



## GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY SECTOR PANEL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT Tŷ DYFFRYN, DYFFRYN BUSINESS PARK ON WEDNESDAY, 3RD JULY 2007 AT 4.00 PM

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PRESENT:

Councillor J. R. Davies – Chairman  
Councillor G.J. Hughes – Vice-Chairman

Councillors:

E.M. Aldworth, A. Blackman, D. Cullen, J.O. Evans, P.D. Ford, A.G. Higgs, K. Lloyd

Together with:

P. Evans (Acting Head of Corporate Finance), S. Grant (Finance Manager, Corporate Services), D. Jones (Senior Accountancy Assistant) and R. Thomas (Committee Services Officer)

#### **BEREAVEMENT**

The Panel paid tribute to Councillor S. Lewis, who passed away recently and stood for a minute's silence.

#### **CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman welcomed the new members of the panel.

#### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs C. Forehead, R.W. Gough, K. James, Mrs. J.A. Pritchard.

#### **1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- Councillor E. Aldworth declared an interest in agenda items 2.4 (Voice FM - Youth Activities Project), and 2.12 (Bedwas Young Farmers Club)
- Councillor D. Cullen declared an interest in agenda item 1.2, late applications (Friends of Ynysddu Youth)
- Councillor P. Ford declared an interest in agenda item 2.5 (WISCM Trust)
- Councillor G. Hughes declared an interest in agenda item 2.24 (Neuadd St Cattwg Community Hall)

**2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Councillor J. R. Davies was appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

**3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Councillor G.J. Hughes was appointed vice-chairman for the ensuing year.

**4. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Consideration was given by the following applications for financial assistance.

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

	£
(a) Cambrian Educational Foundation for Deaf Children	100
(b) British Lung Foundation Wales (1st application)	100 + 100
(c) Voice FM - Youth Activities Project (1st application) (Councillor L. Aldworth declared an interest in this application as she had previously written a letter in support of the organization. She took no part in the discussion or voting.)	100 + 100
(d) Islwyn Community Credit Union (for rate relief)	1444.80
(e) Arthritis Care, Ystrad Mynach	270
(f) Bargoed & District Art Society	100
(g) Bedwas Young Farmers Club (Councillor L. Aldworth declared an interest in this application as she had been involved with the society previously. She took no part in the discussion or voting.)	50
(h) Blackwood & District Amateur Radio Society	100
(i) Caerphilly Local History Society	120
(j) Cefn Hengoed Ladies Friendship Club	35
(k) Crosskeys Silver Band	500
(l) Crumlin Women's Institute	35
(m) Cwmcarn Dancing Club	50
(n) Deri Regeneration Group	100
(o) Machen over 50's Club	50
(p) Neuadd St Cattwg Community Hall, Gelligaer (1st application) (Councillor G. Hughes declared an interest in this application as he had worked with the partnership previously. He took no part in the discussion or voting.)	100 + 100
(q) Newbridge - Online Website	100
(r) Rhymney Valley Young at Hearts (1st application)	100 + 100
(s) Royal Engineers Association, Abergavenny & Heads of the Valleys Branch	50
(t) SHADE (Self Help Against Depression), Risca (1st application)	100 + 100
(u) Ystrad Fawr Juvenile Formation Team	90
(v) Eisteddfod Y Cymoedd (Cwm Rhymni-Sirhowy) [formerly known as Eisteddfod Cwm Rhymni] (1st application)	100 + 100

- 4.2 RESOLVED that for the reasons outlined at the meeting the following application be deferred pending further information: -
- (a) Rhymney Valley Division Guide Association;
  - (b) Cefn Glas Residents Association; and
  - (c) Rhymney Valley Guides Senior Section.
- 4.3 RESOLVED for the reasons outlined at the meeting the following applications for financial assistance be refused: -
- (a) WISCM Trust  
(Councillor P. Ford declared an interest in this application as he had been involved with the society previously. He took no part in the discussion or voting);
  - (b) Aberbargoed RFC;
  - (c) Bargoed Golf Club;
  - (d) Crosskeys Methodist Church;
  - (e) DASH TRAVEL, Hengoed; and
  - (f) Ysgwyddgwyn Bingo Club, Deri.
- 4.4 Members asked officers for clarification of the criteria and awards made to umbrella organisations and their local groups. Officers confirmed a report would be presented to the panel, including a 'snap shot' of groups within the borough.

## **5. WELSH CHURCH ACTS FUND**

- 5.1 RESOLVED that in accordance with the previously agreed criteria of a grant of no more than one third of costs up to a maximum of £1,500.00, be made from the Welsh Church Act Fund to the following: -
- (a) Crosskeys Methodist Church
  - (b) Oakdale Christian Centre
  - (c) Pontllanfraith Methodist Church
  - (d) St David's Church, Oakdale
  - (e) St. David's Methodist Church and Community Hall, Risca
  - (f) St Gwladys Church Hall, Bargoed
  - (g) Blackwood Town Cricket Club
  - (h) 2nd Caerphilly Scout Group
  - (i) Ysgol Feithrin Abertridwr
  - (j) St John's Parish Church Hall, Machen
- 5.2 RESOLVED for the reasons outlined at the meeting the following application for financial assistance be refused: -
- (a) Blackwood & District Amateur Radio Society;
  - (b) Crosskeys Allotments Association;
  - (c) Rhymney Sports & Social Club; and
  - (d) Rudry Community Council.
- 5.3 RESOLVED that for the reasons outlined at the meeting the following application be granted a change of purpose: -
- (a) Risca Male Choir

**6. TROPHIES, FOOTBALLS ETC**

RESOLVED that £1000 be retained for trophies, footballs etc, to be distributed on behalf of the Authority by the Head of Leisure Services.

Members asked officers to provide written clarification of this award and its criteria at the next meeting.

**7. DECISIONS OF OFFICERS**

It was noted that the following grants had been approved in accordance with the agreed criteria: -

	£
- Newbridge (Celynen) Brass Band	500
- Oakdale Silver Band	500
- Gilfach A & A Elderly Residents Association	130
- Gilfach OAP Association	130
- Pentwynmawr Ladies Choir	70
- 1st Aberbargoed Brownies (1st Application)	45 + 45
- 2nd Hengoed Brownies	90
- 1st Aberbargoed Rainbows	45
- 4th Caerphilly Rainbows	45
- 2nd Nelson Brownies	90
- 1st Aberbargoed Rainbows	45
- 4th Caerphilly Rainbows	45
- 2nd Nelson Brownies	90
- 1st Blackmonk Explorer Scouts (1st Application)	45 + 45
- Gerald John, Bedwas – Sea Angling	250
- Claire Kelly, Caerphilly – Bowls (£130 paid previously)	120
- Denise Molan, Caerphilly – Bowls (£130 paid previously)	120
- Risca Male Choir (1st application)	70 + 70
- 3rd Caerphilly Rainbows	45
- 2nd Cefn Fforest Rainbows, Brownies & Guides	135
- 2nd Nelson Rainbows	45
- 2nd Ystrad Mynach Brownies (1st application)	45 + 45
- 1st Abercarn Scout Group (1st application)	135 + 135
- Rhymney Youth FC	135
- Bargoed YMCA (Includes 8 Junior Sports Teams)	830
- Rhys George, Aberbargoed – Pool	130
- Nicky Griffiths, Gelligaer – Pool	130
- Luc Jones, Hafodyrynys – Track Cycling	250
- Lauren Robson, Blackwood – Taekwondo	250
- Kelly Anne Evans, Trethomas – Netball	250
- Laura Bateman, Wattsville – Gymnastics	250
- Hannah Bateman, Wattsville – Gymnastics	250
- Georgia Kate Haines, Abercarn – Gymnastics	250
- Leah-Marie Hill, Pontywaun – Sequence Dancing	130
- Paige Jones, Croespenmaen – Sequence Dancing	130
- Leigh Marshall-Gilbert, Pontllanfraith – Sequence Dancing	130
- Laura Pople, Newbridge – Sequence Dancing	130
- Jordan-Marie Storey, Pentwynmawr – Sequence Dancing	130
- Gareth Wassall, Risca – Sequence Dancing	130
- Stephen Boucher, Markham – Pool	130
- Kate Dawes, Llanbradach – Pool	130
- Tom Dawes, Llanbradach – Pool	130
- Jake Palmer, Gelligaer – Pool	130

- Dale James Pope, Markham – Pool	130
- Richard Vaughan, Llanbradach – Badminton	250
- Brithdir 55-65 Club	130
- Pentwyn & District Senior Citizens Club	130
- Pontllanfraith Senior Citizens Club	130
- Llanbradach OAP Welfare Committee	250
- Maesycwmmer OAP Association	250
- Woodfieldside OAP Association	250
- Abercarn Cricket Club	180
- Blackwood Town Cricket Club	450
- Pontymister Youth Football Club	540
- Cefn Hengoed Youth Centre	470
- Shinto Kai Brotherhood, Croespenmaen	135
- Peggy Rickards, Blackwood – Bowls	130
- Elwyn West, Blackwood – Bowls	130
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- Ryan Banwell, Bargoed – Roller Hockey	250
- Alex Price, Caerphilly – Roller Hockey	250
- Christos Tsipas, Caerphilly – Roller Hockey	250
- Michael West, Llanbradach – Roller Hockey	250
- Caerphilly District Explorer Scout Unit	45
- 7th Caerphilly Scout Group	180
- 1st Cascade Brownies (1st application)	45 + 45
- 1st Ystrad Mynach Guides	90
- Gilfach OAP Welfare Committee	250
- Cascade OAP Association	130
- Tiryberth OAP Association	130
- WRVS Darby & Joan Club, Newbridge	130
- Kieren Graham, Caerphilly – Roller Hockey	250
- Angharad Griffiths, Princetown – Hockey	250
- Dean Kibble, Oakdale – Fishing	250
- Fiona Murphy, Caerphilly – Squash	130

## 8. ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

(a) Friends of Markham Primary School

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

(b) Friends of Ynysddu Youth

(Councillor D. Cullen declared an interest in this application as he had worked with the organisers of the group previously. He took no part in the discussion or voting.)

RESOLVED that a grant of £100 be given to the group.

(c) Windsor School of Dance Parent Support Group

RESOLVED that a grant of £180 be given to the group.

(d) Wyllie Resident and Community Association

RESOLVED that a grant of £100 be given to the association.

**9. ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS FOR WELSH CHURCH ACT FUND**

RESOLVED that in accordance with the previously agreed criteria of a grant of no more than one third of costs up to a maximum of £1,500.00 be made from the Welsh Church Act Fund to the following: -

- (a) Markham Congregational Church

The meeting closed at 5.35 p.m.