



GRANTS TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR PANEL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN PARK ON MONDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER 2010 AT 5.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor R. Bidgood – Chairman (Presiding)

Councillors:

D. Cullen, G.J. Hughes, K. James, K. Lloyd, J.A. Pritchard

Together with:

A. Morgan (Group Accountant, Revenue Advice and Support), R. Thomas (Committee Services Officer)

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs E.M. Aldworth, Mrs A. Blackman, W. David, J.O. Evans, A.G. Higgs, Mrs G.D. Oliver, M.J. Prew

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received at the start and during the course of the meeting as follows:

- (1) Councillor K. Lloyd declared an interest in Islwyn Riding Club (as he knew a member of the Committee), he took no part in the discussion or vote.
- (2) Councillor J.A. Pritchard declared an interest in Arthritis Care in Wales (as she had been invited to, and accepted, their Christmas meal), she took no part in the discussion or vote.

2. MINUTES

Members noted the minutes of the Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel held on 15th July 2010 (minute nos. 1 - 7, on page nos. 1 - 3).

3. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

3.1 Statement of Expenditure

Members noted the statement of expenditure detailed within the report.

3.2 Applications for Financial Assistance

Consideration was given on the following applications for financial assistance.

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

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(a) Arthritis Care in Wales	270.00
(b) Ystrad Mynach Boys & Girls Reunion	50.00
(c) Newbridge-Online	100.00
(d) Abercarn & Newbridge Rotary Club	100.00
(e) Rhymney Valley Music Club	100.00
(f) Islwyn Community Credit Union	1215.52
(g) Gelligaer Historical Society	200.00
(h) Islwyn Riding Club	100.00
(i) Eisteddfod y Cymoedd	100.00
(j) Christian Lewis Trust	300.00

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

- (a) Glyn Derw Social Club
- (b) Cylch Ti A Fi, Hengoed
- (c) Cylch Meithrin, Penpedairheol
- (d) Machen Parish Church

3.3 General Criteria Awards

Members noted and agreed the applications received in the course of the year, and the award to be applied to each.

3.4 Welsh Church Acts Fund

Members noted the grants awarded by Officers in accordance with the agreed criteria for 2010/2011.

4. REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT TO GRANTS TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR PANEL

The report requested Members consider receiving a presentation from GAVO at the next Grants to Voluntary Sector Panel to discuss alternative administration support for the Panel.

Members were advised the Head of Corporate Finance had met representatives of GAVO on the 16th September 2010 to discuss options in respect of GAVO providing administration support to this Panel, under a service level agreement. This would take advantage of GAVO's expertise in respect of the needs, role and infrastructure of voluntary organisations and the third sector, and release officer resources at CCBC.

The Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel discussed the report and agreed to receive a presentation from GAVO at the next meeting of the Panel.

The meeting closed at 5.23 p.m.

CHAIRMAN