



GRANTS TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR PANEL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN PARK
ON THURSDAY, 14TH JULY 2011 AT 5.00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

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

Councillors:

D. Cullen, A.G. Higgs, G.J. Hughes, K. Lloyd, Mrs G.D. Oliver, M.J. Prew, J.A. Pritchard

Together with:

S. Davies (GAVO Grants Co-ordinator), 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, D. Carter, K. James

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

- (1) Councillor J.O. Evans – as a Member of the Oakdale & Penmaen Community Partnership (11/GVS/034)
- (2) Councillor G. Hughes – as a Member of the Glan y Nant & Tir y Berth Communities First Partnership (WCF003) and attendee of the Church of St Cattwg (WCF010)
- (3) Councillor Mrs G.D. Oliver – as a Member of the Gilfach Old Age Pensioners Association (11/GVS/032)

The relevant Members took no part in the discussion or vote on these agenda items.

2. TO APPOINT A CHAIRMAN

Councillor J.O. Evans was appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

3. TO APPOINT A VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor R. Bidgood was appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

4. MINUTES

Members noted the minutes of the Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel held on 4th May 2011 (minute nos. 1 - 3, on page nos. 1 - 3).

5. MATTERS ARISING

Welsh Church Acts Fund (Minute Reference 3.3.4)

It was noted that Councillor J.O. Evans declaration should read that he was Vice-President, rather than the Chairman of the Mynyddislwyn Male Choir.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

6.1 Members noted the available budget for 2011-2012 together with the total amounts requested, as detailed within the report.

6.2 Welsh Church Acts Fund

Members were advised that additional funding of £30,697 had increased the normal annual allocation of £46,045, giving a total fund for 2011-2012 of £76,742.

6.3 Applications for Financial Assistance

Consideration was given to the following applications for financial assistance.

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

	£
(a) Community Health Alliance & Training Ltd (CHAT)	500.00
(b) Pontlloftyn OAP Association	130.00
(c) Deri Regeneration Group	500.00
(d) Risca & District Amateur Radio Society	50.00
(e) New Start 4 Life	100.00
(f) Caerphilly Friends of the Earth	100.00
(g) Oakdale & Penmaen Community Partnership	250.00

6.3.2 RESOLVED that for the reason outlined at the meeting, the follow application for financial assistance be refused:-

- (a) Greater Bargoed Communities First Partnership

6.3.3 RESOLVED that for the reasons outlined at the meeting, the following applications for financial assistance be refused and referred to or be considered under alternative funding arrangements:-

- (a) Caerphilly Borough Snooker Academy (to be referred to Sportlot Community Chest Panel)
- (b) St David's Church, Fleur De Lis (to be considered under the Welsh Church Acts Fund)
- (c) Blackwood Musical Theatre Society (to be considered under the Welsh Church Acts Fund)

6.3.4 General Criteria Awards

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

	£
(a) Abercarn Cricket Club	135.00
(b) 2nd Nelson Brownies	135.00
(c) Cambrian Educational Foundation for Deaf Children	100.00
(d) 2nd Caerphilly Guides	45.00
(e) Rhymney Valley Senior Section	45.00
(f) Ystrad Mynach Male Choir	70.00
(g) Cwmcarn OAP Hall & Welfare Association	250.00
(h) 1st Cwmcarn Brownies	45.00
(i) 1st Cwmcarn Rainbows	45.00
(j) Llanbradach OAP Welfare Committee	250.00
(k) Vicarage Allotments Association, Ystrad Mynach	50.00
(l) Cwmcarn Artistic/Acrobatcs Club	45.00
(m) GreenAcres Senior Citizens Association, Bedwas	130.00
(n) Caerphilly Community Chorus	70.00
(o) Cwmcarn Angling Association	45.00
(p) Pontlloftyn OAP Association	130.00
(q) Risca Senior Citizens Association	250.00
(r) St Martins Youth Club	45.00
(s) Cwmfelinfach Allotment & Leisure Garden	50.00
(t) Blackwood Town Cricket Club	45.00
(u) Bryn Road Tenants & Residents Association	130.00
(v) Gilfach Old Age Pensioners Association	130.00
(w) Andrews Close & Aeron Place OAP Residents Association	130.00
(x) John Dobson	130.00
(y) Stephanie Williams	250.00
(z) Allana Imogen Sparkes	130.00
(aa) Chantelle Demi Gina Jones	130.00
(ab) McCauley Cole	130.00
(ac) Helen Pritchard	250.00
(ad) Gareth Peter Wallbank	250.00
(ae) Tylee Pritchard	130.00
(af) Darren Morgan	250.00
(ag) Lee Walker	250.00
(ah) Carl Ivor Wood	130.00
(ai) Christopher Belcher	250.00
(aj) Bethany Brewer	130.00
(ak) Beth Roberts	130.00
(al) Laura Pearce	130.00
(am) Fiona May Murphy	250.00

6.3.5 Welsh Church Acts Fund

Members discussed the Welsh Church Acts Fund criteria in relation to allotments. Officers agreed to clarify the appropriate funding source for the next meeting.

Members noted the grants to be processed by GAVO, in accordance with the agreed criteria, for 2011-2012.

7. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING STATEMENT

The Chairman welcomed Sandra Davies to the first meeting of the Panel under the new administrative arrangements.

The meeting closed at 5.25 p.m.