Oakdale United Churches Children's Club J.A.M Club**

The Club will take place during August involving 70-90 children. A grant of £200 is sought towards the cost of art and craft materials, food and a bouncy castle.

### 3.18 **Royal British Legion, Blackwood Branch**

This year is the 65th anniversary of the branch and the annual parade will involve the wider community and youth organisations. The total cost is estimated at £1,500 including transport for the band and disabled members and refreshments for 120 people after the parade. A grant of £500 is requested.

## 4. **TROPHIES, FOOTBALLS ETC**

It has been the practice of the Panel in recent years to retain an amount in respect of trophies, footballs etc to be distributed on behalf of the Authority by the Head of Leisure Services. Last year £1,000 was allocated for this purpose. The Panel is asked to consider whether to continue this practice.

## 5. **DECISIONS OF OFFICERS**

5.1 The following grants have been awarded in accordance with the agreed criteria:-

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Name of Organisation</b>	<b>Grant Awarded £</b>
001/06	Brithdir 55-65 Club	130
002/06	Maesycwmmmer OAP Association	250
003/06	Pontymister Senior Citizens Association	250
004/06	Ross Bowen, Gelligaer – Pool	130
005/06	Kate Dawes, Llanbradach – Pool	130
006/06	Tom Dawes, Llanbradach – Pool	130
007/06	Jake Palmer, Gelligaer – Pool	130
008/06	Nathan Jones, Deri – Pool	130
009/06	Frazer Richards, Caerphilly – Squash	130
010/06	Richard Vaughan, Llanbradach – Badminton	250
011/06	Emma Gough, Blackwood – Ballroom Dancing	130
012/06	Leah-Marie Hill, Crosskeys – Ballroom Dancing	130
013/06	Jordan Storey, Newbridge – Ballroom Dancing	130
014/06	Lauren Storey, Newbridge – Ballroom Dancing	130
015/06	Gareth Wassall, Risca – Ballroom Dancing	130
016/06	Machen Cricket Club	225
017/06	BTM Junior Football Club	450
018/06	Pontymister Youth Football Club	540

019/06	Cwmcarn OAP Welfare Association	250
020/06	Abercarn Cricket Club	180
021/03	Devils Martial Arts, Pontllanfraith & New Tredegar	180
022/06	Western Valley West District Guides (Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen)	360
023/06	Cefn Hengoed OAP Association	130
024/06	Llanbradach OAP Welfare Committee	250
025/06	Cwmcarn Athletic Junior Football Club	270
026/06	Nathan Gittings, Ystrad Mynach – Fly-Fishing	130
027/06	Dean Kibble, Oakdale – Fly-Fishing	130
028/06	Chelseigh Hacker, Newbridge – Girlguiding	250
029/06	Bethany Phelps, Treowen – Girlguiding	130
030/06	John Dobson, Bedwas - Snooker	250
031/06	Michael West, Llanbradach – Inline Hockey	250
032/06	Ryan Banwell, Bargoed – Inline Hockey	250
033/03	Angharad Griffiths, Princetown – Hockey	250
034/06	Frazer Richards, Caerphilly – Squash (£130 paid previously)	120
035/06	Caerphilly Aged Persons Welfare Committee	250
036/06	Gilfach OAP Welfare Committee	250
037/06	Cascade OAP Association	130
038/06	Hengoed OAP Association	130
039/06	Cefn Hengoed Ladies Choir	70
040/06	Heolddu Gymnastics Club	270
041/06	Senghenydd RFC Mini/ Junior Section	360
042/06	1st Cwmcarn Brownies	90
043/06	1st Trinant Brownies	90
044/06	Anne Greenaway, Bargoed – Bowls	130
045/06	Denise Molan, Caerphilly – Bowls	130
046/03	Phillip Osborne, Abertyswg – Rugby	250



047/06	Caerphilly Squash Club	180
048/06	Tiryberth OAP Association	130
049/06	Aber Valley YMCA	470
050/06	1st Blackwood Guides	45
051/06	1st Fleur de Lys Brownies	45
052/06	7th Caerphilly Scout Group	135
053/06	Senghenydd Cricket Club	90
054/06	Martin Johns, Caerphilly – Fly-Fishing	130
055/06	Craig Williams, Gilfach – Bowls	130
056/06	Wayne Jones, Risca – Body Building	250
057/06	Tim Hazell, Newbridge - Archery	250
058/06	Joanne Hazell, Newbridge - Archery	250
059/06	Louise Watts, Newbridge - Swimming	250