



GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY SECTOR PANEL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN PARK
ON THURSDAY, 3RD JULY 2008 AT 4.00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Councillor J.O. Evans - Chairman
Councillor R. Bidgood - Vice-Chairman

Councillors:

G.J. Hughes, K. James, K. Lloyd, Mrs G. Oliver, Mrs K. Presley, M. Prew, Mrs J.A. Pritchard

Together with:

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. A. Blackman, D. Cullen,
R.W. Gough, A.G. Higgs, Mrs. R. Passmore

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received at the start and during the course of the meeting as follows – Councillor G. Hughes (DASH Travel, Bargoed), Councillor Mrs G. Oliver (Caerphilly & District Credit Union Ltd) and Councillor Mrs J.A. Pritchard (Caerphilly & District Credit Union Ltd and DASH Travel, Bargoed). Details are minuted with the respective item.

2. TO APPOINT A CHAIRMAN

Councillor J.O. Evans was appointed Chairman.

3. TO APPOINT A VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor R. Bidgood was appointed Vice-Chairman.

4. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

Members noted the statement of expenditure detailed within the report.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Consideration was given by the following applications for financial assistance.

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

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(a) Cambrian Educational Foundation for Deaf Children	100.00
(b) East Wales Regional Athletics Council	75.00
(c) Eisteddfod y Cymoedd (Valleys Eisteddfod)	100.00
(d) Royal Engineers Association, Abergavenny & Heads of the Valleys Branch	50.00
(e) Bargoed, Aberbargoed & Gilfach Credit Union (for rate relief)	378.63
(f) Caerphilly & District Credit Union Ltd (for rate relief) (Councillors Mrs G. Oliver and Mrs J.A. Pritchard declared an interest in this application as they were both members of the union. They took no part in the discussion or vote.)	4,776.50
(g) Islwyn Community Credit Union (for rate relief)	125.24
(h) Arthritis Care, Ystrad Mynach	270.00
(i) Blackwood & District Amateur Radio Society	100.00
(j) Caerphilly Local History Society	120.00
(k) Cefn Hengoed Ladies Friendship Club	50.00
(l) Crosskeys College Choral Society	500.00
(m)Crumlin Women’s Institute	50.00
(n) Machen over 50’s Club	50.00
(o) Pengam & Fleur de Lis Community Flower Festival (1st application)	50.00 + 50.00
(p) The Really Cuckoo Company, St Mary’s, Risca	90.00
(q) Roundhouse Promotions - Crosskeys and Risca Sports Awards (1st application)	50.00 + 50.00
(r) Rhymney Valley Music Club	100.00
(s) Rhymney Valley East Route Flying Club (1st application)	50.00 + 50.00
(t) Ystrad Mynach Community Partnership	100.00
(u) Ystrad Fawr Formation Dance Team – “ABBA”	90.00
(v) Ystrad Fawr Formation Dance Team 2 – “FANTASIA”	90.00

RESOLVED for the reasons outlined at the meeting the following applications for financial assistance be refused:-

- (a) Pontllanfraith Children’s Contact Centre
- (b) Graig-y-Rhacca Environment & Conservation Group
- (c) Alun Roberts, Blackwood – Summer Camp
- (d) Samar Wafa, Caerphilly – BHF Cuba Trek
- (e) Elizabeth Elsey, Aberbeeg – Oasis India Project

6. WELSH CHURCH ACTS FUND

Previous Decisions

RESOLVED that as per the meeting held on 20th March 2008, the following be awarded grants up to a maximum of £1,500.00, to be taken from the 2008/2009 budget:-

- (a) St Augustine’s Church, Pontllanfraith
- (b) St David’s Church, Fleur de Lis
- (c) St Peters RC Church, Bargoed
- (d) Ty Isaf Baptist Church, Pontymister

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) Bethel Presbyterian Church, New Tredegar
- (b) Emmanuel Church, Machen
- (c) Newbridge Methodist Church
- (d) St Anne's Church, Cefn Hengoed
- (e) "ENABLE" supporting Caerphilly Children's Centre
- (f) The Really Cuckoo Company, St Mary's Risca

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

- (a) Graig-y-Rhacca Environment & Conservation Group
- (b) Rhymney Valley East Route Flying Club

7. 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 for a report from the Education and Leisure Directorate to illustrate the allocation of the funding.

8. DECISIONS OF OFFICERS

Members noted the grants awarded by Officers, in accordance with the agreed criteria, as detailed within the report.

9. ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- (a) Fairbridge De Cymru

RESOLVED that a grant of £100 be given to the group. A further £100 be given as this is the first application.

- (b) Crosskeys Youth RFC

RESOLVED that for the reasons outlined at the meeting, the application be refused.

- (c) Crumlin Bravehearts

RESOLVED that a grant of £100 be given to the group. A further £100 be given as this is the first application.

(d) DASH Travel, Bargoed

Councillor Mrs J.A. Pritchard declared an interest in this application because she knew the applicant and Councillor G. Hughes declared an interest because he had advised members of the company on the subject of funding. They took no part in the discussion or vote.

RESOLVED that for the reasons outlined at the meeting, the application be refused.

(e) Winsor School of Dance, Caerphilly

RESOLVED that a grant of £180 be given to the group. A further £90 to be awarded, subject to confirmation that the two additional teams will be taking part in the Blackpool Dance Festival.

(f) Girlguiding – Rhymney Valley

RESOLVED that the application be refused. The association to be advised that funding may be available should the two guides apply as individuals.

10. 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) CRAI District Scout Council
- (b) St Mary's Church, Risca – Miners' Memorial Window

The meeting closed at 4.50 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 19th November 2008 they were signed by the Chairman.

CHAIRMAN